**Auburn University**

**Department of Rehabilitation, Special Education, and Counseling**

# Course Number: RSED 4140

**Course Title: Assessment in Special Education: Applications Part II Meeting Time/Place: Wednesdays 5:00-7:30pm/ Haley Center 3330**

**Office hours:** ZOOM or in person meetings by appointment; Office Hours TBA

**Credit:** 3 semester hours

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1. **Date Syllabus Prepared:** August 2019.

# REQUIRED TEXTBOOKS:

Hosp, M. K., Hosp, J. L., & Howell, K. W. (2016). *The ABCs of CBM: A practical guide to curriculum- based measurement*, **2nd Edition**. The Guilford Press.

ISBN :9781462524662 ISBN-10: 1462524664.

Golden, C. (2017). **The data collection toolkit everything you need to organize, manage, and monitor classroom data. Baltimore, Paul H. Brookes Publishing Co.**

ISBN Identifiers: LCCN 2017020801 (print) | LCCN 2017042519 (ebook) | ISBN 9781681252537 (pdf) | ISBN 9781681252520 (epub) | ISBN 9781598579246 (paperback)

# OTHER ASSIGNED READINGS Additional readings will be announced and can be accessed via CANVAS

1. **COURSE DESCRIPTION:** This course is designed as a “flipped classroom” where students are to view assigned lectures online via CANVAS before they come to class and complete required assignments by the delineated due dates. **You are required to attend class unless you have a university approved excuse (see attendance policy).** In class students will participate in class lectures, in class assignments, and in class activities. This course provides students with a framework for understanding the purposes and processes that underlie various forms of educational assessments, with emphasis on application assessment of students with disabilities. The course provides opportunities for application of concepts in assessment in special education as well as administration, review of curriculum based assessment data. The course covers how to use assessment data to inform instructional planning and IEP goal development.

# COURSE OBJECTIVES: Upon completion of this course students will:

* 1. Describe, analyze, and demonstrate progress monitoring strategies and interpret data.
  2. Use informal assessment procedures and interpret results.
  3. Explain different purposes for informal assessment of students with disabilities
  4. Demonstrate knowledge and sensitivity for special needs testing.

# COURSE OBJECTIVES (continued)

* 1. Develop collaborative and consultation skills
  2. Demonstrate an understanding of the fundamental concepts of assessment (e.g., terminology, reasons for testing, use of testing data)
  3. Describe and discuss the legal and ethical considerations in assessment.
  4. Review informal assessment methods and instruments directly related to the IEP of a school-aged student with a disability
  5. Administer and interpret assessment procedures for a variety of curricular areas.
  6. Develop standards-based IEP goals.
  7. The Candidate understands formal and informal assessment strategies and selects appropriate assessments (4.1, CEC Standards)
     + Demonstrates understanding of the different kinds of assessment; can distinguish between different types of assessments; can match type of assessment with purpose. *Determined by overall exam performance.*
     + Selects appropriate assessments based on intended use of assessment, technical characteristics including validity, reliability, norms, and bias, and student characteristics, including cultural and linguistic characteristics. *Determined by overall exam, application activity, and case study interpretation performance.*
  8. The Candidate accurately administers and interprets assessments (4.2 CEC Standards)
     + Accurately administers and scores four formal assessments to school- age student following guidelines provided in administration manual.

*Determined by CBM Administration, scoring, and interpretation project of four CBMs*

* + - Interprets assessment results accurately; identifies instructional implications, areas of instructional need, supports, and accommodations and/or modifications supported by data. *Determined by application activities, case study interpretation, and IEP development.*
  1. The Candidate demonstrates professionalism throughout the assessment and decision- making process (4.3 CEC Standards)
     + Administers assessments in a professional manner using guidelines within the manual. *Determined by CBM observation and fidelity of implementation project performance***.**
     + Demonstrates appropriate written communication; results communicated in a way that are culturally sensitive. *Determined by Mock IEP demonstration.*

1. **COURSE CONTENT SCHEDULE This syllabus** is a tentative outline for the course and is **subject to change** with advance notice from the instructor. **No late assignments accepted without university approved excuse.**

