

Education 202: Introduction to Education

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Course Description:

This is an introductory course surveying the history, philosophy and principles of education. Students will examine current issues and trends in American education, as well as explore the variety of occupations available in their special interest areas.

At the completion of this course, students will be able to:

- Outline the history, philosophy and principles of education in the United States.
- Compare the educational philosophies and models of influential figures in the development of education.
- Describe the main theories of child development and their implications for program planning.
- Describe the theories of behavioral scientists and their influence on education.
- Identify factors that influence children's ability to learn and appropriate guidance techniques for group management.
- Define the role of the educator in the program setting and the nature of the relationship between educator, parent and child.
- Discuss issues and trends that currently impact children, parents, educators and educational programs.
- State his/her personal philosophy of education.

Service-Learning Assignment Option:

JA Option -- Initial:

Participate in the Junior Achievement Program. Orientation and training are provided. You must attend a 1 hour JA training as well as a classroom observation prior to teaching your lessons. Following your training and placement, an initial paper is due at the **first observation due date**. Note: You need not deliver any of the lessons prior to completing this paper.

Answer these questions in your paper:

1. What is the purpose and value of Junior Achievement?
2. What is in the JA kit? Describe specifically how the contents are used.
3. Describe your training in detail.
4. Where will you be teaching? Describe the school, students and teacher.
5. How did you or do you plan to contact your teacher? What has been the result?
6. How do you plan to complete your JA experience?

JA Option -- Final:

Reflect on your Junior Achievement experience. Final paper is due at the **third observation due date**. (If you choose the JA option, you will be required to document your progress by submitting a brief paragraph on the second observation due date.) **Please note: The final paper is worth 20 points. The paper should be a minimum of 4-5 pages long.**

Answer these questions in your paper:

1. Describe your placement in detail including the school, classroom, teacher and students. Be specific.
2. What was taught in each lesson?
3. How was each lesson taught?
4. What behavior management strategies were used either by you or the classroom teacher?
5. What effective teaching methods were employed?
6. What adaptations were made for learners with special needs?
7. What did you learn from this experience?