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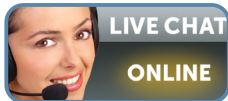
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- Teaching in the Multi-Cultural Classroom
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EDUCATION AND PSYCHOLOGY

MOTIVATION & CLASSROOM MANAGEMENT

EDUC 713J Motivating Students Who Don't Care

3 Semester Credits ONLINE \$375.00

Awaken students to the excitement of learning! This course examines different types of motivation such as intrinsic motivation, and activating the metacognitive and cognitive systems. It gives the educator models for developing motivation in the classroom.

EDUC 711C Effective Character Education

3 Semester Credits ONLINE \$375.00

Why does character matter and why are manners important? This course delineates the stages of character development and the acquisitions of moral understanding throughout childhood and adolescence.



EDUC 718O Effective Classroom Management Strategies for the 21st Century Classroom

3 Semester Credits ONLINE \$375.00

Get ready to prepare your students for their most successful year yet! Designed for K-12 educators, this classroom management course will provide you with the tools and framework for creating a detailed classroom management plan, including the first day of school documents, backup plans for unscheduled events, guidelines for student lessons, and much more.



EDUC 713O Building Classroom Discipline

3 Semester Credits ONLINE \$375.00

Discipline problems can be major sources of frustration and burnout for educators and students alike. This course provides positive effective strategies and practical solutions to help manage and address discipline problems.



EDUC 718V Practical Strategies for Teaching Online

3 Semester Credits ONLINE \$375.00

In this timely course, you will receive essential hands-on tools and evidence-based strategies to equip you to deliver an effective distance learning environment for your students. You will also develop positive teacher-student relationships, build credibility with your students and parents, prepare assessments, and meet your learning targets. Additional topics include instructional approaches through synchronous and asynchronous learning, discussion of equity challenges related to distance learning, how to reduce busywork, prioritize curriculum that engages students, and much more!



EDUC 714A Personal Motivation and Maintaining a Positive Attitude in the Classroom

3 Semester Credits **ONLINE** \$375.00

In order to motivate students and be effective in the classroom, the educator must be excited about teaching. This course elaborates on the concept that attitudes are contagious and the most effective teachers are those who demonstrate enthusiasm for their subject and professions.

EDUC 715B Making Connections for Engaged Learning

3 Semester Credits **ONLINE** \$375.00

When educators make connections with their students, there will be greater cooperation on the part of the student and increased engagement in learning. Educators will learn how to set up learning teams to make the classroom more satisfying, with the ultimate goal of engaging everyone in learning.

EDUC 715I Effective Feedback to Improve Student Achievement

3 Semester Credits **ONLINE** \$375.00

It's not about grades, it's about learning! When educators provide effective feedback, they become learning coaches for students. Numerous examples are provided to emphasize feedback to improve achievement for successful, struggling, and reluctant students.

EDUC 717I The Flipped Classroom

3 Semester Credits **ONLINE** \$375.00

This course details the differences between traditional and flipped-mastery learning, why the flipped classroom works, what strategies are effective for flipping the classroom, how to design a flipped classroom lesson plan, and what is needed to flip any classroom.

EDUCATIONAL TOOLS FOR TEACHERS

EDUC 712X Understanding and Dealing with Difficult Parents

3 Semester Credits **ONLINE** \$375.00

Dealing with difficult parents is one of the biggest problems faced by today's educators and administrators. This course provides educators with creative strategies to handle problems diplomatically and defuse angry or emotionally charged parents.



EDUC 711X Creating a Mindful Environment

3 Semester Credits **ONLINE** \$375.00

The mindful individual experiences the world by creating new categories, being open to new information, and being aware that any experience can be viewed from more than one perspective. This course covers the concept of mindfulness in the context of many real life situations and in the context of academic instruction.



EDUC 710Z Behavior Modification for Yourself and Others

3 Semester Credits **ONLINE** \$375.00

Whether starting an exercise program, improving self-confidence, changing a diet, or improving relationships with others, this course discusses multiple strategies proven effective for changing one's behavior. The focus for learning will be the analysis and implementation of a behavior modification program over a period of four weeks.

EDUC 712I Learning the Meanings of Words

2 Semester Credits **ONLINE** \$250.00

This research-based course explores current theories of word learning, providing a basic understanding of how children use cognitive abilities such as inference, concept acquisition, syntactic structure, general learning, and memory abilities to learn new words.

EDUC 713X Teaching Art to Children

3 Semester Credits \$375.00

This course provides new and exciting ways of adding art to every classroom. The seven elements of art: line, shape, color, value, texture, form, and space, will be explored.

EDUC 714E What's in a Grade?

3 Semester Credits **ONLINE** \$375.00

This course addresses the objectives of grading and reporting on student learning and motivation, the rationale for separating nonacademic factors from the letter grade, the fairness of offering students more than one chance, and the profound effect of zeros when averaging a grade.

EDUC 714K Drawing to Enhance Learning

3 Semester Credits **ONLINE** \$375.00

This course is designed to teach the skill of drawing so that students can enjoy drawing successfully, enhance lessons with drawings, or teach others to draw. This course focuses on the five skills necessary to draw successfully. Basic drawing supplies required.

EDUC 714M Creating a Meaningful Classroom Assessment Program**3 Semester Credits ONLINE \$375.00**

This course teaches the characteristics of an effective assessment program. Educators will learn how to create and use standards-based, formative assessments that will measure student progress along a continuum of learning.

EDUC 714S Becoming a More Effective Teacher**3 Semester Credits ONLINE \$375.00**

This course is designed for the beginning teacher, the teacher changing grade levels, or for the returning teacher who may want to refine his or her classroom organization and management.

EDUC 714Z Self-Directed Learning: Making Learning Meaningful for Adolescent Students**3 Semester Credits ONLINE \$375.00**

The possibilities for student motivation, achievement, and success are enhanced when educators move to a self-directed learning environment. This course will help educators motivate and empower students to take responsibility for their learning by assisting them in goal setting, self-monitoring, reflection, and independent coursework.

**EDUC 715K Integrating the Arts for Teaching and Learning****3 Semester Credits ONLINE \$375.00**

This course is about improving existing curricula and making it more interesting, fun, memorable, and enriching for the entire classroom. Students will learn how to integrate the Arts: visual arts, drama, literature, dance, and music into existing lessons, even without a background in the Arts.

EDUC 716D 21st Century Skills: Preparing Students for a Successful Future**3 Semester Credits ONLINE \$375.00**

This course will help educators integrate vital skills into the everyday classroom. Educators will learn about lesson planning that involves project-based and interactive learning experiences that will help their students meet the demands of the 21st century.

EDUC 716F RTI and RTI²: Revitalizing K-12**3 Semester Credits ONLINE \$375.00**

These education strategies are revolutionizing schools by helping students succeed, academically and behaviorally, in ways that no legislation has ever done. This course offers accurate and accessible reference tools, giving educators the strategies they need to provide students with high-quality instruction and effective interventions.

EDUC 716T Universal Literacy: Maximizing Learning and Comprehension**3 Semester Credits ONLINE \$375.00**

With the increasing demands on today's students, it is essential for educators to incorporate literacy strategies into their classrooms. Students must be able to read all types of text, but most importantly, they must be able to comprehend what they have read. This course provides universal literacy strategies that can be applied to any grade level or subject area.