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| **Dates** | **Topic** | **Readings** | **Assignments & Due Dates** |
| **08/21** | **Module 1:Assessment**  Course Overview Routine   * List & describe assessment trends & legislation in U.S. schools. * Ethics in Assessment * Score Interpretation * Supporting all learners in assessment practices | Hosp & Ardoin (2008) article access via CANVAS Module 1  Ethics Guidelines via CANVAS Module 1 | **Due 08/27 by 11:59pm via CANVAS**   * Assessment Quiz 1 * Assessment Application Activity |
| **08/28** | **Module 2: Overview CBM**   * Describe use & purpose of CBMs * Describe technical adequacy of CBMs * Compare & Contrast General Outcome Skills- Based & Mastery Measures. * Demonstrate writing instructional objectives | Hosp, Hosp, & Howell Textbook Chapters 1- 2 | **Due 09/03 by 11:59pm via CANVAS**   * Overview CBM Quiz 2 * Overview CBM Application Activity |
| **09/04** | **Module 3: Early Reading CBM**   * Describe types of Early Reading CBMs * Demonstrate administration & scoring procedures in class * Demonstrate interpreting data & writing instructional objectives | Hosp, Hosp, & Howell Textbook Chapter 3  Textbook Golden  Data Collection Toolkit Chapters 1-4  DIBELS 8 Assessment Materials   * Bring printed DIBELS 8 manual to class in a 3-ring Binder. Instructor will review binders. | **Due 09/04 by class meeting**   * Bring printed DIBELS 8 manual to class in a 3-ring Binder. Instructor will review binders.   **Due 09/10 by 11:59pm via CANVAS**   * + Early Reading CBM Quiz3   + Early CBM Application Activity |

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| **Dates** | **Topic** | **Readings** | **Assignments & Due Dates** |
| **09/11** | **Module 4:**  **Data Collection** | * **Textbook (Golden) Data Collection Tool Kit** * **Chapters 4-8** * **Review all Chapters 1-8** | **Due 09/17 by 11:59pm via CANVAS**   * + Data Collection Quiz 4 |
| **09/18** | **Module 5: EXAM 1** | * **Exam 1 covers Modules 1- 4 and all material addressed** | **No Class**  **Complete EXAM 1 via CANVAS** |
| **09/25** | **Module 6 : Early Reading CBM & Reading CBM**   * Describe the components of reading and the purposes and advantages of Reading CBMs. * Demonstrate Reading CBMs’ their scoring & administration in class. * Demonstrate interpreting data * Administer Early Reading CBMs | Hosp, Hosp, & Howell Textbook Chapters 3 & 4  DIBELS 8 Assessment Materials Bring printed DIBELS 8 manual to class in a 3-ring Binder. | **Due 09/25 Complete IN CLASS**   * Peer to peer fidelity CBM administration |
| **10/02** | **Module 7: Reading CBM**   * Demonstrate Reading CBMs’ their scoring & administration in class * Demonstrate interpreting data & writing instructional objectives | Hosp, Hosp, & Howell Textbook Chapter 4  DIBELS 8 Assessment Materials Bring printed DIBELS 8 manual to class in a 3-ring Binder. | **Due 10/08 by 11:59pm via CANVAS**   * Reading CBM Quiz 5 * Reading CBM Application Activity   **Due 10/02 Complete IN CLASS** Peer to peer fidelity CBM administration |
| **10/09** | **Module 8 Reading CBM continued**   * Administer Reading CBMs with fidelity | Hosp, Hosp, & Howell Textbook Chapters 3 & 4 DIBELS 8 Assessment Materials Bring printed DIBELS 8 manual to class in a 3-ring Binder. | **Due 10/09 Complete IN CLASS** Peer to peer fidelity CBM administration |

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| **Dates** | **Topic** | **Readings** | **Assignments & Due Dates** |
| **10/16** | **Module 9: Writing CBM**   * Describe purpose & advantages of Writing CBMs * Demonstrate Writing CBM scoring/administration rules * Demonstrate interpreting data & writing objectives | Hosp, Hosp, & Howell Textbook Chapter 6 | **Due by 10/22 11:59pm via CANVAS**   * Writing CBM Quiz 6 * Writing Application Activity   **Due 10/16 Complete IN CLASS** Peer to peer fidelity CBM administration |
| **10/23**  **No CLASS**  **Complete ONLINE via CANVAS** | **Module 10: Graphing Data**   * Describe the purpose of graphing CBM data * Demonstrate graphing skills * Interpret graphed data & make instructional decisions | Hosp, Hosp, & Howell Textbook Chapters 10 | **Due 10/29 by 11:59pm via CANVAS**   * Graphing Quiz 7 * Graphing Application Activity |
| **10/30**  **EXAM 2** | **Module 11: Exam 2** | * **Exam 2 covers Modules 6- 10 all material addressed** | **No Class Complete EXAM 2 via CANVAS** |

