

Spokane Falls Community College
COURSE LEARNING OUTCOMES AND OUTLINE

Prefix and Course Number: EDUC&202
Course Title: Introduction to Education

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Course Learning Outcomes

Upon successful completion of the course, the student will be able to:

1. Articulate the roles and responsibilities of educators as well as the personal and professional qualities of successful teachers, including teaching strategies, methods, and assessments that accommodate ALL students within a typical classroom.
2. Explain how teaching and learning are influenced by individual experiences, abilities, and prior learning.
3. Develop a personal philosophy of education based on an understanding of the historical, philosophical, and social foundations of education.
4. Outline the legal, ethical and moral issues related to the education of ALL children.
5. Articulate the organizational structure of schools and their role in the community related to the impact of America's changing demographics and structure of schools, including issues related to gender, language, culture and diverse experience.
6. Discuss issues, trends and current career opportunities to make or affirm a tentative career choice and gain knowledge of how and where to secure employment.
7. Develop the ability to practice reflective inquiry on beliefs, attitudes and actions.

Course Outline:

1. **The Teaching Profession**
Why Teach?
Challenges of Teaching
What to Teachers Do in the Classroom?
What Skills Do Today's Teachers Need?
Job Outlook
2. **Philosophical Foundations of U.S. Education**
What Determines Your Educational Philosophy?
Five Modern Philosophical Foundations
3. **Historical Foundations of U.S. Education**
Why Is Educational History Important?
Educational Priorities for the New Century
4. **Governance and Finance**
Educational Politics and Community Influence
Federal and State Influence in Governing
Privatization of Schools
5. **Ethical and Legal Issues**
What Do Teachers Need to Know About the Law and Education?
Professional Code of Ethics

6. Today's Students

How Is Diversity Reflected in the Culture of U.S. Schools?
What Is Multicultural and Bilingual Education?

7. Addressing the Individual Needs of Students

How Do Students Vary in Ability and Disability?
How Can You Teach All Learners in an Inclusive Classroom?
Positive and Successful Learning Environments?

8. Creating a Community of Learners

What Determines Culture In the Classroom?
Positive and Successful Learning Environments?

9. School Curricula and Standards

How Is the School Curriculum Developed?
How is Common Core Changing U.S. Education?
What Is the Role of Assessment?

10. Integrating Technology into Teaching

How Is Technology Transforming Teaching and Learning?