Class 7. Lesson Plans

Class Objectives:

As a result of participating in this class students will be able to:

- apply the writing of objectives of all levels to the development of lesson plans.
- begin to apply a variety of instructional strategies to the conceptualization and writing of lesson plans.
- distinguish between well-stated and poorly stated instructional objectives.
- write a set of instructional objectives for a lesson plan.
- demonstrate an understanding of how to apply student-centered learning strategies in lesson plans.
- prepare lessons and units that use a variety of instructional strategies and skills, incorporate learning theory, Bloom's Taxonomy, learning styles, and multiple intelligences, and are appropriate to developmental levels, goals and objectives.
- design lessons with activities and learning centers that allow children to move at their own pace in acquiring important skills in all developmental areas-physical, social, emotional, and intellectual.
- use effective instructional practices.
- employ a variety of methods for assessing student learning and performance in the development of lesson plans.
- recognize fundamental social studies concepts and benchmarks, and demonstrate the ability to integrate them into lessons and thematic units.
- Investigate alternative methods for teaching Social Studies content
- demonstrate the ability to include parents and family in their classroom and develop ideas for involving the students in the community.

Fundamental issues:

What are the fundamental elements in a lesson plan?

- How do lesson plan elements differ based on the pedagogical methods that you select to employ?
- What are the advantages and disadvantages of different lesson plan formats?
- What are the steps one should go through in the development of lesson plans?
- What are the Spontaneous, Horizontal and Vertical Curriculum and how are they relevant to the teaching you will do?
- When planning a lesson, what functional and elemental differences characterize lessons based on the transmission vs. the constructivist model?
- How can you design and write a differentiated lesson that will be inclusive of all children's needs?
- In what ways could lesson webbing assist the process of planing and lesson development?
- What are Madeline Hunter's elements of lesson Design?
- How might you apply Madeline Hunter's elements of lesson Design?