I. **EDUC 5351 – Foundations of Education in America**
   EDUC 5351 is a course emphasizing the professionalism of teaching, major philosophies and theories of education, historical foundations of American education and the legal framework of public schools in the context of our nation’s increasingly diverse, multicultural society. Enrollment is limited to graduate students seeking initial teacher certification.

II. **Course rationale**
   This course is designed to orient students to the institution of the school and its integral relationship with society through the acquisition of a professional knowledge base. The increasingly diverse student populations of our nation’s schools is emphasized.

III. **State Adopted Proficiencies for Teachers**
   1. **Learner-Centered Knowledge**: The teacher possesses and draws on a rich knowledge base of content and technology to provide relevant and meaningful learning experiences for all students.
   2. **Learner-Centered Instruction**: The teacher collaboratively identifies needs and implements appropriate pedagogical and assessment strategies using technology and other resources.
   3. **Equity In Excellence For All Learners**: The teacher respects, addresses, and validates the needs of diverse learners.
   4. **Learner-Centered Communication**: The teacher demonstrates effective professional and interpersonal communication skills and serves as an advocate for all students.
   5. **Learner-Centered Professional Development**: The teacher is a reflective practitioner and demonstrates a commitment to learn, to improve the profession, and to maintain professional ethics and personal integrity.

IV. **TX Examinations of Educator Standards (TExES) Pedagogy and Prof. Responsibilities (PPR)**
   The five TExES EC-12 PPR competencies (out of 13 total TExES EC-12 PPR competencies) that are emphasized in EDUC 5351 are listed below.

   **Domain I.** Designing Instruction and Assessment to Promote Student Learning

   002 The teacher understands student diversity and knows how to plan learning experiences and design assessments that are responsive to differences among students and that
promote all students’ learning.

004 The teacher understands learning processes and factors that impact student learning and demonstrates this knowledge by planning effective, engaging instruction and appropriate assessments.

**Domain II. Creating a Positive, Productive Classroom Environment** (No major emphasis on comps within Domain II)

**Domain III. Implementing Effective, Responsive Instr. & Assessment** (No major emphasis on comps within Domain)

**Domain IV. Fulfilling Professional Roles and Responsibilities**

011 The teacher understands the importance of family involvement in children’s education and knows how to interact and communicate with families.

012 The teacher enhances professional knowledge and skills by effectively interacting with other members of the educational community and participating in various types of professional activities.

013 The teacher understands and adheres to legal and ethical requirements for educators and is knowledgeable of the structure of education in Texas.

**V. High Impact Educational Practices** (within in EDUC 5351)

A. Common Intellectual Experiences

B. Learning Communities

C. Collaborative Assignments and Projects

D. Diversity/Global Learning

**VI. Course goals and learning outcomes plus alignment with competencies and proficiencies**

Course goals:

A. Improve understanding of teaching as a profession and individual professional competence.

B. Gain familiarity of major philosophies and influence of educational theories on American education.

C. Acquire a professional historical knowledge base of American education.

D. Develop a professional understanding of current legal and ethical issues pertaining to U.S. schools.

E. Expand awareness and understanding of teaching a diverse student population.
Student learning outcomes

A-1. Identify characteristics that constitute a profession. Is teaching a profession?
A-3. Examine the ethics and standards of the teaching profession.

B-1. Recognize the pervasive influence that the major philosophies have had on education in the U.S.
B-2. Compare the educational theories of perennialism, progressivism, behaviorism, essentialism, existentialism, and social reconstructionism.
B-3. Formulate a personal philosophy of education.

C-1. Gain understanding of the influence of persons and events from earlier times and distant locations upon American education that include the following: Aristotle/Greece, Quintilian/Rome, St. Thomas Aquinas/Middle Ages, Erasmus/Renaissance, Martin Luther/Reformation, Comenius, Pestalozzi, Froebel, and more.
C-2. Describe the contributions/impact of American individual/events upon U.S. education that include the following: Benjamin Franklin, Thomas Jefferson, Noah Webster, Emma Willard, Horace Mann, Catherine Beecher, W.E.B. Dubois, John Dewey, Ella Flagg Young, Brown vs. Topeka BOE, Elementary and Secondary Education Act, Title IX, P.L. 94-142, A Nation at Risk, No Child Left Behind Act and more.
C-3. Outline historic events in the development of education in the United States.

D-1. Gain understanding of the impact that the three branches of federal government have upon American education.
D-2. Identify sources of education law such as *due process* in the 14th Amendment.
D-3. Describe the certification process for teachers in the State of Texas.

