



Educational Therapy and Support I

Primary Career Cluster:	Education & Training
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Course Code(s):	6180
Prerequisite(s):	None
Credit:	1
Grade Level:	9-10
Graduation Requirements:	This course satisfies one of three credits required for an elective focus when taken in conjunction with other Education & Training courses.
Programs of Study and Sequence:	This is the first course in the <i>Educational Therapy and Support</i> program of study.
Aligned Student Organization(s):	Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA): http://www.tennesseefccla.org/ Pamela Grega, (615) 532-6270, Pamela.Grega@tn.gov
Coordinating Work-Based Learning:	Teachers are encouraged to use embedded WBL activities such as informational interviewing, job shadowing, and career mentoring. For information, visit https://tn.gov/education/topic/work-based-learning .
Available Student Industry Certifications:	None
Dual Credit or Dual Enrollment Opportunities:	There are no known statewide dual credit/dual enrollment opportunities for this course. If interested in establishing a local opportunity, reach out to a local postsecondary institution.
Teacher Endorsement(s):	050, 051, 154, 450
Required Teacher Certifications/Training:	None
Teacher Resources:	https://tn.gov/education/article/cte-cluster-education-training

Course Description

Educational Therapy and Support I is an exploratory course in the Education and Training career cluster for students interested in learning more about becoming a school counselor, school psychologist, school social worker, and other school services personnel. Upon completion of this course, proficient students will gain knowledge in foundations of education, exploration of careers, and ethics and legal responsibilities. Artifacts will be created for inclusion in a portfolio, which will continue throughout the full sequence of courses.

Program of Study Application

This is the foundational course in the *Educational Therapy and Support I* program of study. For more information on the benefits and requirements of implementing these programs in full, please visit the Education and Training website at <https://tn.gov/education/article/cte-cluster-education-training>.

Course Standards

Foundations of Education

- 1) Gather and analyze information from multiple authoritative sources to assess the impact of important significant events in the history of the U.S. education system. Examples of events include but are not limited to: WWII, Sputnik and the space race, the passage of the Civil Rights Act and desegregation, The Great Society, the development of the Internet, No Child Left Behind and national tragedies such as 9/11.
- 2) Synthesize research that includes evidence from informational texts about the structure of local school districts, state governing bodies, and federal authorities with appropriate supporting citations. Identify and describe accountability practices within the state of Tennessee that applies to local school districts and federal authorities (i.e., Race to the Top, etc.).
- 3) Research educational theorists' philosophies that influence teaching strategies and learning practices. Distinguish differences between 19th, 20th, and 21st century theories. Explain how education is evolving through the influence of those theories.
- 4) Using the content from Standard 3 and specific case studies, analyze the importance of evaluating and applying developmental theories. Identify learning difficulties and modify instruction to meet the needs of students.
- 5) Synthesize and cite information from reliable academic sources to describe and critique the influence of the following theories on school service personnel practices and teaching practices.
 - a. Classical Conditioning (Ivan Pavlov)
 - b. Stage Theory of Cognitive Development (Jean Piaget)
 - c. Social Learning Theory (Lev Vygotsky)
 - d. Constructivism (Jerome Bruner)
 - e. Experiential Learning (David Kolb)
 - f. Multiple intelligences (Howard Gardener)
- 6) Using the Tennessee Educator Acceleration Model (TEAM) – or other appropriate teacher evaluation instrument – investigate the domains and associated indicators of expected teacher behaviors and characteristics. In a coherent narrative, summarize the steps in the educator assessment process and analyze their classroom impact on improving quality classroom instruction.

- 7) Conduct a research project on lesson planning in multiple grade levels and subject areas. Identify the typical components of lesson planning documents and create a lesson plan template that incorporates components such as:
- a. Content-area, academic integration or collaboration, and 21st Century Skills standards
 - b. Student learning objectives aligned to standards
 - c. Materials and equipment needed
 - d. Instructional activities
 - e. Pacing chart
 - f. Accommodations for special needs students
 - g. Closure/reflection
 - h. Assessment

