



MODEL TEACHING®
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Differentiation for Students with Disabilities

COURSE SYLLABUS



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2 Semester Credits

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UNIVERSITY PARTNER	CREDITS	REGIONAL ACCREDITATIONS	COURSE NUMBER
 UNIVERSITY of ALASKA ANCHORAGE.	2 Graduate-Level Semester Credits	Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities (NWCCU)	TBD

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COURSE TITLE:

DIFFERENTIATION FOR STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES



Credit/ Hours:

2 Graduate-Level Semester Credits

Credit- hour equivalency. This course is a 2-credit hour course that consists of 30 hours of in-seat time. Model Teaching courses can be completed at your own pace, and your transcript will reflect the semester in which your credits are processed. Courses include reading content, watching content videos, reviewing resources, and participating in activities throughout the course. See the Course Outline later in this syllabus for a detailed look at the course structure and components.

Each Model Teaching-partnered University is regionally accredited and offers continuing education courses to educators. These courses are post-baccalaureate credit courses that are designed primarily for professional development, salary advancement, and license renewal purposes. All credit- granting online university partnered courses taken through Model Teaching will include access to graduate- level semester credits with an official transcript and letter grade.

COURSE DESCRIPTION

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In this course you will learn an approach to planning for targeted differentiation in order to support your special needs students in your classroom. You will learn a method for developing differentiated lessons that supports the appropriate levels for your students, will learn how modifications and accommodations play a role in providing the differentiated support required in your classroom, and will analyze research in how differentiated instructions supports students with disabilities. You will analyze, develop, and apply methods to designing effective differentiated activities and strategies for your students that can be applied to your current or future classroom. Through targeted activities, resources and templates, and reference guides and examples you will build a strategic implementation plan to ensure that you plan for differentiation will be effective.

COURSE OBJECTIVES

Participants will be able to:

- i. Analyze grade level expectations during the lesson planning process
- ii. Use Bloom's Taxonomy and Webb's DOK to plan for differentiation
- iii. Select appropriate differentiation methods based on student needs
- iv. Apply assessment and documentation methods to understand how to support students with special needs
- v. Compose a targeted supplemental resource to ensure implementation of differentiated instruction for students with special needs
- vi. Analyze and defend an article on differentiation reflect on and apply the research's impact to the classroom.
- vii. Plan, reflect, and report on implementation progress using a Classroom Implementation Plan.

COURSE OUTLINE

Section 1 Instructional Content

Lesson Delivery: What is differentiation? Completion of the content video, readings, and resources review.

Quiz: Questions to check for understanding of the section content. Quizzes are automatically scored and provide detailed feedback on answer choice rationale.

Discussion Board Reflection: Reflection of current ideas on differentiation and selection of a goal for improvement, with feedback and dialogue from course participants and/ or instructor.

Section 2 Instructional Content

Lesson Delivery: Analyzing the Standard for Knowledge and Skills. Completion of the content video, readings, and resources review.

Quiz: Questions to check for understanding of the section content. Quizzes are automatically scored and provide detailed feedback on answer choice rationale.

Discussion Board Reflection: Analysis of a selected standard for your grade and content level and analysis on skills that will be required for student success, with feedback and dialogue from course participants and/ or instructor.

Section 3 Instructional Content

Part A Lesson Delivery: Frameworks for Differentiation: Understanding Bloom's and Webb's Levels in planning. Completion of the content video, readings, and resources review.

Part B Lesson Delivery: Frameworks for Differentiation: Assigning Bloom's and Webb's Levels in planning. Completion of the content video, readings, and resources review.

Discussion Board Reflection: Selection of appropriate differentiation methods based on student groups and the chosen objective, with feedback and dialogue from course participants and/ or instructor.

Section 4 Instructional Content

Lesson Delivery: Differentiating Content, Process, and Product. Completion of the content video, readings, and resources review.

Discussion Board Reflection: Selection of appropriate differentiation methods based on student groups and the chosen objective, with feedback and dialogue from course participants and/ or instructor.

