Stanford University  
Graduate School of Education  

Course Syllabus  
EDUC 285: Developmental Foundations, Dis/ability, Access, & Inclusion  

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Class Schedule

Class Location:

CERAS 204

Meeting Schedule:

Class 6 | Tuesday, January 9th 3:15pm-6:00pm  
Class 7 | Tuesday, January 30th 3:15pm-6:00pm  
Class 8 | Tuesday, February 6th 3:15pm-6:00pm  
Class 9 | Tuesday, February 13th 3:15pm-6:00pm

General Description

The purposes of this course are to increase STEP candidates’ knowledge related to (a) evidence-based practices for providing high-quality, inclusive instruction for students with disabilities, and (b) successfully co-teaching and collaborating with special education teachers.

Required Text


Note. I encourage you to purchase the interactive eTextbook (eText ISBN: 9781544365008, 1544365004) as it includes many high-quality videos we will watch across the academic year. Additionally, the eTextbook allows
you to have the text read aloud, and it includes features such as highlighting, annotation, etc. If you prefer a paper version of the text, I encourage you to purchase the bundled option (ISBN: 9781544378237) which provides eTextbook access plus a paper copy of the text. [You can purchase the bundle here.]

**Additional Readings and Resources**

These will be posted on Canvas.

**Students with Documented Disabilities**

Students who may need academic accommodation based on the impact of a disability must initiate the request with the Office of Accessible Education (OAE). Professional staff will evaluate the request with required documentation, recommend reasonable accommodations, and prepare an Accommodation Letter for faculty dated in the current quarter in which the request is made. Students should contact the OAE as soon as possible since timely notice is needed to coordinate accommodations. The OAE is located at 563 Salvatierra Walk (phone: 723-1066, URL: [http://studentaffairs.stanford.edu/oae](http://studentaffairs.stanford.edu/oae))

**Assignments and Grading**

Assignments, due dates, and contribution to final course grade are below. Late assignments must be due to a valid reason and the arrangement for completion must be made with an instructor in advance of the original due date. Active class participation is key in this class and will account for a portion of the final grade. Students are expected to attend all class meetings. Additional detail on assignments will be provided in class.

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**Course Procedures**

This course will be taught across the academic year with sessions held in Summer, Fall, Winter, and Spring quarters. There will be an in-person learning component in which we will discuss and actively engage with the materials assigned. Some asynchronous learning activities (readings, short videos, and tasks) need to be completed in preparation for the in-person meeting. The goal is to have dynamic meetings where we actively work with the materials through exercises and discussion. It is therefore key that students prepare the readings before class and attend every class meeting. Contact an instructor prior to class if you cannot attend or will be late. If you are absent, you are responsible for collecting in-class assignment materials for the day.
you missed. In addition, you will need to contact an instructor for further directions on meeting course requirements for material missed.

**The STRIP**

This formative assessment allows us to collect information from you at the end of each class period regarding your understanding of covered content and your enjoyment of class. After each class, you will complete a quick survey to indicate your understanding and enjoyment of the class session, on a scale between 1 (low) and 5 (high). Additionally, we encourage you to provide anonymous feedback. We will calculate averages for each class and share this with you.

**Schedule of Topics**

**Winter**

- Class 6 (Jan 9): Reading
  - Readings:
    - Textbook Chapters 11
    - IES Practice Guides on Reading

- Class 7 (Jan 30): Coteaching and Working with Paraeducators and Other Support Personnel
  - Readings:
    - *Communities of Practice by Kathleen Mortier* (A Conceptual framework for including students with significant disabilities)
    - Murawski Co-Teaching and RTI
    - Devlin – Working with Paras

- Class 8 (Feb 6): Writing
  - Readings:
    - Textbook Chapters 12
    - IES Practice Guides on Writing

- Class 9 (Feb 13): Math
  - Readings:
    - TBD