



EDU C446

Enhancing Instructional Practice PK-6

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Grading: 3 hour undergraduate college credit

I. Course Description:

This course is designed to provide a myriad of best practices to enhance the classroom experience. The course content will include exploring techniques and strategies that improve teacher efficacy, teacher affect, and increase satisfaction in education. Implications for instructional improvement efforts are discussed.

II. COURSE OBJECTIVES:

1. Teachers will demonstrate an understanding of and/or proficiency in:
 - a. the use of quality instruction and flexible groupings to meet the needs of learners at different stages of development, abilities, and achievement
 - b. techniques to enhance creativity in the teaching profession
 - c. techniques to enhance teacher efficacy
 - d. how to discover the underlying motivation of each student
 - e. how to make strong connections with each student
 - f. the commitment to professional growth and development through reflection, collaboration, and continuous learning
 - g. how to positively influence a student's thoughts, emotions, actions, and character
 - h. how their sense of efficacy effects his or her teaching
 - i. how their sense of efficacy effects student achievement
 - j. how to experience more mastery accomplishments in teaching

III. COURSE REQUIREMENTS:

In any online course, participation is the key factor in getting the most out of the experience. Student work should be submitted within the specified due dates and all discussion forums follow the rule of 1 to 4, which means you post once then reply to four others unless specified on the particular assignment. Reflections do not have to be a certain length, but substantial enough for your own benefit.