**EDUC 716U Academic Dishonesty to Academic Integrity****3 Semester Credits ONLINE \$375.00**

Cheating in schools is an educational epidemic infecting American education. Unfortunately, most know little about how to prevent, detect, and resolve it. Through this course, students will gain practical insights and timely advice for tackling all aspects of academic dishonesty.

EDUC 717K Designing Learning for the Common Core**3 Semester Credits ONLINE \$375.00**

This course offers K-12 teachers, and anyone else needing to understand Common Core, a variety of best practices and classroom delivery techniques for student mastery of the new standards. It maps out the strategies for powering and unwrapping the standards, creating pacing guides and proficiency scales, and designing unit plans.

EDUC 717M Understanding Dyslexia**3 Semester Credits ONLINE \$375.00**

Dyslexia is the most common learning disability and is often both undiagnosed and untreated. This course provides the knowledge, skills and tools educators need to effectively understand, assess, and treat individuals struggling with dyslexia and other reading and language-based disabilities.

EDUC 717T Personalized Learning: A Powerful Solution to an Urgent Need for Change**3 Semester Credits ONLINE \$375.00**

Personalized learning is a student-driven model that doesn't require educators to start from scratch. Instead, teaching and learning become more exciting through the connection of academic goals of current curriculum with learning that relates to the lives, interests and needs of learners.

EDUC 718B The Special Needs Brain: Helping it Learn**3 Semester Credits ONLINE \$375.00**

Through this course, educators will learn possible causes of special needs, about brain systems that have gone awry, diagnostic issues and criteria, research on practical approaches to helping special needs students learn, and a variety of strategies to consider when planning lessons.

EDUC 718C Understanding and Teaching the Rewired Brain**3 Semester Credits ONLINE \$375.00**

Frequent use of technology may alter intelligence, attention span, self-esteem, memory, critical thinking processes, empathy, and social relationship by rewiring our brains. By examining and learning how technology is changing the way students' brains function, educators can adapt to keep students motivated to learn.

EDUC 718M Critical Thinking: How to Win the War Against Fake News**3 Semester Credits ONLINE \$375.00**

This course is designed to help you teach your students to approach all the information they receive with a critical attitude, asking, for example: What's the source? What do I know about the author? How does this information square with other sources? Is it reasonable? Should I check Snopes? Resources are available for all levels. All are engaging, and some are even amusing. All have the underlying severe intent of teaching us how to be careful judges of what we read.

**EDUC 718S Mindful Teachers, Mindful Students****3 Semester Credits ONLINE \$375.00**

This course offers educators many opportunities to learn and teach mindfulness techniques to their students. For teachers and students alike, mindfulness practices set the tone for the day, ease transitions from subject to subject, and provide a safe and predictable pattern that helps students concentrate. Mindfulness practices that might be adopted schoolwide are also explored.

**EXCEPTIONALITIES AND DISABILITIES****EDUC 715G ADD/ADHD Strategies and Interventions for the Classroom****3 Semester Credits ONLINE \$375.00**

This course defines the symptoms and characteristics of ADD/ADHD, offers strategies to use within the classroom and with parents, and discusses the role of temperament traits in the behavior of children with ADD/ADHD.

EDUC 713K The Differentiated Classroom**3 Semester Credits ONLINE \$375.00**

Dividing time and resources to effectively instruct students of diverse backgrounds, readiness levels, skill levels, and ways of learning is one of the most difficult challenges faced by educators. By focusing on research, theory and examples, this course will help in meeting these challenges.



"I cannot say enough good things about the course on ADD and ADHD. It opened my eyes to new strategies and learning interventions to use with my students. – Linda B. (EDUC 715G)"

EDUC 711H Teaching Gifted and Talented Students**3 Semester Credits ONLINE \$375.00**

What is giftedness? What can educators do with underachievers and perfectionists? This course covers educational implications of giftedness and provides classroom strategies and techniques for engaging gifted students.

EDUC 711I Teaching Gifted and Talented Girls**1 Semester Credit ONLINE \$125.00**

This course focuses on the unique problems and joys of talented girls and offers practical ideas for educators and counselors.

EDUC 712G Educational Procedures for the Mentally Handicapped**3 Semester Credits ONLINE \$375.00**

Exceptionalities, both mental and physical, bring special challenges to the classroom. This course offers positive ways to help educators understand the needs and motives of special needs children, as well as management strategies to help them reach their full potential.

EDUC 712U Child Behavior Disorders**3 Semester Credits ONLINE \$375.00**

Behaviorally disordered, emotionally disturbed, or socially maladjusted are terms often used to describe children who are troubled or who cause trouble for those around them. In addition to explanations of behavior and conduct disorders, this course gives an in-depth view of conditions that affect learning and academic performance.

EDUC 712Y ABCs of Effective Mainstreaming and Inclusion**3 Semester Credits ONLINE \$375.00**

Educators will be better prepared to handle the most frustrating aspects of teaching a child with a learning difference, more prepared to maximize each student's strengths, and better equipped to meet the multitude of challenges that accompany mainstreaming and inclusion.

**EDUC 712Z Understanding Autism****3 Semester Credits ONLINE \$375.00**

This course discusses the exciting developments in research, education, and treatments that have emerged in recent years. Topics covered include the history of autism, special education policy, the neurological basis of autism, and autism throughout the life cycle.

EDUC 713C Psychology of Exceptional Children**3 Semester Credits ONLINE \$375.00**

This course is designed to familiarize educators about the special problems of children who have health, academic, emotional, behavioral, sensory, and physical exceptionality. It provides information on diagnoses, observable traits, and instructional strategies to support each learner.

EDUC 714U Understanding Asperger's Syndrome**3 Semester Credits ONLINE \$375.00**

Children and adolescents with Asperger's Syndrome (AS) can intrigue and confound educators – often simultaneously. This course will help explain AS, and why individuals with AS act the way they do, will provide tools to encourage more appropriate behavior, and include intervention strategies to enhance learning and communication.

EDUC 715A Teaching Students with Mild Disabilities**3 Semester Credits ONLINE \$375.00**

This course is designed to help educators identify characteristics of students with mild disabilities and to introduce educators to practices that influence the identification, placement, and teaching of these students. It also provides educators with specific strategies and knowledge of materials, which are important in meeting the needs of students with mild disabilities in a variety of classroom settings.

EDUC 717Z Special Education Law**3 Semester Credits ONLINE \$375.00**

Through easy-to-comprehend texts, educators will learn how to understand student disabilities, the pre-referral, referral and evaluation process, differences and similarities of IEP and Section 504 plans, roles of education professionals, detailed laws and court case examples, and many more related topics.

**PSYCHOLOGY****EDUC 710B I'm So Stressed I Could Scream!****3 Semester Credits ONLINE \$375.00**

Physiological causes of stress and various approaches to stress reduction are explored in this course. In addition to learning stress management and relaxation techniques, students will learn to recognize events that trigger stress and to identify stress responses. Students will also create and implement a personal stress reduction program, which will increase awareness and response to every day stress.

