

TECHNOLOGY FOR EDUCATION (TEC)

Courses and Description

TEC 200 Google® Educator Level One Training 3 Credits

This course will provide the skills and knowledge for pre-service teachers in undergraduate education to successfully take the Google® Educator Level One Exam.

TEC 201 Internet Ethics 1 Credits

This course focuses on using the Internet to explore and reflect on current ethical issues involving technology. These include individual privacy, legal issues such as fair use and copyright laws, and social issues such as bullying and social networking. Students will explore these topics using a variety of search engines and will reflect on the information found in terms of its impact on society as well as its appropriate uses in personal life, education and business. Pass/fail.

TEC 202 Smartboard 1 Credits

This course is designed to provide an opportunity for students to become familiar with the features and applications of Smartboard, an interactive whiteboard that can be used in classrooms and professional presentations. Students will gain experience using the touch screen and in integrating the features of the program into learning and professional materials. Pass/fail.

TEC 203 Desktop Publishing and Web Page Design 1 Credits

This course provides students with the ability to use desktop publishing software to create materials suitable for use in classrooms, professional settings, and personal use, and with the ability to design web pages. The course is appropriate for anyone who will be involved in designing classroom and student publications and for those who will use web pages in their teaching or personal lives. Discussion will be held on how to use desktop publishing and web page design in elementary and secondary school settings. A project involving application of various desktop publishing and web page design techniques will be completed and demonstrated to the class. Pass/fail.

TEC 204 Electronic Spreadsheets and Classroom Management Software 1 Credits

Basic electronic spreadsheet concepts and applications are taught using a major spreadsheet program. Topics include writing basic formulas, copying formulas, playing "What If," customizing a worksheet, and printing a spreadsheet. Discussions will be held on how to integrate spreadsheets into elementary and secondary classes and activities. Pass/fail.

TEC 206 Teaching and Presenting with Technology 1 Credits

This course covers designing, planning, and using technology enhanced instruction and presentations. Group assignments will enable students to explore uses of technology to enhance instruction and presentations. Collaboration will be encouraged when discussing the efficient and effective use of technology. Three collaborative group reports will be submitted dealing with discussion questions and chapter topics. Appropriate web sites and programs will be visited. Students will design a final original application that could be used to create motivation and visual learning in a specific classroom or other professional setting related to their major areas of study. Emphasis will be given to technology integration strategies. A final oral presentation of individual projects will be given.

TEC 207 Social Media for Education 3 Credits

Social Media for Education will introduce students to the structure and culture of social media and how social networking applies to the educational environment. This three-credit course will foster a deep understanding of how social media in education can benefit students, teachers, administrators, staff, and stakeholders.

TEC 307 Concepts Instruct Media & Tech 3 Credits

Designed to provide the student with familiarity and appreciation of the role of educational technology in the workplace as it applies to students, teachers, administrators, and trainers. The student will explore the Internet, various educational multimedia, distance learning, virtual reality environments, learning theories, and integration models. Appropriate developmental/reflective strategies will be incorporated with instruction. Although multimedia microcomputers will be utilized throughout the course, prior microcomputer knowledge and experience is not a critical element. Multimedia expertise will be developed as the course progresses.

TEC 308 Digital Tools for Teaching 3 Credits

Designed to enable the student to develop instructional presentations utilizing the advantages of multimedia technology. Each student will be required to create a multimedia portfolio that contains information presentations, cumulative records, presenter notes, work samples, photo library, video animation, and audio narration. Cooperative learning strategies will be utilized throughout the course. Developmental/reflective strategies will include self-reflection, peer feedback, and interaction with the instructor in class and via E-mail. Expertise will be developed as the course progresses.

TEC 309 Instruct Media/Technology Management 3 Credits

Designed to develop technology management skills that can be used for individual classrooms, training centers, subject area specializations, grade levels, school laboratories, curriculum integration, administrative functions, system networks, community services, communication systems and connecting linkages between educational/work environments and home. Various management strategies will be explored and each student will have an opportunity to design, via a multimedia microcomputer, an instructional technology system of their choice along with a management plan. Cooperative learning strategies will be utilized throughout the course. Developmental/reflective strategies will include self-reflection, peer feedback, and interaction with the instructor in class and via E-mail.

Prerequisite(s): At least six semester hours of technology courses or modules.

TEC 404 Assistive and Augmentative Technology for Autism Spectrum Disorders and Other Disabilities 3 Credits

This course will emphasize the use of assistive technology, augmentative communication modalities, visual supports, and related instructional methods and strategies that maximize the learning of individuals with autism spectrum disorders and other exceptional learning needs. Students will learn how to effectively customize materials and adapt learning environments using technology, with a specific focus on individuals with ASD. Students will become familiar with the use of high-tech, low-tech, and no-tech solutions that support the individualized needs of learners.

Prerequisite: SPE 201 with a minimum grade of C+ or SPE 300 with a minimum grade of C+.

TEC 407 New Literacies for New Learning 3 Credits

As we consider the rapid expansion of information and text it is timely to take a critical view of what literacy means and how it is influencing children's literacy development and the work of educators. Many argue that the rapidly evolving use of technology is potentially shifting the ways in which we construct and comprehend information, or is it? In this hybrid/online course, we aim to explore these sometimes competing conceptions of text as we consider what these new literacies mean for children's literacy development as well our own work as educators.

TEC 490 Independent Research and Study 1-6 Credits

Provides the student with an opportunity to study an area of personal interest. The outline for the study must be accepted by a sponsoring professor and approved by the student's department and academic dean. The number of semester hours credit to be assigned is determined by the department.