



## **EPI Course Descriptions**

### **EPI 0001: Classroom Management (3 Institutional Credits)**

This course teaches how to maintain a classroom. Topics will include: record keeping, classroom management, school safety, Sunshine State Standards into curriculum, development of lesson plans, parent conferences, assessment techniques, implications of FSA (Florida Standards Assessment) and other standardized tests, professional ethics, and school law and the teacher.

### **EPI 0002: Instructional Strategies (3 Institutional Credits)**

This course teaches the participant to become proficient in the application of a variety of instructional strategies based on learning styles, cooperative and collaborative learning, accommodations for exceptional students, and the infusion of technology into lesson plans.

### **EPI 0003: Technology (3 Institutional Credits)**

This course teaches the participant to employ technology as an integral part of the teaching and learning process. Instruction is provided in commonly used software suites and on the Internet. The use of blended learning to enrich and engage students and increase their technology skills is a major emphasis. In addition, all students will be required to complete a 10 hour online field experience in a virtual classroom setting. More details will be given once registered for this course.

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### **EPI 0004: Teaching and Learning Process (3 Institutional Credits)**

This course teaches a foundation in various learning theories as applied in the instructional process. Topics will include learning theories, motivation and persistence, intelligence, exceptionalities, standardized testing, critical thinking, multiple intelligences, and second language acquisition. This course must be completed in the first semester.

### **EPI 0010: Practices in Reading (3 Institutional Credits)**

This course teaches language structure and function and cognition of phonemic awareness, phonics, fluency, vocabulary, and comprehension. This instruction is grounded in scientifically-based research. Successful completion of this course will signify completion of Competency II of the Florida Reading Endorsement.

### **EPI 0030: Diversity (2 Institutional Credits)**

Corequisite: EPI 0945. This course provides participants with an understanding of the variety of backgrounds and cultures that may be found in a typical classroom.

### **EPI 0945: Field Experience Diversity (1 Institutional Credit)**

Corequisite: EPI 0030. Participants will complete a series of experiences designed to give prospective teachers a perspective on the varied backgrounds of students in public, charter, or accredited private schools. **Independent Study** – Create a journal documenting the completion of EPI instructor approved activities.

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### **EPI 0020: Professional Foundations (2 Institutional Credits)**

This course provides the foundation for becoming a productive member of the teaching profession. The participants will gain understanding of the organization and administration of the accredited public school, the laws governing teachers, the Code of Ethics, and the purpose of schools. This course develops a professional perspective and creates a sense of grounding in the profession of teaching. Students will compile and complete a portfolio.

This course can only be taken in your last semester and an override is required from the Teacher Education Department. In order to receive the override, all FTCE exams must be completed and an “eligible” Statement of Eligibility must be on file.

### **EPI 0940: Field Experience Prof. Foundations (1 Institutional Credit)**

Participants will complete 35 hours of field experience in a public school setting. This field experience will provide the opportunity to gain insight into the instructional process. This course is not offered in the summer term.

**NOTE:** Students enrolling in EPI 0940 must be cleared by a school board background check before the end of the add-drop period. Field exposure in school settings from K-12th grade provides students enrolled in this program with the understanding of the expectations and responsibilities of public school teachers. This course requires thirty-five hours of field experience/observation in a classroom setting designated by the Office of Teacher Education in the district of the student’s choice within the college’s service area. The field experience is completed outside of the scheduled class meeting time. It includes one observation day, 11 flexible hours and three teaching days under the direction of a supervising teacher. Those students who are currently teaching will be able to complete the field experience in their classrooms.

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