**EDUC 718U Cultivating Emotional Resilience in Educators and Students****3 Semester Credits ONLINE \$375.00**

Get ready to reinvigorate your passion for your profession! This course is designed for educators and administrators of every experience level. You will be guided through a series of practical projects and activities to develop emotional resilience through 12 essential habits, adopting a mindful approach to communication, adopting tools to make teaching fun and enriching for yourself and your students, how to decode body language and nonverbal communication, uncover your true self and potential, and much more.

**EDUC 710H Understanding Your Moods****3 Semester Credits ONLINE \$375.00**

Depression, anxiety, tension, weight control, exercise, and good and bad moods are explored in this course. Students will create a mood log, and learn how diet, exercise, sleep, smoking, caffeine, alcohol, candy, and shopping relate to moods.

**EDUC 717W How the Brain Learns to Read: Decoding, Comprehension, and Motivation****3 Semester Credits ONLINE \$375.00**

Reading is THE essential academic skill. Yet, in every literate culture, it is a difficult skill to acquire. This course integrates research on the teaching of reading from brain science, psychology, education, linguistics and other fields and suggests best practices from very early childhood through high school. Reading problems, ranging from social and cultural through biological and psychological, are described and followed with ways of overcoming these obstacles.

EDUC 711T Learning Differences Between the Sexes**2 Semester Credits ONLINE \$250.00**

This research-based course provides examples and techniques from an expert in child and adolescent development to enhance your approach to teaching the two sexes to help them reach their full potential. Topics include gender differences, risks, school, social media, video games, gender nonconforming, and various other topics.

Learning Differences between the Sexes was especially helpful to me, since our school is 60% male. It helped me identify new strategies to reach all my students. I cannot wait to take my next course at your university! – Paula C.



EDUC 711Y Adolescent Psychology: Current Research**2 Semester Credits ONLINE \$250.00**

Caught between childhood and adulthood, adolescents are faced with making decisions for which they are often unprepared. Through an anthology of current research, this course helps to understand both positive and negative aspects of adolescent development.

EDUC 714Q Student Learning and the Brain**3 Semester Credits ONLINE \$375.00**

Drawing on neuropsychological research and educational experience, this course builds the bridge from brain function to classroom learning. It provides brain compatible teaching strategies, shows why meaning is essential for learning, and it explains how the brain encodes, manipulates, and stores information.

EDUC 715U The Universe Revolves Around ME!**Narcissism Inside and Outside the Classroom****3 Semester Credits ONLINE \$375.00**

The human potential movement has led to a me-first attitude and a strong disregard for the feelings and rights of others. The development, symptoms, and possible treatment of narcissism are covered in the course.

EDUC 717A Dying, Death & Bereavement: End of Life Issues**3 Semester Credits ONLINE \$375.00**

This course addresses the paradoxical relationship with our own death and the deaths of others by providing an understanding of issues related to the end of life, death at different age levels, the process of dying, suicide, animals and death, death rituals and funerals, and bereavement.

EDUC 717L The Family Defined and Explored**3 Semester Credits ONLINE \$375.00**

This course includes scientific discoveries and research-oriented material, examining the beginnings of relationships, establishing relationships, marriage, parent-child, sibling, and intergenerational relationships, family strengths, emerging trends within families, and the future of the family.

EDUC 717S Making Math Meaningful, Maybe Marvelous!**3 Semester Credits ONLINE \$375.00**

This course introduces well-researched suggestions for optimizing instruction at all levels, including implications for how students can learn math and how teachers can facilitate learning math. While remaining cognizant of the time and choice constraints placed on teachers by Common Core, anticipated problems and ways to overcome them are addressed through understanding of different learning strengths and skill levels.

EDUC 718A How the ELL Brain Learns**3 Semester Credits ONLINE \$375.00**

Brain mechanisms for language learning are presented and referenced throughout the text for a broad understanding of how English Language Learners acquire language. Upon completion of this course, students will understand the amount of effort ELLs exert in order to master course content and which teaching methods should be applied to meet their specific needs.

**EDUC 718D Cognitive Approaches to Learning and Teaching****3 Semester Credits ONLINE \$375.00**

This course presents research and practical approaches to learning and teaching through texts based on decades of research in cognitive psychology. Traditional study habits—underline, review, memorize, cram—are ineffective and waste time. Better are questioning, self-quizzing, spaced retrieval, and avoiding traps that lead to false confidence.

EDUC 718H Current Topics in Sociology and Society**3 Semester Credits ONLINE \$375.00**

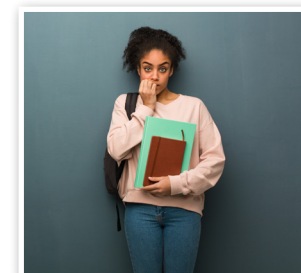
Through the study of current articles on sociological research, students will learn how social influences govern how they function within society. Topics include, but are not limited to, culture, politics, education, economics, gender and societal inequalities, social changes, and the future of our society.

EDUC 718N Coaching a Growth Mindset: Unleashing Student Potential**3 Semester Credits ONLINE \$375.00**

Growth mindset acknowledges that the brain has limitless potential to learn and grow. This growth occurs as teachers coach students to persevere, tackle challenges, and learn from mistakes. Growth mindset is a fascinating approach to unleashing student potential and improving student achievement. At the end of this course you will have personalized, growth mindset lesson plans for each month of the school year. All grade level teachers will find this course relevant.

EDUC 718R Anxiety and Phobia Awareness for Educators**3 Semester Credits ONLINE \$375.00**

In this course, you will discover information about a variety of anxiety and phobia disorders, proven skills and techniques for preventing and coping with anxiety disorders, nutrition and lifestyle changes, and other valuable resources. This timely course for educational professionals of all grade levels offers easy-to-understand resources, checklists, and readily-applicable tools in a practical and cohesive format.



MULTI-CULTURAL

EDUC 713T Achieving Success for English Language Learners**3 Semester Credits ONLINE \$375.00**

This course will focus on modern strategies for the K-12 teacher to enhance the learning of English Language Learners. This course is presented in a user-friendly format that includes a wide range of effective teaching strategies to help English Language Learners (ELL) understand content materials as they develop their speaking, reading, writing, and listening skills.

EDUC 710C The Multicultural Classroom**3 Semester Credits ONLINE \$375.00**

The growing number of culturally diverse students demand knowledge of educating without alienating, condescending, or offending. This course covers topics such as second language learners, equality in classroom assessment, multicultural curriculum strategies, and the relationship between culture and social behavior.

EDUC 712N Teaching the Latino Student**3 Semester Credits ONLINE \$375.00**

Enhancing cross-cultural communication, understanding differences between home cultures and school culture, and increasing parent involvement are just a few of the topics covered in this timely course.

EDUC 716G Bridging the Culture and Poverty Gap in Education**3 Semester Credits ONLINE \$375.00**

This course examines topics in culture and adverse childhood experiences and presents specific activities and programs to ensure higher student achievement. Learn how to implement a comprehensive set of instructional strategies and motivational tools to positively impact student learning.

**EDUC 718I English Language Learners' Struggles: Signs of Difficulty—or Disability?****3 Semester Credits ONLINE \$375.00**

Many English Language Learners (ELLs) have difficulty learning English and succeeding in other subjects. One reason might be a learning disability. This course will provide teachers with evidence-based materials to help those struggling with the difficulties of learning a new language or struggles with a disability.

