ARE 4940: Student Teaching in Art Education

SEMESTER AND YEAR: Spring 2017
MEETING TIMES AND LOCATION: At various locations in public schools
CREDIT HOURS: 11
SECTION: 1672
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DESCRIPTION OF THE COURSE: Supervised teaching involving a period of eleven weeks in an Alachua County public school art classroom. Prereq: Admission into Student Teaching and completion of the Art Education Professional Core Sequence. Coreq: ARE 4934c, sec. 4064

OVERVIEW OF STUDENT TEACHING: Student teaching is the capstone course of the pre-service art education program. The internship provides the art education student with an extended opportunity to apply the theoretical, philosophical, practical, and conceptual knowledge gained from previous coursework and field experiences in a real classroom setting under the supervision of a cooperating teacher and university art education professor.

Once art education students have successfully completed all their professional coursework, they apply for student teaching through the Office of Professional Development and Communication (OPDC) in the College of Education. This application must be completed and submitted by the deadline (which is approximately one month into the semester prior to the one in which student teaching takes place). A copy of their fingerprinting form must be submitted to the College of Education prior to the Internship.

Student teaching placements are for eleven weeks in one school, providing candidates with the opportunity to gain firsthand experience working with children in the same art classroom over an extended period of time. These placements are made by the University Supervisor for Art Education. A list of students requesting student teaching placements and a list of local art teachers requesting a student teacher is sent to the Art Education supervisor from the OPDC. School sites for these placements are selected based on several factors including: whether the cooperating teacher requesting an intern has taken the required clinical-training workshop; the quality of the art program offered at the school, and the interest of the teacher candidate in working at a particular grade level (elementary, middle school, or high school). While the majority of these placements occur in Alachua County, students may be placed in neighboring counties.

Over the course of the internship period, the University Supervisor makes 2-3 formal visits to the classroom for the purpose of observing the student teacher’s performance. These formal evaluations are discussed with the student teacher and suggestions for
improvements are offered. In addition, the cooperating teacher formally assesses the progress of the student teacher 3-4 times during the internship and discusses these evaluations along with suggestions for improvement with the student teacher.

In addition to enrolling in ARE 4940 Student Teaching, students also take ARE 4934c Student Teaching Seminar in which they meet with other art student teachers and the University Supervisor on a regular basis over the course of the semester for discussion and instructional purposes.

Because student teaching is a full-time commitment, student teachers may not register for any other course during the student teaching semester without permission from the Student Teaching Supervisor and The SAAH Undergraduate Advisor. In addition, a student may not be employed on weekdays while student teaching.

**COURSE OBJECTIVES:** By the completion the internship, student teachers are expected to demonstrate the following six (6) Florida Educator Accomplished Practices (FEAPs):

1. Instruction Design and Lesson Planning
2. The Learning Environment
3. Instructional Delivery and Facilitation
4. Assessment
5. Continuous Professional Improvement
6. Professional Responsibility and Ethical Conduct

Student teachers are responsible for collecting and developing the evidence and artifacts necessary to demonstrate their compliance with each of the six (6) professional standards. This information is to be placed in the student’s teaching portfolio that is submitted for review upon completion of the student teaching practicum. (See the Teaching Portfolio Guidelines for instructions).

In addition to developing a teaching portfolio, student teachers must also engage in weekly online discussions that chart his/her progress during the internship. These discussions that focus on the 6 FEAPs and replace traditional journal entries allow student teachers to reflect upon and document their student teaching experience, and thus are an important part of their professional development.

**REQUIRED TEXT & RESOURCES:** No required textbook. Readings and additional resources will be available online through the UF Elearning.

**EVALUATION:** A pass/fail grade will be determined by university supervisor in consultation with the cooperating teacher and reported on the student's semester grade report. To receive a passing grade (S), a student must: (a) receive a “3” or above in each
category of the Teacher Education Intern Rating Sheet; (b) UF Student Teaching Evaluation (online) and (c) receive a “3” rating or above on each of the six (6) Educator Accomplished Practices in his/her teaching portfolio.