E-1. Develop awareness of the relationship between poverty and student achievement.
E-2. Increase understanding of students with special learning needs.
E-3. Develop awareness of the “historical evolution” of special education in our nation.
E-4. Acquire professionalism in speaking and writing about persons with disabilities.
# Alignment of EDUC 5351 Course Goals and Assignments with State Learner Proficiencies and TExES EC-12 PPR Competencies

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VII. Instructional methods and activities

A. Course orientation

1. **Student Information and Assignment Form**
   Complete the Student Information and Assignment Form (found in the “Assessments” section of the top left side menu) **10pts**

2. **Syllabus Quiz**
   Complete the course Syllabus Quiz. **10pts.** In order to prepare for this quiz study your syllabus thoroughly

   **Philosophy of teaching**
   Complete the Philosophy of Teaching Response Paper (see “Assessments”) and submit via the Discussion Forum **40pts**

   The second part of the philosophy of teaching assignment involves responding to your peers’ work. The Philosophy of Teaching Response Paper Reply to four classmates. **Respond to any two items of four classmates’ papers (eight total responses). 8 responses each 5pts. Total 40pts.**

B. Reading and writing

1. **Reading responses**
   Four Reading Responses (Chapters 4, 7, 12) Reading Response Guidelines are found in the “Assessments” section. **Submit via the Discussion 50pts each, 200 total points possible.**

   The Reading Response Reply to a classmate **ten points each, 30 total points possible.**

2. **Top Twenty in American Education**
   This assignment involves a process that culminates with each individual student’s personal selection of his/her top twenty most influential persons, place or events in American education. The two parts of this assignment are as follows:
   Part I – Develop a written paper of the Top Twenty in American Education you have Selected.
   Part II – Develop a power point presentation of your Top Twenty in American Education

   This is a formal written paper accompanied by a power point presentation of the persons, place or events as your Top Twenty in American Education.

   Specific directions for this assignment are provided in the “Assessments” section. The finalized Top Twenty in American Education written paper and power point presentation is **to be posted via Bb Messages. Total 200pts.**
C. Exams

1. **Unit Quizzes**
   Five unit quizzes will be assigned during the course (see the “Unit Quizzes” folder in “Assessments”). Quizzes over Chapters 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5&6 are posted in assessment folder.
   The fourth and fifth quizzes over Chapters 9, 10 and 11 are posted in assessment folder. **40pts each, 200 total points possible.**

2. **Mid-term and final exams**
   The **mid-term exam** (see the “Exams” folder in “Assessments”) will be comprised of varied objective items with a 90 minute time limit. One hundred and twenty points possible to be turned in via Bb Messages.

   The **final exam** (see the “Exams” folder in “Assessments”) will be a short essay exam with a two-hour time limit. 120 possible points; Turn in via Bb Messages.

   Use of the course text and notes are permitted while writing the exams. However, any two or more exams that are identical (word for word) will each receive ZERO CREDIT.

VIII. Evaluation and grade assignment

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**total points possible =1000**

You must sign in and review blackboard assignments log in your usage time every week. I will review your on line time and participation daily.

**Grading scale:**

- A = 1000 – 900 points
- B = 899 – 800 points
- C = 799 – 700 points
- D = 699 – 600 points
- F = 599 points and below
Assignments: Professionalism is expected in your written assignments. Adherence to directions/grading rubrics and proper acknowledgement of others’ works are essential. Points will be deducted for misspelled words, errors in mechanics, grammar errors, etc.

Late work: Assignments submitted within one week past the due date will be accepted for a maximum of 75% credit; one week or more past the due date for a maximum of 50% credit. Final day to submit late work is Saturday, October 10.

IX. Course Policies

Academic Integrity/Plagiarism.

University students are expected to conduct themselves in accordance with the highest standards of academic honesty. Academic misconduct for which a student is subject to penalty includes all forms of cheating, such as illicit possession of examinations or examination materials, falsification, forgery, complicity or plagiarism. (Plagiarism is the presentation of the work of another as one’s own work.) In this class, academic misconduct or complicity in an act of academic misconduct on an assignment or test will result in a failing grade.

Dropping a Class

I hope that you never find it necessary to drop this or any other class. However, events can sometimes occur that make dropping a course necessary or wise. Please consult with me before you decide to drop to be sure it is the best thing to do. Should dropping the course be the best course of action, you must initiate the process to drop the course by going to the Student Services Center and filling out a course drop form. Just stopping attendance and participation WILL NOT automatically result in your being dropped from the class. September 25, 2017 is the last day to drop a class with an automatic grade of “W” this term.

Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi, as an academic community, requires that each individual respect the needs of others to study and learn in a peaceful atmosphere. Under Article III of the Student Code of Conduct, classroom behavior that interferes with either (a) the instructor’s ability to conduct the class or (b) the ability of other students to profit from the instructional program may be considered a breach of the peace and is subject to disciplinary sanction outlined in article VII of the Student Code of Conduct. Students engaging in unacceptable behavior may be instructed to leave the classroom. This prohibition applies to all instructional forums, including classrooms, electronic classrooms, labs, discussion groups, field trips, etc.