HEALTH AND FITNESS

EDUC 715C Fit for Life**3 Semester Credits ONLINE \$375.00**

This course teaches the fundamental components and principles of lifetime physical fitness and other health-related issues. Emphasis is placed on fitness and wellness through the study of nutrition, weight control, stress management, fitness assessment, and consumer facts on exercise and fitness.

EDUC 712C Psychology of Eating and Exercise**3 Semester Credits ONLINE \$375.00**

Both food and exercise relieve tension and give us a lift, but with weight gain at epidemic proportions, exercise should be the choice for boosting energy and reducing tension. This course will explain the reasons people eat too much and exercise too little.

EDUC 712B Eating Disorders: A Psychological Battlefield**3 Semester Credits ONLINE \$375.00**

Food and eating have become a psychological battleground for many adolescents, especially young women. While several eating disorders are covered, this course concentrates on the history, causes and treatments for anorexia nervosa and bulimia nervosa.

EDUC 713G Understanding Childhood Obesity**3 Semester Credits ONLINE \$375.00**

By integrating information from scientific and popular sources, this course will help educators understand childhood obesity and the economic, social, and political ramifications of this serious problem.

EDUC 716X Child Growth and Development: Current Research**3 Semester Credits ONLINE \$375.00**

This course presents students with the latest research and thinking to help better appreciate the complex interactions that characterize human development in infancy and childhood. It includes information regarding brain development, perception, memory, language, schooling, the latest research in social and emotional development, and topics on parenting and family issues.

EDUC 716Y Health Issues in the 21st Century**3 Semester Credits ONLINE \$375.00**

It is the responsibility of today's educators to provide students with the most current and reliable health information available, and to teach skills that will help determine which information is fact and which is fiction. This course offers the latest thinking on a variety of contemporary health issues, from promoting nutritional health to the medical effects of exercise.



EDUC 716Z Human Development: Current Research**3 Semester Credits ONLINE \$375.00**

This course addresses issues relating to the physical, cognitive, and psychological changes we encounter as we pass through life, from genetic and pre-natal influences on development, to development during middle and late adulthood. Topics covered include cognition, schooling, family and culture, adolescence and young adulthood, depression, surviving illness, and healthy aging.

SCHOOL VIOLENCE AND LEGAL ISSUES**EDUC 712O Bullying****3 Semester Credits ONLINE \$375.00**

Bully behavior and victimization of children at school are growing trends that continue to be a major concern of educators and parents. This course reviews the facts about bullying and bully behavior and discusses effective ways of preventing and counteracting the problem.

**EDUC 710V Drugs: Licit and Illicit****3 Semester Credits ONLINE \$375.00**

From caffeine to crack, this course will help identify the most common drugs and their effects. Hazards, addictions, dangerous interactions with other substances, and the effects of recreational drugs are discussed.

EDUC 710Q Curbing School Violence**3 Semester Credits ONLINE \$375.00**

This course provides tools to create the safest possible learning environment for both faculty and students. Specific topics include intervention plans, gun threats, disruptive behavior, personal and classroom safety, dealing with bullies, and school wide preparedness.

EDUC 711G Female Gangs**3 Semester Credits ONLINE \$375.00**

This course explores the history and behavior of female youth gangs, while concentrating on the unique problems of female gang members. Styles of dress, graffiti symbols, and rituals of the major gangs are reviewed and demystified.

EDUC 714C Legal Issues Affecting the School and Classroom**3 Semester Credits ONLINE \$375.00**

It is vital that school administrators and educators be aware of the potential legal consequences for what they do and don't do. Topical legal issues are explained in the state and federal context, emphasizing the many recent changes and trends in the law.

EDUC 716B A Comprehensive and Contemporary Look at School Law**3 Semester Credits ONLINE \$375.00**

The myriad of statutes and legal decisions affecting the daily teaching experience can be daunting. This course will help educators manage a proactive approach of providing first-rate education operations while minimizing legal risks, and respecting the rights of students and educators.

EDUC 716L Cyber Bullying: Strategies for Balance and Safety**3 Semester Credits ONLINE \$375.00**

This course provides an easy-to-understand introduction to cyber kids, cyber bullying, and cyber balance, and how to deal with this technology-driven culture as it relates to students. It emphasizes prevention, assessment, and intervention as well as evaluation.

**EDUC 716M Suicide, Self-Injury and School Violence Prevention****3 Semester Credits ONLINE \$375.00**

Unfortunately, suicide, self-injury, and school violence are more prevalent in today's schools than ever before. Educators, counselors, school health providers, and all administrators will benefit from this vital course highlighting warning signs and prevention methods.

ENGLISH AND LITERATURE**EDUC 714X Teaching the Short Story: Principles and Applications****3 Semester Credits ONLINE \$375.00**

This course studies selected short stories from the 19th to mid 20th century in the context of how educators might most effectively teach these works. Educators will learn how to generate fruitful and imaginative discussions of ideas in the classroom.

EDUC 714F Teaching Shakespeare to Children and Young Adults**3 Semester Credits ONLINE \$375.00**

This course provides exciting new ways of making Shakespeare more accessible to young minds. Focusing on *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, this course will inspire students to bring Shakespeare to life.

EDUC 715H Making Poetry Relevant to Students**3 Semester Credits ONLINE \$375.00**

Is poetry relevant to today's classroom? This course explores various ways educators can more effectively teach poetry to children and create lessons that can open up a world of awe, emotion, and music to their students.

EDUC 713D Punctilious Punctuation

2 Semester Credits **ONLINE** \$250.00

This course provides a painless guide to a subject that is often dull or intimidating. It explores the role of punctuation in precision writing and may generate enthusiasm for identifying the egregious examples seen daily in public print.



EDUC 713S Woolf and Winterson: Rewriting Gender, History and Love

3 Semester Credits \$375.00

This course examines Virginia Woolf's novel, *Orlando* (1928) and Jeanette Winterson's novel, *Written on the Body* (1992) in terms of their depictions of gender, romantic love, history, and death. The course explores each novel's overturning of gender stereotypes and complex position on whether gender differences are innate.

EDUC 714H A Crisis of Imagination in American High Schools

3 Semester Credits \$375.00

Students will tackle the question of how they can learn from TheodoreSizer's book, *Horace's Compromise*, while looking for solutions to the problems in American education. Designing lesson plans on Mark Twain's *The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn*, they will also consider what Mark Twain can teach us regarding the imagination of the freethinking individual and how to ignite it.

EDUC 714W The Nightmare of Reason and the Logic of Madness in Poe

3 Semester Credits **ONLINE** \$375.00

This course focuses on Edgar Allen Poe's themes of madness masquerading as reason and the dispassionate reason employed in his stories of mystery, which is the genre Poe virtually created. Students will examine selected short stories and his novella *The Narrative of A. Gordon Pym of Nantucket* in order to explore creative possibilities for how to teach Poe's fiction in the classroom.

EDUC 717P Wrangling for Readable Writing

3 Semester Credits **ONLINE** \$375.00

Understanding writing begins with understanding language. Through its popular text, this course challenges students to delve deeper into language, facilitate coherence, and comprehend the difficulties of the reader and the responsibilities of the writer. Regardless of skill level, students will find these tools informative and invaluable.