**NOTE:** To graduate from the Art Education program with eligibility for teacher certification, a student must receive a passing score on the professional knowledge and subject matter knowledge components of the Florida Teacher Exam (FTCE). It is imperative that students register in the Fall term to take the FTCE exam early in their student teaching semester in order for their scores to be reported to UF in a timely manner.

**GRADING SCALE:** S= Satisfactory; U= Unsatisfactory

**ATTENDANCE:** Students are responsible for satisfying all academic objectives as defined by the requirements to be eligible for certification. Attendance is mandatory and a full 11 weeks of student teaching must be completed to be eligible for teaching certification in Florida.

**POLICY RELATED TO LATE WORK:** Other than medical or personal emergencies, no extensions will be given for class requirements due to the nature of the internship. Students should inform the instructor beforehand, if circumstances prevent course requirements from being completed an agreement in writing for any extensions must be made in consultation with UF and School Placement Supervisor.

**PROFESSIONALISM:** Teacher professionalism contains three essential characteristics; competence, performance, and conduct—all of which directly impact the teacher’s effectiveness. You will be evaluated on professionalism for this course based on your engagement in discussions and project work, as well as your demonstrated interest in learning, preparedness each lesson, completion of all class assignments, dependability, consideration of others, and contributions to the learning community.

Professionalism is the expectation to demonstrate behaviors that reflect a commitment to continuous professional abilities and development, ethical practice, and a responsible attitude toward recipients, the profession, and society. It becomes especially critical in the internship context, and it includes respect, compassion, integrity and altruism in relationships with students, colleagues and other stakeholders. Professionalism includes a sensitivity and responsiveness to gender, age, culture, religion, sexual preference, socioeconomic status, and beliefs. With teaching comes responsibility to adhere to principles of confidentiality, scientific/academic integrity, and accountability. Finally, no one has all the answers, so it is important to recognize and identify limitations as well as possibilities in deficiencies in personal and peer performance and assist when possible.

**ACADEMIC HONESTY POLICY:** Students are expected to abide by the UF Academic Honesty Policy, which defines an academic honesty offense as “the act of lying, cheating, or stealing academic information so that one gains academic advantage.” In the context of this class, this includes properly citing sources for any materials (both printed and online) used in completing course assignments. UF Academic Honesty
http://www.dso.ufl.edu/judicial/academic.php

**STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES:** Individuals with disabilities are encouraged to register with the Dean of Students Office and submit to this instructor the memorandum from that office concerning necessary accommodations. The ADA office may be found on the Web at http://www.ada.ufl.edu; reached by phone at (352) 392-7056 TDD: (352) 846-1046. All course materials may be made available in alternative format on request.

**ONLINE COURSE EVALUATION PROCESS:** Students are expected to provide feedback on the quality of instruction in this course based on 10 criteria. Faculty do not receive the results until after the grades have been finalized. These evaluations are conducted online at [https://evaluations.ufl.edu](https://evaluations.ufl.edu). Evaluations are typically open during the last two or three weeks of the semester, but students will be given specific times when they are open. Summary results of these assessments are available to students at [https://evaluations.ufl.edu/results/](https://evaluations.ufl.edu/results/)

**KEY TASK:** The State of Florida requires all entry-level educators to demonstrate mastery of six (6) Florida Educator Accomplished Practices (FEAPs) at the pre-professional level. In this course, we will cover all the FEAPs.

Your mastery of each indicator will be measured by your work on one key task --- developing a teaching portfolio. To pass this course you must successfully complete this key task and receive a rating of “Accomplished” or higher on each indicator. No exceptions will be made to this rule, even if you do not plan to teach after graduation. Students who receive a “Developing” or “Unsatisfactory” rating will be offered a chance to redo the key task or, in some cases, to complete a comparable task assigned by the instructor. Students who do not complete their makeup work satisfactorily (with a “Accomplished” or "Exceptional") will receive either an “incomplete” or a “failing grade” at the instructor’s discretion. Students who fail the course must repeat it later.