Statement of Civility (can be in place of classroom/professional behavior)

Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi has a diverse student population that represents the population of the state. Our goal is to provide you with a high quality educational experience that is free from repression. You are responsible for following the rules of the University, city, state and federal government. We expect that you will behave in a manner that is dignified, respectful and courteous to all people, regardless of sex, ethnic/racial origin, religious background, sexual orientation or disability. Behaviors that infringe on the rights of another individual will not be tolerated.
Grade Appeals*

As stated in University Procedure 13.02.99.C2.01, Student Grade Appeal Procedures, a student who believes that he or she has not been held to appropriate academic standards as outlined in the class syllabus, equitable evaluation procedures, or appropriate grading, may appeal the final grade given in the course. The burden of proof is upon the student to demonstrate the appropriateness of the appeal. A student with a complaint about a grade is encouraged to first discuss the matter with the instructor. For complete details, including the responsibilities of the parties involved in the process and the number of days allowed for completing the steps in the process, see University Procedure 13.02.99.C2.01, Student Grade Appeal Procedures. These documents are accessible through the University Rules Web site at http://www.tamucc.edu/provost/university_rules/index.html. For assistance and/or guidance in the grade appeal process, students may contact the Dean’s office in the college in which the course is taught or the Office of the Provost.

Disabilities Accommodations*

The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) is a federal anti-discrimination statute that provides comprehensive civil rights protection for persons with disabilities. Among other things, this legislation requires that all students with disabilities be guaranteed a learning environment that provides for reasonable accommodation of their disabilities. If you believe you have a disability requiring an accommodation, please call or visit Disability Services at (361) 825-5816 in Corpus Christi Hall 116.

If you are a returning veteran and are experiencing cognitive and/or physical access issues in the classroom or on campus, please contact the Disability Services office for assistance at (361) 825-5816.

Statement of Academic Continuity
In the event of an unforeseen adverse event, such as a major hurricane and classes could not be held on the campus of Texas A&M University–Corpus Christi; this course would continue through the use of Blackboard and/or email. In addition, the syllabus and class activities may be modified to allow continuation of the course. Ideally, University facilities (i.e., emails, web sites, and Blackboard) will be operational within two days of the closing of the physical campus. However, students need to make certain that the course instructor has a primary and a secondary means of contacting each student.

*Required by SACS or HB2504
• EDUC 5351 is a compacted course representing three semester credits hours which has previously been delivered as a full-semester course. Therefore, until the course is completed, “each day there will be something to do.” The “Course unit sequence” found in the left menu provides a weekly agenda for each of the five units along with the mid-term and final exam weeks. I will be reviewing your on line participation weekly.

• Read and study the syllabus prior to beginning the course. Review the syllabus periodically so that you are able to “stay one step ahead.” Create your own EDUC 5351 work schedule by merging the course assignments into your own personal calendar.

• Consider these questions . . . “Is teaching a profession?” . . . “Does our society expect its professionals to undergo rigorous training to be effective in difficult, challenging situations?” If so, then you should expect an element of rigor in your preparation for becoming a professional educator. “Work hard, have fun!”

**Week One**  
*Orientation Unit* – EDUC 5351-Foundations of American Education

- Student Introductions posting
- Syllabus Quiz (turn in via Bv message)
- Philosophy of Teaching Paper

*Unit One* - The profession of teaching

Read: Chapter 1 – Status of the Profession  
Chapter 2 – Development of the Profession

Quiz (1) – Chapters 1 & 2

**Week Two**  
*Unit Two* - Major philosophies, Educational theories

Read: Chapter 3 – The Major Philosophies  
Chapter 4 – The Impact of Educational Theories on Ed. Practice

Reading Response (1): Chapter 4  
Reading Response Reply (1): Chapter 4

Philosophy of Teaching Response Paper Reply

Quiz (2) – Chapters 3 & 4
Week Three  
*Unit Three – Historical Foundations of American Education*

Read:  
Chapter 5 – European Heritage and Colonial Experience  
Chapter 6 – From Revolution to the Twentieth Century  
Chapter 7 – From the Progressive Movement to the Present

**Reading Response (2): Chapter 7**  
**Reading Response Reply (2): Chapter 7**

**Quiz (3) – Chapters 5 & 6**

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Week Four  
*Mid-Term Exam and Top Twenty in American Education*

Mid-term exam (submit via Bb Messages)

Top 20 paper (submit via Discussion Forum)  
Top 20 Power Point  
Finalize Top 20 project (submit via Bb Messages)

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Week Five  
*Unit Four – Legal Framework of American Schools*

Read:  
Chapter 11 – Legal Framework for the Public Schools  
Chapter 12 – Teachers, Students, and the Law

**Reading Response (3): Chapter 12**  
**Reading Response Reply (3):**  
**Quiz (4) – Chapters 11 & 12**

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Week Six  
*Unit Five – Introduction to Diverse Student Populations*

Multicultural education, multiple intelligences, Education of students with special learning needs

Read:  
Pages 219 – 221 (found in Chapter 8)  
Chapter 9 – Responding to Diversity  
Chapter 10 – Students at Risk and At-Risk Behaviors

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Week Seven  
**Quiz (5) – Chapters 9 & 10 (submit via Bb Messages)**  
**Final exam (submit via Bb Messages)**

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X.  
**Textbook**

XI. Bibliography