EDUC 711Q The Cold War: 1945 - 1960

3 Semester Credits **ONLINE** \$375.00

The end of World War II promised apparent prosperity to the United States. Instead of peace, a "cold-war" began between the U.S. and the Soviet Union fueled by ideological differences and military, scientific, economic, and political rivalries. This course traces the initial period of the Cold war.



EDUC 711R The Cold War: 1960 - 1990

3 Semester Credits **ONLINE** \$375.00

After 1960, as the United States promoted its containment policy, the Cold War settled into a series of tense confrontations in all parts of the world. This course traces the circuitous trail of events, which resulted in the victory of the U.S. in the Cold War.

EDUC 710M Women, Spies and Soldiers of the Confederacy

3 Semester Credits **ONLINE** \$375.00

From challenges faced by women in the South, to dangerous escapades of Confederate spies, and personal accounts of one soldier's life during the bloodiest four years in American history, this course brings awareness to the effect of this war on history.

EDUC 710N U.S. Constitution

2 Semester Credits \$250.00

This course is designed to help convey a sense of the meaning of the Constitution and help educators gain a greater understanding of the spirit of the document. This course may meet the U.S. Constitution requirement for the California Teaching Credential Program. Check with an academic advisor.

EDUC 711O Lewis and Clark Expedition

3 Semester Credits **ONLINE** \$375.00

This course brings to life the difficult journey of Lewis and Clark. Through text, map, and video, students follow the men of the Corps of Discovery and Sacajawea as they fight rivers, overcome sickness, and survive hunger and fatigue during their round-trip journey to the American West.

EDUC 711Z Terrorism: Roots, Causes and Diversity

3 Semester Credits **ONLINE** \$375.00

Terrorism, the plague of the late twentieth century and early twenty-first century, is as varied and complicated as the causes. This course examines the roots, reasons, and varieties of terrorism from an array of perspectives and introduces the student to the terrorist phenomenon.

EDUC 712A Linking of a Nation: The Transcontinental Railroad**3 Semester Credits** **ONLINE** **\$375.00**

May 10, 1869 marked the day that the Central Pacific Railroad met the Union Pacific Railroad, establishing the United States' first transcontinental railroad. With this unprecedented feat of engineering, a person could travel from New York to Sacramento in a week. This course gives insight into the politics, scandal, and building of the railroad.

EDUC 712P Ancient Rome**3 Semester Credits** **ONLINE** **\$375.00**

This course describes the history of the rise of Rome and the foundation of the Roman Empire. Aspects of Rome's contributions in social and political history, literature, philosophy, art and architecture, and influence on Western civilization are explored.

EDUC 712R Ancient Greece**3 Semester Credits** **ONLINE** **\$375.00**

Through the experiences of workers, soldiers, slaves, and peasants, students will explore the environment, the economy, and the roles of myth, religion, culture, science, and education of ancient Greece.

EDUC 713M Ancient Egypt**3 Semester Credits** **ONLINE** **\$375.00**

This course journeys through one of the earliest civilizations created by mankind. From pre-dynastic times, to the Ptolemaic and Roman eras, this course explores all aspects of life in ancient Egypt.

**EDUC 713Q Founding Fathers Create a Unique Nation****2 Semester Credits** **\$250.00**

This course provides a structured opportunity to struggle with issues challenging both scholars and concerned citizens of the United States during the decade following 1790. This course will discuss the following questions, and more. What were the underlying themes and debates of the founders? How much influence did individual citizens, interest groups, and politicians have on political outcomes? Who participated and why?

EDUC 713U Native Peoples of North America**3 Semester Credits** **ONLINE** **\$375.00**

This survey of North American Indigenous Peoples takes a regional or "cultural area" approach to Native American Studies based upon history, geography, anthropology, biography, ethnographic case study, and art.

EDUC 715D Colonial Spirit and the Settling of North America**3 Semester Credits** **ONLINE** **\$375.00**

This course traces the history of the settling of North America, beginning as early as 13,000 B.C., with primary focus on the years 1492 to 1820 A.D. This course focuses on the various North American colonies and their European empires that greatly impacted and influenced our American culture and history.

**EDUC 715F Visionary Leaders in Action: The Constitutional Convention****3 Semester Credits** **ONLINE** **\$375.00**

This course vividly traces the Philadelphia Convention of 1787. This historical journey captures every stormy and dramatic moment of the formation of our most enduring political documents. This course helps students understand the sacrifice, compromise, and courage of our founding fathers.

EDUC 715J Extraordinary and Enterprising Females of the American Revolution**3 Semester Credits** **ONLINE** **\$375.00**

Revisit the American Revolution, a home-front war that brought scarcity, bloodshed, sacrifice, and danger to the lives of every American. This course spotlights the vital role that women and girls played in the struggle for independence.

EDUC 715L Modern China: Clash of Culture and Controversy**3 Semester Credits** **ONLINE** **\$375.00**

Because China is an emerging super power, it is important to learn about its history and culture. This course covers the past 100 years, encompassing major upheavals and cultural transformations that have impacted every aspect of the lives of its people.

EDUC 715N Abraham Lincoln: The Principled President**3 Semester Credits** **ONLINE** **\$375.00**

This course traces the personal, political, and moral evolution of one of our most respected and admired Presidents. Learn about the American martyr who valued his principles above all, even if it meant taking an unpopular stance.

**EDUC 715W Renaissance: Geniuses and Gifts****3 Semester Credits** **ONLINE** **\$375.00**

The Renaissance gave us Leonardo, Michelangelo, Raphael, Shakespeare, Chaucer, the Medici family, Columbus, Vespucci, Gutenberg, Copernicus, Kepler, and Galileo. Through this course, students are transported back in time to experience first-hand the contributions of incredible people, while gaining further insight into the entire "rebirth" experience from an artistic, historic, and scientific perspective.

EDUC 715Y Franklin D. Roosevelt: Man of Vision and Inspiration**3 Semester Credits ONLINE \$375.00**

He restored hope to our country during the great depression, led the nation during its greatest war, championed for the common man, and laid the foundation for America as a superpower. Gain insight into the life of one of the best loved, most hated, most influential, and most enigmatic personalities of modern America.

EDUC 716A Westward Expansion and the American Frontier**3 Semester Credits ONLINE \$375.00**

Students will gain a candid understanding of the Frontier spirit and lifestyle of the courageous men, women, and children who traveled west to fulfill their dreams of a better life and claim territory for the United States.

**EDUC 716C Middle Ages: Shedding Light on the Dark Ages****3 Semester Credits ONLINE \$375.00**

This course focuses on the life and legacies of Charlemagne, considered the Father of Europe. Learn about life within the Feudal System, including the power of the Papacy, the role of the Crusades, the dominance of supernatural beliefs, the savageness of war, and the role the church played in daily life.

EDUC 716E Modern Middle East: Beyond Oil, Strategy and Politics**3 Semester Credits ONLINE \$375.00**

This course provides essential knowledge covering a broad array of topics for anyone who wants a better understanding of this region. Students will gain a unique perspective on this region's complexities, as well as understand how all of it affects the lives of its inhabitants, and ultimately the global population.

EDUC 716I Hispanic Culture: Past, Present and Future**3 Semester Credits ONLINE \$375.00**

This comprehensive course provides great insight into the many facets of the Hispanic Culture, in order for educators to better relate to their students, their families, and communities. Educators will gain an understanding and appreciation of the sociological, economic, political, historical, and religious aspects of the dynamic Hispanic Culture.