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| **Dates** | **Topic** | **Readings** | **Assignments & Due Dates** |
| **11/06** | **Module 12: IEP Teams/Collaboration**   * Demonstrate collaboration in IEP planning * Demonstrate data-driven construction of measurable IEP goals and objectives * Demonstrate professional comportment in discussion of IEP components in MOCK IEP meeting | Hosp, Hosp, & Howell Textbook Chapters 10 | **Due 11/06 Completed IN CLASS**   * Case Study Data Analysis * IEP Goal development * IEP Objective development * IEP MOCK meeting * Presentation of IEP data by team members |
| **11/13** | **Module 13: Spelling CBM & Behavior**   * Describe the purpose & advantages of Spelling CBMs * Demonstrate scoring CBM spelling samples. * Discuss foundations components of measuring behavior in schoolwide settings. | Hosp, Hosp, & Howell Textbook Chapter 5  Chafouleas, Riley-Tillman, & Sugai Textbook Chapters 1-3 | **Due 11/19 by 11:59pm via CANVAS**   * Spelling CBM Quiz 8 * Spelling Application Actvity   **Due 11/13 Completed IN CLASS**   * Case Study Data Analysis and Instructional Recommendations |
| **11/20** | **Module 14: Numeracy CBM**  **Module 15 Math CBM**   * Describe purpose of Numeracy & Math CBMs * List and describe types of CBMs & their scoring/administration * Describe tools used to measure behavior in school settings | Hosp, Hosp, & Howell Textbook Chapters 7& 8 | **Due 12/03 by 11:59pm via CANVAS**   * Numeracy Quiz 9 & Math Quiz 10 * Numeracy & Math Application Activity   **DUE 11/20 IN CLASS**  Turn in completed CBM administration project |
| **11/26** | **NO CLASS**  **THANKSGIVING BREAK** |  |  |
| **12/04** | **Module 15: Exam 3** | * **Exam 3 covers Modules 12-15 and all material addressed** | **No Class**  **Complete EXAM 3 via CANVAS** |

# COURSE REQUIREMENTS:

* 1. **Exams (300 points)**

Another requirement of this course is the completion of three **approximately 50-minute online examinations** (CANVAS) each worth **100 points.** All Exams will consist 25 items which will include a variety of item times such as multiple choice, true/false, application activities, and matching questions. All students will access and complete their exams via CANVAS. These exams are timed and must be completed during the allotted time period and due date. All exams must be completed individually and must represent your own work and responses.

* + - **Exam 1** will cover all information in Modules 1-4
    - **Exam 2** will cover all information in Modules 6-10
    - **Exam 3** will cover all information in Modules 12-15

# CBM Administration with PEERS Observation with Fidelity of Implementation Check (50 points)

1. Each student will complete administration of the following CBM and be observed for fidelity of implementation. Student will administer **to a fellow peer in RSED 4140** and be evaluated with a fidelity of implementation checklist. The following CBMs will be administered:
   * Early Reading CBMs
   * MAZE
   * Writing
   * OPR

# CBM Administration to a School Age Student with a Disability (100 points)

The original signed “consent to test form” **must** be the first page of portfolio for each student. **Four CBM assessments** from the will be administered. Results will be scored and interpreted. You will consult and get approval from Dr. Woods-Groves in selecting CBMs to administer. **Consent must be obtained from the parent (and teacher if student is in internship site) and approved by Woods-Groves BEFORE a CBM is administered. The Writing CBM must be administered. Other CBMs will be chosen based on examinee’s age.**

# Possible CBMs to select from dependent on examinee’s age (WRITING CBM must be administered):

* + Early Reading CBMs
  + MAZE
  + OPR Reading

# Case Study Data Analysis and Instructional Recommendations (40 points)

Analyze case study data collected and make instructional decisions. Be specific in reporting and describing the data. Write instructional recommendations based upon the data presented and explain how you would plan specially designed instruction for each student.

# Individualized Education Program (IEP) Project and Mock IEP (30 total points)

Each student will develop **two** measureable standard- based annual goals for the targeted student in your portfolio or from a case study provided by your instructor. Each student will develop one goal in two different subject areas based on the data provided. The annual goal page of the IEP must be completed in its entirety for both annual goals. This includes the Area, Present Level of Academic Achievement and Functional Performance, Measurable Annual Goal, Date of Mastery, Type(s) of Evaluation for Annual Goal, and if appropriate, Benchmarks. Keep in mind that the academic goals must be observable and measurable and must contain the key components (who, will do what, under what conditions, at what level, and what length of time). The two annual goals should be included in your progress monitoring portfolio. The annual IEP goals are due the same time as the progress monitoring portfolio. **Mock IEP** Each student will facilitate a selected section of an IEP in class. Each member in the group (2-3 members) will select and present a section of a sample IEP.

