



Mission: To offer inspiration through advanced instruction and authentic experiences.

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Conferences can be scheduled via the counselors between 7:45 and 8:15 am

Contemporary Issues in Education

Course Description: This course engages the candidate in observations, interactions, and analyses of critical and contemporary educational issues. The candidate will investigate issues influencing the social and political contexts of educational settings in Georgia and the United States and actively examine the teaching profession from multiple vantage points both within and outside of the school. Against this backdrop, the candidate will reflect on and interpret the meaning of education and schooling in a diverse culture and examine the moral and ethical responsibilities of teaching in a democracy. [Standards](#)

Course Objectives

AAS associates will

- demonstrate industry-recognized employability skills
- model work readiness traits required for success in the workplace including integrity, honesty, accountability, punctuality, time management, and respect for diversity.
- analyze career paths in the field of education
- interpret the meanings of education and schooling in diverse and contemporary contexts.
- analyze the inevitable presence of societal and cultural influences in contemporary educational thought and practice
- compare and contrast United States education models with those of other countries.
- draw conclusions on the full significance of diversity in a democratic society and how that society influences instruction, school leadership, and governance

Required Supplies
<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Fully charged Chromebook● Chromebook charger● 3-ring binder (Portfolio)● Pen or Pencil● Navy Scrubs

Expectations for Academic Success

- Attend class daily and on time.
- Be prepared for class.
- Respect yourself and others.
- Ask questions.
- Contribute new ideas.
- Work hard, and give your best effort.
- Participate in your CTSO.

Grade Calculation

Summative Assessments = 40%	Formative Assessments = 40%
<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Authentic learning projects, exams, presentations, essays, labs	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Practice Work: classwork, homework, quizzes, labs, employability skills
Culminating Final Exam/Project= 20%	
All courses will have a culminating exam or project that assesses associate learning of the semester's course content. This exam/project will be 20% of the overall course grade.	

Make-up Work

Associates who are absent are required to contact the instructor for make-up work. The associate will have the same number of days that they are absent to complete the make-up work.

Late Work Policy

Associates must have all late work turned in by the end of each term. Each week the assignment is late 10% percent will be deducted from the overall assignment grade. .

Employability/Soft Skills

School Wide Activities:

- Dress for Success Days
- Network Luncheon
- Mock Interviews
- Pathway Shadowing
- Teacher Jobs

Career and Technical Student Organization [CTSOs]

In addition to course integration, we will have a once-per-month activity schedule where associates will have an opportunity to participate in the Future Georgia Educators CTSO. The fee is \$40.00. Associates will volunteer, compete in Future Georgia Day, and create activities to share awareness of the teaching profession.