"I love taking these courses! The history and art history courses are meaningful to me as a history teacher, and I now have new ways to refresh my lessons." - Donna P. (EDUC 712K and 716K)

EDUC 716K Sir Winston Churchill: Soldier, Politician, Legend**3 Semester Credits \$375.00**

This course provides a comprehensive understanding of the man considered by many as brilliant, tenacious, and capable. Learn about his exuberant life as an inspirational world leader, gifted political and military strategist, and sly humorist, as well as a man of extraordinary character.

EDUC 716O Religions of the World: Celebrating Diversity**3 Semester Credits ONLINE \$375.00**

It is one of the most passionate topics that joins and divides society, yet little is known of the various religious beliefs of the world. This course will cover the beliefs, traditions, festivals, and practices of the major and minor faiths that exist today.

EDUC 716P Military Leaders: Strategies and Philosophies**3 Semester Credits ONLINE \$375.00**

Even though man wishes otherwise, conflict is a fact of life, and too often it escalates into war. This course focuses on the dynamic military leaders and their philosophies about strategic thinking and the art of war.

EDUC 716S Keeping Your Head About the French Revolution**3 Semester Credits ONLINE \$375.00**

From Louis XVI to the triumph of Napoleon in 1802, students will discover this turbulent history of revolution, terror and counter terror, and its impact upon the rest of Europe. Students will gain new understanding about the events, personages, and issues while reliving the daily anguish, challenges, joys, and sorrows that characterize this period.

EDUC 716W The Vietnam War: History and Conflict**3 Semester Credits ONLINE \$375.00**

This course provides an extensive background about the Vietnam War, the relevant history of Southeast Asia, and the consequences of the conflict on the region. Topics include diplomacy, military strategies, emotional toll, and postwar economic reform.

EDUC 717B Donner Party: Tragic Pursuit of the American Dream**3 Semester Credits ONLINE \$375.00**

The Donner Party, a group that has remained synonymous with cannibalism and extreme survival, is finally being revealed as a harrowing story of human survival, the refusal to give up even in the most extreme conditions, and what it means to pursue a better life against all odds.

EDUC 717D The Holocaust: Never to be Forgotten**3 Semester Credits ONLINE \$375.00**

Students will examine the events leading up to the Holocaust, the "ultimate solution" and formation of death prison camps, and will gain insights into the men responsible and their grotesque immoral deeds. The facts are presented in a very sensitive and skillful manner so that educators can learn more about its vital facts, issues, and emotions.

EDUC 717F Thomas Jefferson: The Voice of Human Liberty**3 Semester Credits ONLINE \$375.00**

This course traces the personal and political passions and legacy of one of our greatest founding fathers, Thomas Jefferson. Students will learn about the man revered as America's first philosopher-politician, and his vast array of remarkable accomplishments that include political, intellectual, artistic, scientific, diplomatic, and humanitarian.

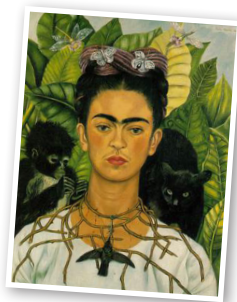
EDUC 717G North Korea: Understanding the Isolated Republic**3 Semester Credits ONLINE \$375.00**

Through this course, students will gain a clear understanding about North Korea by studying its past, present, and future, including its leadership skills and its masterful survival techniques.

HISTORY - ART

EDUC 712Q Frida Kahlo: Pain and Passion**3 Semester Credits ONLINE \$375.00**

This course captures the essence of the soul and spirit of one of Mexico's greatest painters. Students will learn about "Frida" – the rebel, the sensitive child, the woman of intense emotions, and the gifted artist – who sought refuge from loneliness in her heart and imagination.

**EDUC 716R Understanding Modern Art****3 Semester Credits ONLINE \$375.00**

Modern art, especially abstraction, challenges the viewer for comprehension. Over 70 modern artists are discussed, and guidance for understanding and evaluating their art is presented. Students will learn about abstraction, avant-garde, expressionism, impressionism, minimalism, Fauvism, cubism, pop, and more with this tour through the creative and often controversial art that challenges one to appreciate different perspectives of art and reality.

EDUC 712K Rembrandt: The Dutch Master**3 Semester Credits \$375.00**

The world of visual expression and emotion is explored through the works of Rembrandt. Emphasis is placed on the importance of Rembrandt's work in the progression of great world art and its value to us today as a statement of the timeless human condition.

EDUC 714J Art and Life of Georgia O'Keeffe**3 Semester Credits \$375.00**

This course is designed to take students on a journey through the life and work of contemporary artist Georgia O'Keeffe (1887 – 1986), from her birth to death, and on to her legacy of today.

EDUC 714Y Monet: Painter of Light and Color**3 Semester Credits \$375.00**

From a caricaturist, through his development as an immature artist, to a master painter, this course journeys through the life and work of the great Impressionist artist, Claude Monet.

HISTORY - MUSIC

EDUC 710P Land Where the Blues Began**3 Semester Credits ONLINE \$375.00**

In the early 1900s, on the banks of the Mississippi Delta, a new form of music was born, the Delta Blues. This course traces the history of the Delta and its famous blues musicians.

**EDUC 714L Beethoven: His Life and Music****3 Semester Credits ONLINE \$375.00**

This course presents basic and detailed information interweaving Beethoven's music and his life through the use of biographical and art historical materials, portions of musical scores, art work depicting Beethoven, and influential people in his life.

EDUC 715M The Music and Life of Mozart**3 Semester Credits ONLINE \$375.00**

This course is designed to highlight the life, the music, and the time period of one of the world's greatest composers: Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart. The short life of this creative prodigy is explored as well as the significance of his legacy in the world of music today.

EDUC 711L How the Weather Works**3 Semester Credits ONLINE \$375.00**

This introduction to the science of weather and climate will explain the reason for global weather patterns, importance of satellites, and how the weather is forecasted. Concepts such as how a tornado gets its twist, cloud formations, and why hurricanes occur only in warm places are also covered.

EDUC 711P Mysteries of the Brain**3 Semester Credits ONLINE \$375.00**

On a journey through the brain, students will explore anatomy of the brain, including systems responsible for cognitive processes, basic neurophysiological functions, and current methods used to study brain-behavior relationships. Students will gain an understanding of how to apply this complex research for further comprehension on this information-rich subject.

EDUC 717H Climate Change: What the Science Tells Us**3 Semester Credits ONLINE \$375.00**

Utilizing the most recent research on the causes and effects of climate change, this course discusses climate predictions, sea-level rise, paleoclimatology, dangerous weather patterns, Earth's radiation budget, and observations of climate change and ecosystem responses.

SCIENCES

EDUC 710S Galaxies, Stars and Planets**3 Semester Credits ONLINE \$375.00**

This basic science course offers an introduction to fundamental theories of modern astronomy. Gravity, laws of motion, stars, planets, galaxies, black holes, history of astronomy, and how the earth was formed are discussed in introductory form.