Section 5 Instructional Content

Lesson Delivery: Assessment and Documentation. Completion of the content video, readings, and resources review.

Discussion Board Reflection: Reflection on the appropriate accommodations or modifications for your chosen objective, with feedback and dialogue from course participants and/ or instructor.

Putting it All Together

Action Plan: Completion and submission of lesson differentiation plans that considers differentiation of all students with an emphasis on students with special needs that have an IEP or 504 plan. An action plan template and a sample will be provided to you to assist you in completing this module.

Applying What You Have Learned

Resource Design: Creation of a specific resource that is needed to fully implement your plans from the course. After your action plan design, you will analyze the required components for implementation success and select areas for resource development critical for consistent implementation. After analysis of suggested resources and articles referencing components of your action plan, design and upload a resource specific to support your success in implementation, as well as success in student implementation of the product. A resource design planning template

will be provided to guide in rigorous and applicable final resources. Instructor feedback provided. You will upload a self- created resource specific to support ideas for implementation of course concepts. A resource design planning template will be provided to guide you in the resource design process.

Research Connections Reflection: Reading and analysis of peer- reviewed research, cited academic books, or cited educational articles aligned to course concepts. An analysis template will be provided to assist you in guiding your thinking and analysis and can be used as an outline for your submitted response.

Implementation Tasks: Review a recap of the course content and takeaways from the course, then plan for what implementation of course concepts in the classroom might look like. You can choose to implement your ideas, request a colleague to analyze your ideas, or self- reflect on your ideas for implementation.

Final Implementation Project Plan: Compile all content ideas from the course and plan a series of action steps to describe implementation. A Final Implementation Planning Template will be provided to help you plan the critical components to consider for implementation, and to aid you in your final response which will also include a reflection and summary of the ideas in the course.



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- ✓ Planning for Differentiation Reflection and Sample
- ✓ Content Analysis Worksheet and Sample
- ✓ Guide to the Revised Bloom's Taxonomy
- ✓ Guide to Webb's Depth of Knowledge
- ✓ Choosing a Method of Differentiation Matrix
- ✓ Differentiation Planning Template and Sample
- ✓ Differentiation Strategies
- ✓ Differentiation Reflection and Sample
- ✓ Classroom Differentiation Tracking Tool and Sample
- ✓ IEP Required Differentiation Planning Template and Sample
- ✓ IEP Required Modification/ Accommodation Tracker and Sample
- ✓ Classroom Assessment Tracking Tool and Sample
- ✓ Differentiated Lesson Plan Final Activity and Sample
- ✓ Classroom Implementation Plan
- ✓ Effectiveness Rubric
- ✓ Observation Checklist and Sample



REQUIRED EXTERNAL RESOURCES

N/A. All articles, resources, and instructional content are provided within the course modules.

CREDIT HOUR CALCULATIONS

	Estimated Contact Time/ Seat Time (hrs)
Instructional Content (Course lessons, quiz, discussion)	14
Action Plan Project & Feedback	2
Research Connections Writing & Feedback	4
Resource Design & Feedback	4
Final Implementation Project Plan & Feedback	4
Total Hours:	30

GRADING

Grading Breakdown for this Course:

Module	Points
Quizzes (10 points each)	20
Discussion Board Reflections (10 points each)	50
Action Plan	100
Resource Design	50
Research Connections	50
Final Implementation Project Plan	100
Total	270

This course provides a letter grade using a ten-percentage point grading scale. A grade of A= 90%-100% You must earn 243 points or higher in this course to receive an A. A grade of B= 80%- 89%. You must earn 216 points to 242 points in this course to receive a B. A grade of B or higher is required for credit. A grade of unsatisfactory is any score below 80% or 216 points and does not provide credit.

Grading rubrics can be downloaded in the introduction module of each course within your course dashboard or at the link here: <https://www.modelteaching.com/rubrics>

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COURSE SUBMISSIONS

All submissions must be performed within the Model Teaching course platform. If you need assistance in submitting assignments, please contact us.

