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#### <u>TEXT</u>

MacDonald, *The Master Tutor*, 2<sup>nd</sup> Ed.

### COURSE OBJECTIVES

"This course is designed to prepare college-level persons to tutor adult/college students." It will include an introduction to adult learners, tutoring methods, use of appropriate instructional materials, and supervised practice tutoring.

#### STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES

This course addresses the five student learning outcomes that the school requires, but focuses on the first one: communication skills.

### **ATTENDANCE**

The class meets for 18 hours, 3 hours every Thursday for 6 weeks. Since the time is brief and the instruction is concentrated, consistent attendance is essential. Unavoidable things happen, and there are some legitimate reasons for being absent. However, missing any class time will significantly diminish your preparation for tutoring effectively. For your own benefit, you <u>do not</u> want to miss class.

#### STUDENT/TEACHER CONFERENCE

In order to be sure that students are on track in the class and understand the concepts and subject matter being discussed, I will need to meet with each student once during the semester, between the third and fourth class meetings. The meeting will be brief but is a necessary part of instruction for this type of class. Attending this conference will not be part of the evaluation of your ability to tutor effectively, but will count toward the pass/fail determination. You <u>must</u> attend this meeting.

#### CLASS ASSIGNMENTS

We will be covering the text and viewing a video that covers aspects of tutoring. We will also be practicing those aspects of tutoring during class. You need to read ahead in the book in order to be ready for class discussion and practice. This is a short-term class, but since it is preparation for your job as a tutor, it should be no less of a priority than any of your other classes are.

## CLASS CONDUCT

Since this is a class like any other class, standard college classroom decorum is expected: Turn cell phones and pagers off before class; avoid private conversations during class; ask questions of the teacher, not fellow students; stay in the room for the duration of the class—there will be a snack break in the middle of class (**It is against school policy to bring food or beverages into a classroom or to eat in a classroom**). In general, concentrate on the class and avoid disturbances.

## DISABLED STUDENT PROGRAMS AND SERVICES

Any student with a documented disability who may need educational accommodations should notify the instructor or the Disabled Student Programs and Services (DSP&S) office as soon as possible. DSP&S – Health Sciences Building, Room 2117, (760) 355-6312

# EDUC 202

#### Schedule of Assignments

The video and text reviews will be followed by discussion and practice tutoring sessions.

Chapters in TMT should be read in advance of the date they are listed so that students can be prepared for discussion in class.

- 2-27 Registration, Overview Adult Learners, DSP&S students, Learning styles, Critical Thinking TMT: Introduction
- 3-6 Video: 1. The tutor's role, 7. Independent learner, 2. Positive Reinforcement; TMT: Ch. 1. Tutoring Role
- 3-13 Video: 4. The student's ideas, 5. Student verbalization; TMT: Ch. 2. Tutoring cycle

---Student/Teacher Conference---

- 3-20 Video: 6. Questioning skills, 8. Direct techniques TMT: Ch. 3. Tutoring options Intro to tutoring session observation Intro to essay
- 3-27 Video: 3. Listening skills, 6. Questioning skills TMT: 4. Tutoring patterns Tutoring Session Observation Due
- 4-3 TMT: Ch. 5. Tutoring Inter-culturally, Summary Essay due

In order to pass EDUC 202, students must meet a variety of criteria. Each criterion adds to the overall preparation necessary to being and effective tutor, so being weak in any one area will affect the degree of preparedness and overall suitability for tutoring.

| EVALUATION CRITERIA  |  |   |   |
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| ATTENDANCE   | PREPARATION  | PARTICIPATION   | ESSAY   |
| In a short-term class, every<br>minute of class time is<br>important. In order to get<br>the training and preparation<br>necessary to tutor<br>effectively, one must attend<br>class regularly.<br>Attending the<br>student/teacher conference<br>is included in this. | Doing homework and being<br>ready to be involved in<br>class discussion is essential<br>to learning the principles of<br>effective tutoring. | Discussing and practicing<br>the principles of effective<br>tutoring in class is<br>necessary preparation for<br>applying those principles<br>on the job. | Demonstrating that you<br>understand the principles of<br>effective tutoring and are<br>able to apply them<br>creatively shows that you<br>are ready to be a tutor. |