Career Exploration

- 8) Identify and analyze career pathways within the Education and Training career cluster. Use supporting evidence from multiple sources, such as local job postings and Tennessee Department of Labor and Workforce Development data, to describe the essential knowledge and skills required for these careers. Complete one or more career aptitude surveys and analyze the results. Careers may include the following:
- a. School Guidance Counselor
 - b. Career and College Counselor
 - c. Audiologist
 - d. School Psychologist
 - e. School Social Worker
 - f. Interpreter
- 9) Shadow a professional in the one of the roles listed in Standard 5 to gather information about their roles and responsibilities. Reflect and explore the multiple facets of common responsibilities, such as:
- a. Planning effective meetings and observations
 - b. Facilitating meetings by using multiple methods
 - c. Assessing student learning and developmentally appropriate behavior
 - d. Non-instructional tasks (such as parent communication, building activities, etc.)
 - e. Generating and maintaining accurate documentation
- 10) Collaboratively, describe the aptitudes and employability skills needed by education professionals; create a rubric for self-assessing the skills, such as the ability to:
- a. Communicate verbally and nonverbally in a respectful manner
 - b. Work effectively in teams and resolve conflicts when necessary
 - c. Use leadership and teamwork skills in collaborating with others
 - d. Demonstrate a positive work ethic
 - e. Describe different cultural perspectives and their impact in school
 - f. Use technology
 - g. Adapt to changes
 - h. Manage time and resources wisely

- i. Demonstrate problem-solving and critical thinking skills that affect multiple groups: faculty and staff, students, and/or parents

Ethics and Legal Responsibilities

- 11) Differentiate and explain professional ethics and legal responsibilities of professional practice in learning settings. Analyze major laws that govern professional behavior. Accurately explain personal and organizational liabilities associated with major laws and ethical codes.
- 12) Compile and critique procedures for maintaining a safe and healthy learning environment for students present in a school facility. Cite information for the following regulations and guidelines:
 - a. Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) to identify precautionary guidelines to prevent illness, communicable diseases and injuries
 - b. First Aid-equipment and subject requirements (i.e., art and science, industrial arts, and culinary arts)
 - c. Emergency Preparedness for weather, non-weather, fires, medical, and threats to personal safety
 - d. Traffic concerns, pedestrian traffic, and appropriate signage
 - e. Employee training requirements
- 13) Interview one or more experienced primary and/or secondary teachers and synthesize findings to create a checklist for performing classroom procedures and for responding to emergency situations. The checklist should include, but is not limited to: appropriate daily procedures, recognizing possible child abuse and neglect, defusing violent behavior, responding to fire or natural disaster and intruder emergencies. Drawing on academic research and news media, select an emergency situation and prepare a staff development training on maintaining a safe school facility during the emergency; cite sources.
- 14) Identify signs of child abuse, including bullying and abusive relationships, and research the legal requirements for reporting suspected abuse. Prepare an informative text or presentation describing types of abuse, including signs and symptoms to look for, and outline the reporting requirements and procedures.

Career Portfolio

- 15) Create an electronic professional portfolio, using narrative and visual elements to connect personal career preparation artifacts to concepts learned in this course.
- 16) Using the self-assessment rubric created during this course, establish a baseline evaluation of employability skills, attitudes, and work habits. Create a growth plan promoting advancement of skills and abilities that will be placed in the course portfolio.

- 17) Synthesize information from Education and Training career exploration to create a written or electronic career pathway plan outlining academic and career achievement goals, as well as a timeline for ongoing reflection throughout the program of study coursework.
- a. Identify dual credit courses available within specific programs of study
 - b. Gather information from postsecondary institution websites and compare community college and university education programs that align with secondary programs of study
- 18) Drawing upon content in this course, write a clear and coherent definition of *teaching* and/or *counseling philosophy*, argue its significance to student learning and development, and create a personal teaching/counseling philosophy for inclusion in the professional portfolio.

The following artifacts will reside in the student's portfolio:

- History of Education artifact
- Education System artifact
- Educational Theorists artifacts
- Educator Evaluation narrative
- Lesson Plan Template
- Career Exploration artifacts
- Educator Responsibilities & Aptitudes artifact
- Ethics & Legal Responsibilities artifacts
- Career Pathway & Growth plans
- Personal Teaching/Counseling Philosophy

Standards Alignment Notes

*References to other standards include:

- P21: Partnership for 21st Century Skills [Framework for 21st Century Learning](#)
 - Note: While not all standards are specifically aligned, teachers will find the framework helpful for setting expectations for student behavior in their classroom and practicing specific career readiness skills.