TECHNOLOGY REQUIREMENTS

Courses are held 100% online. You should have access to a compatible web browser (such as Google Chrome, Microsoft Edge, Apple Safari, and/or Mozilla Firefox) and a word processing tool or reader (such as Microsoft Word and/or Google Docs). While our course platform does support mobile devices, for the best user experience, we recommend using a desktop or laptop computer to complete courses. You can review our technology requirements along with other frequently asked questions at our FAQ page here: <https://www.modelteaching.com/faq>

TECHNICAL QUESTIONS

If you need personal assistance or have technical questions, please email courses@modelteaching.com or call 888-828-7950 x 2.

COMPLIANCE WITH THE AMERICAN DISABILITIES ACT

In compliance with Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act and the Americans with Disabilities Act, any participant that has a permanent or temporary condition that might affect their ability to complete the course should contact us at courses@modelteaching.com upon enrollment. We will make reasonable accommodations or modifications to the course.

ACADEMIC INTEGRITY

Participants are responsible for fully interacting with the course content, modules, resources, readings, and assignments. All responses, projects, and other assignments are the sole responsibility of the course participant, and plagiarism or cheating are not tolerated. Submissions should be your own work and design, and all submissions and assignments should be completed independently. Any outside sources should be properly cited. If you have questions about what constitutes plagiarism or cheating, you should contact us at courses@modelteaching.com.

Why Model Teaching?

Courses Focused on Relevant Teaching Content That You Can Actually Use

We focus our professional development courses on what's important to you: relevant content focused on specific teaching strategies & evidence-based instructional best practices. Earn pre-approved PD hours and regionally accredited academic credit through our university partner, University of Alaska Anchorage.

Clear, Straightforward Lessons Designed by Experienced Educators

Our courses provide high-quality content in a format that makes it easy for developing teachers to learn new skills and methods for use in their own classroom. Our courses are designed to provide effective professional development for busy teachers in a format that makes learning easy.

Comprehensive, Ready-To-Use Resources, Tools, & Templates Provided With Every Course

Each course comes with a variety of resources, tools, graphic organizers, activities, student lesson content, and lesson templates you can use to immediately implement your new training in your own classroom. If not teaching, simply save your resources for future use.

Immediately Implement What You Have Learned

For teachers who are currently teaching, we provide step-by-step support and real-world examples that you can use immediately in your classroom or school, along with implementation resources. Not teaching? No problem! You do not have to be currently teaching to take our courses.

What are Model Teaching Courses Used For?

- ☑ Salary Advancement
- ☑ Teaching License Renewal
- ☑ Instructional Improvement
- ☑ Great for Current Teachers & Teachers Not Currently Teaching



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THIS TRAINING COURSE WAS INCREDIBLE. MY LEADERSHIP TEAM LEARNED SO MUCH ABOUT THEMSELVES AND WHAT WE NEED TO DO ON OUR CAMPUS. I WANT MY ENTIRE STAFF TO HEAR THIS MESSAGE!

-PRINCIPAL

I AM FINDING ALL YOUR COURSES USEFUL, BUT THIS ONE IS CLEARLY MY FAVORITE SO FAR, MOSTLY FOR THE WAY I WAS ABLE TO PUT SO MANY OF MY OWN IDEAS INTO THE LESSON WHILE STILL FEELING I HAD ACCOMPLISHED ALL THAT WAS REQUIRED. WELL DONE!

-ELEMENTARY TEACHER

WHAT YOU PRESENTED IN [THIS COURSE] IS NOW PART OF MY GOALS AND ACTION PLANS FOR THE SCHOOL YEAR. I'M SO EXCITED TO PUT THESE TO USE!

-ELA TEACHER

WITH SUCH A BUSY SCHEDULE, IT'S HARD TO IMPLEMENT NEW STRATEGIES AND TECHNIQUES BUT THIS COURSE MADE IT SO EASY! THE COURSE GAVE ME GREAT IDEAS ON HOW TO USE COLLABORATIVE LEARNING GROUPS WITH MY STUDENTS AND THE RESOURCES AND PLANNING DOCUMENTS MADE IT EFFORTLESS TO GET STARTED!

-SCIENCE TEACHER

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