**EDUC 712E Bird Life and Behavior****3 Semester Credits ONLINE \$375.00**

Guided by an expert ornithologist's research, students will dive into the fascinating ways birds use their physical and behavioral traits to survive. Concepts covered include the feeding behaviors of birds, sensory abilities, migration and navigation, surviving extreme weather, bird communities, adapting to human influences, and much more. Discover why and how these unique creatures have been able to survive for more than 200 million years!

EDUC 710R Hunting Dinosaurs**3 Semester Credits ONLINE \$375.00**

Students will gain insightful and applicable information about the history and discoveries made about dinosaurs. The textbooks used within this course are written by leaders in the field of paleontology, including a text written by Dr. Steve Brusatte, who is one of the foremost experts of the field and a New York Times Bestseller author. Students will take a complete journey through the age of the dinosaurs by exploring topics such as the era of the dinosaurs, drifting continents, different dinosaur species and their biology, the end of an era, and how fossils are found and identified.

EDUC 712H Oceans**3 Semester Credits ONLINE \$375.00**

This course introduces the student to oceanography and how the ocean works. The course covers the principles of marine biology and physical and chemical oceanography. How are the winds and currents driven? How does energy and carbon flow through marine trophic groups? What is the dilemma of the two-layered ocean?

These and many other questions are explained in this marine science course.

**EDUC 713B Evolution and Natural Selection****3 Semester Credits ONLINE \$375.00**

In this course, students will make a distinction between the simple fact of evolution and the theories that have been proposed to explain the causes of evolutionary change. They will learn why evolution has changed our view of the natural world and revolutionized our view of our own meaning and essence.

EDUC 713R Botany Basics**3 Semester Credits ONLINE \$375.00**

This course is designed as a botanical/herbal and horticulture primer for the non-scientist. The course introduces students to basic botanical terminology, classification (how plants are named), evolution of major divisions and classes, and how to identify plants.

EDUC 715E Introduction to Invertebrate Zoology**3 Semester Credits \$375.00**

This course introduces the numerous invertebrate phyla and provides a description of the features that characterize each phylum, their diverse forms, functions, and evolutionary relationships. For those interested in biology, this course offers a lucid, yet comprehensive introduction, to a significant proportion of the diversity of life on Earth. A background in biology will be helpful for completing this course.

EDUC 715R Food and Nutrition in the 21st Century**3 Semester Credits ONLINE \$375.00**

Nutrition, food safety, obesity, healthy diets, and diabetes are all major issues for parents and educators. This course covers many subjects and controversies related to agriculture, sustainability, nutrition and trends, food safety health claims, supplements, and world hunger.

EDUC 717Y Economics: Relevant Topics and Events: Current Research**3 Semester Credits ONLINE \$375.00**

The study of economics is explored through pertinent, real-world examples of relatable and relevant topics. Topics include: global recessions, new health care reform, immigration, the ever-changing global economy, housing market, and other current topics in economics.

**EDUC 718Q All About Fish:
An Intro Ichthyology****3 Semester Credits ONLINE \$375.00**

This course is an introduction to the fascinating and diverse world of fish. Students will be introduced to the natural history, biology, and conservation of fish in order to understand the importance of sustainability and habitat preservation.



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Site visit courses offer an opportunity to get away from books, computers, and the classroom.

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Site visit courses are designed to enhance your knowledge of specific sites/subjects of historical and/or biological significance. Site visit courses provide content and perspective for classroom instruction, opportunity to research potential field trip sites, and learning opportunities while traveling or vacationing. These courses require travel to specific locations (at your convenience), and require photographic documentation of the visit along with additional written assignments. All Site Visit Courses are available **ONLINE**.

EDUC 717V Visit a State Park

EDUC 716J Visit an Art Museum

EDUC 717U Visit a National Park

EDUC 714T Visit a Marine Aquarium

EDUC 710F Visit a California Mission

EDUC 710L Visit San Francisco: City Built By The Gold Rush

EDUC 710U Visit Historic Las Vegas

EDUC 710X Visit Old Town San Diego

EDUC 711F Visit Santa Barbara

EDUC 711M Visit Old Sacramento

EDUC 711U Visit The Unique Chaparral Plant Community

EDUC 711V Visit a Tropical Rain, Deciduous, or Evergreen Forest

EDUC 711W Visit a Desert Biome

EDUC 712F Visit a Railroad Museum

EDUC 713H Visit the California Gold Country

EDUC 713P Visit a Lighthouse Museum

EDUC 718F Visit a Natural History Museum

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EDUC 717E Creating a Google Apps Classroom

3 Semester Credits ONLINE \$375.00

This course will provide the digital tools necessary to prepare students for the jobs of tomorrow. Using these tools, students will develop the 21st century skills of collaboration, communication, creativity and innovation, critical thinking, and problem solving. Step-by-step instructions guide students through many Google Apps that help to create an engaging learning experience.



EDUC 718P eLearning Made Easier: Creating Dynamic Learning Opportunities

3 Semester Credits ONLINE \$375.00

In this course, educators are introduced to a tool that will make eLearning easier when planning and organizing digital lessons—the HyderDoc! Whether your need to transition your classroom to eLearning or you want to infuse blended learning into your instruction, this project-based course will allow you to maximize your student engagement and success without sacrificing content or quality.



EDUC 718E Unlocking the Mysteries of Code

3 Semester Credits ONLINE \$375.00

This is an introductory course for teachers who want a practical and hands-on approach to learn more about coding through Scratch. As classroom teachers, it is important to help students learn to code because it will help them develop 21st century, academic, and real-life problem-solving skills. Prior coding experience is not required.



EDUC 718T Transform Your Online Instruction with Google Classroom: Ready, Set, Learn!

1 Semester Credit ONLINE \$125.00

Google Classroom is an easy to use program that boasts a wealth of tools that you and your students will love to use! This course provides step-by-step instructions to help you start creating a new Google Classroom or fine-tune your existing class. The projects are practical and relevant for teachers of all grades. Topics include creating classes through Google Classroom, stream announcements, attach resources and materials, organize assignments, grade submitted assignments, provide personalized feedback to students, and much more.



"I am a teacher who is new to teaching in a virtual classroom. I have found both of my classes extremely helpful. My confidence is boosted, and I now have the resources to succeed. Thank you for offering relevant courses! – Deanna G. (EDUC 717E and EDUC 718P)"



EDUC 717X Blended Learning: Empowering Students for Success in the Digital Age

3 Semester Credits **ONLINE** \$375.00

Blended learning utilizes technology for effective teaching through brick-and-mortar and online-based instruction. Students will explore the difference between technology for learning and technology for teaching and learn how to best integrate these tools to engage their classroom.



EDUC 717C A Practical Introduction to Adobe Photoshop

3 Semester Credits **ONLINE ONLY** \$375.00

This course introduces the student to Adobe Photoshop, a diverse software package that provides an in-depth platform for managing and editing digital images. Through step-by-step instruction and hands-on projects, students will learn topics such as an overview of Photoshop, sampling a color, basic photo corrections, cropping, and much more. This course is designed for both PC and Mac platforms. Students must already own a current version of Adobe Photoshop.

EDUC 717J Technologies, Social Media, and Society: Current Topics

3 Semester Credits **ONLINE** \$375.00

Through relevant and current research, this course covers critical issues of our day as they relate to technology. Topics include telecommuting, causes of unemployment, women in the workplace, intellectual property, and freedom of speech, as well as themes such as, the balance of the risk and reward of new technology, the economy, the community and politics.

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EDUC 718G Microsoft Excel 2016

3 Semester Credits **ONLINE** \$375.00

Transform your classroom and enhance your skills with Excel 2016! The hands-on projects within this course are easy to understand and designed to be relevant and immediately applicable to the classroom. All instructions are step-by-step, and they will introduce and reinforce Excel 2016 skills such as student assessment results, blended learning interventions, student database, standards-based rubric, a blended learning lesson plan, address labels, and graphs and charts for data analysis. Microsoft Excel 2016 is a requirement for this course. All instructions are written for a PC.

EDUC 718J Microsoft PowerPoint 2016

3 Semester Credits **ONLINE** \$375.00

Projects in this course are designed to be applicable and relevant to classroom and professional presentations. Students will create projects such as creating a motion path with animations to pan and zoom, adding linking options, modifying a slide master, customizing a background and theme, creating action buttons with hyperlinks, and adding PowerPoint speaker notes and handouts. Microsoft PowerPoint 2016 is a requirement for this course. All instructions are written for a PC.

EDUC 718K Microsoft Word 2016

3 Semester Credits **ONLINE** \$375.00

With the projects in this course, you will develop time-saving shortcuts that can transform student learning and enhance your classroom! By following step-by-step instructions, you will learn how to use Read Aloud, mail merge from a database, and Smart Lookup! You will be able to insert SmartArt, WordArt, and shapes to create graphic organizers. Microsoft Word 2016 is a requirement for this course. All instructions are written for a PC.



"The course I recently completed was informative and detailed. I will be using the many skills I have learned when I go back to school. I can't wait to put them to use!" – Rich G. (EDUC 717C)

"Thank you for offering phenomenal classes at a value that cannot be matched. Through your courses, I have been able to grow professionally." – Dan L.

EDUC 717N Microsoft Excel 2013**3 Semester Credits ONLINE \$375.00**

The redesigned Excel 2013 improves speed and ease of use. Step-by-step instructions introduce tools such as: viewing spreadsheets side-by-side, utilizing text to columns, using concatenate to merge text, creating dropdown lists, filtering and sorting, using formulas, customizing graphs and charts, and modifying templates. Microsoft Excel 2013 software is a requirement for this course. Available for PC only.

EDUC 717O Microsoft PowerPoint 2013**3 Semester Credits ONLINE \$375.00**

PowerPoint 2013 has been newly designed with powerful presentation tools. Practical projects will be applicable for use in the classroom. Through step-by-step instructions, students will enhance basic presentations with valuable tools like: video, images, animation, charts and interactive buttons. Microsoft PowerPoint 2013 software is a requirement for this course. Available for PC only.

EDUC 717Q Microsoft Word 2013**3 Semester Credits ONLINE \$375.00**

Get the most out of this updated classroom essential. Applicable and creative projects help students master educational tools that enhance learning, organization and efficiency. Microsoft Word 2013 software is a requirement for this course. Available for PC only.

EDUC 718L Tech Tools for the Classroom**3 Semester Credits ONLINE \$375.00**

Without a starting point, technology integration can be overwhelming for teachers. By the end of this course, you will have an entryway into successful integration of technology. At the end of this course, you will have a toolkit of applications and sites to get you started in technology integration specific to the academic needs of your students. Getting started can be the key to opening the doors to successful technology integration.

KINE 753 Sports Nutrition that Works!**3 Semester Credits ONLINE \$375.00**

What an athlete eats and drinks can significantly affect performance. Detailed eating plans, latest research, and training experiences of top athletes will help your athletes maximize their training and performance.

**KINE 732 Basketball Basics****3 Semester Credits ONLINE \$375.00**

This course provides instruction in fundamentals, skills, ethics, program development, sports nutrition, and injury prevention. Basketball Basics is valuable to not only the beginning basketball coach, but also to the coach who already has basketball coaching experience.

EDUC 710G Volleyball Basics**3 Semester Credits ONLINE \$375.00**

This course is designed with the beginning volleyball coach in mind. However, both beginning coaches and those with more experience will gain knowledge of the sport. Sections on passing, spiking, defense, setting, serving, and blocking are discussed by 1998 AVCA Coach of the Year, Brian Gimmillaro.

EDUC 715O Psychology of Sport and Exercise**3 Semester Credits ONLINE \$375.00**

This course is designed to acquaint students with field-tested psychological approaches to enhance individual and team performance. Some of the topics covered include motivation, goals, competitive drive, overtraining, concentration, imagery, leadership, teamwork, coaching, injuries, eating disorders, and substance abuse.

KINE 712 Coaching Baseball**3 Semester Credits ONLINE \$375.00**

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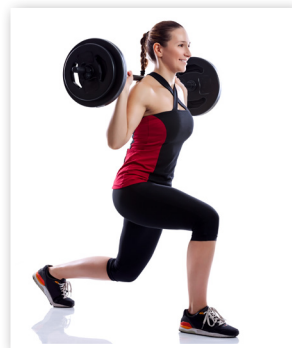
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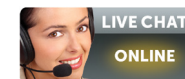
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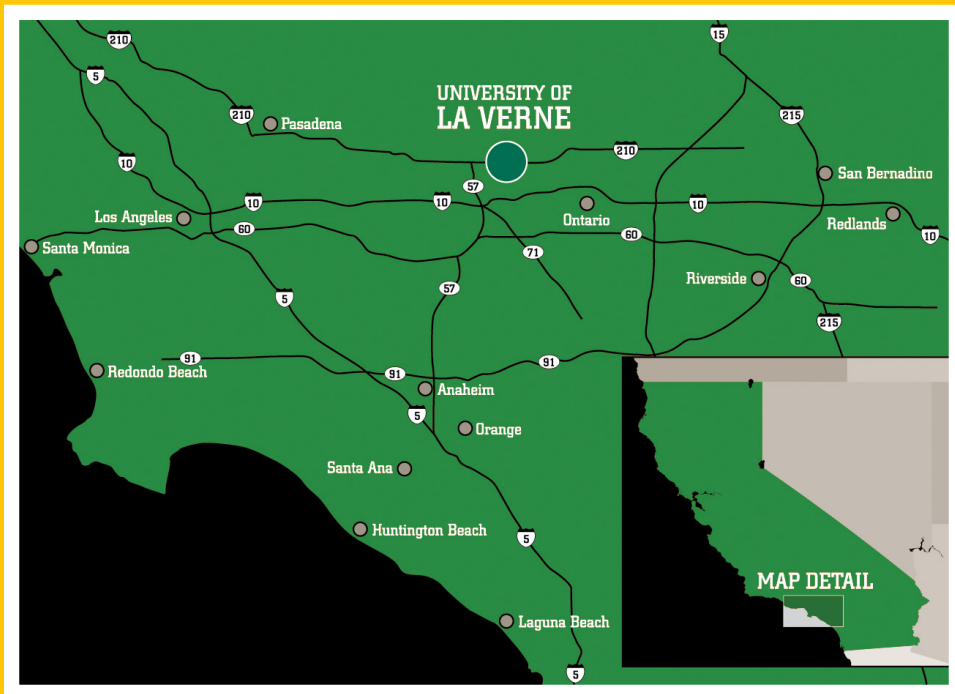
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