# Application Activities (90 points)

There will be 9 Application Activities each worth 10 points. The Application Activities are designed for students to apply skills taught within the course through data interpretation and case study activities. **The Application Activities can only be completed once. These activities are not timed.**

# Check for Understanding (CFU) Quizzes (50 points)

There will be 10 quizzes each worth 5 points. The quizzes will focus on the required readings and scoring procedures. These Check for Understanding Practice Quizzes are designed for you to evaluate your understanding of course material and assignments. You can take the Quiz as many times as you want to achieve the 100% score. **Your highest grade will be recorded. The quizzes are timed.**

1. **EVALUATION:** Final grades will be based on points assigned through completion and evaluation of course requirements and grades will be assigned on the basis of number of accumulated points, as follows:

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| **ASSIGNMENTS** | **Points per activity** | **Total Points Possible** | **Approximate rounded % of final grade** |
| **Exams (3)** | **See Below** | 300 | 45.5% |
| * **Exam 1 Modules 1-4** | 100 |  |  |
| * **Exam 2 Modules 5-11** | 100 |  |  |
| * **Exam 3 Modules 12-15** | 100 |  |  |
| **CBMs Administration with Fidelity Check with PEERS** | 50 | 50 | 7.57% |
| **Four CBMs Administered to School Age Students** | 100 | 100 | 15.15% |
| **Case Study Data Analysis & Instructional Recommendations** | 40 | 40 | 6.06% |
| **IEP Project and Mock IEP** | 30 | 30 | 4.55% |
| **Application Activity Assignments (9)** | 10 | 90 | 13.6% |
| **Check for Understanding Quizzes (10)** | 5 | 50 | 7.57% |
| **Total Points** |  | **660** | **100%** |

# 8. GRADING AND EVALUATION:

**Student Evaluation**: Student performance in the class will be determined according to the following point assignments and scale**.** Class Policy Statements:

*Following are AU recommended class policy statements. Any modifications are to be approved by the department head who will consult as needed with the associate dean for academic affairs to ensure consistency with university policies.*

* 1. Participation: Students are expected to participate in all class discussions and participate in all exercises. Assignments are due on announced dates. Unexcused late assignments are unacceptable. It is the student’s responsibility to contact the instructor if assignment deadlines are not met. Students are responsible for initiating arrangements for missed work. Students must satisfy all course objectives to pass the course. Students are responsible for reading chapters in the textbook prior to attending class.
  2. Excused Absences: Students are granted excused absences from class for the following reasons: Illness of the student or serious illness of a member of the student’s immediate family, the death of a member of the student’s immediate family, trips for student organizations sponsored by an academic unit, trips for University classes, trips for participation in intercollegiate athletic events, subpoena for a court appearance, and religious holidays. Students who wish to have an excused absence from this class for any other reason must contact the instructor in advance of the absence to request permission. The instructor will weigh the merits of the request and render a decision. When feasible, the student must notify the instructor prior to the occurrence of any excused absences, but in no case shall such notification occur more than one week after the

absence. Appropriate documentation for all excused absences is required. Please see the [*Student Policy eHandbook*](http://www.auburn.edu/student_info/student_policies/)for more information on excused absences <http://www.auburn.edu/student_info/student_policies/>

* 1. Make-Up Policy: Arrangement to make up missed major examination (e.g. hour exams, mid-term exams) due to properly authorized excused absences must be initiated by the student within one week from the end of the period of the excused absences. Except in unusual circumstances, such as continued absence of the student or the advent of University holidays, a make-up exam will take place within two weeks from the time that the student initiates arrangements for it. Except in extraordinary circumstances, no make-up exams will be arranged during the last three days before the final exam period begins. The format of the make-up exam will be *(as specified by instructor).*
  2. Disability Accommodations**:** Students who need accommodations are asked to electronically submit their approved accommodations through AU Access and to arrange a meeting during office hours the first week of classes, or as soon as possible if accommodations are needed immediately. To set up the meeting, please contact the instructor by e-mail. If you have not established accommodations through the Office of Accessibility, but need accommodations, make an appointment with the Office of Accessibility, 1228 Haley Center, 844-2096 (V/TT).
  3. Honesty Code: All portions of the Auburn University student academic honesty code (Title XII) found in the [*Student Policy eHandbook*](http://www.auburn.edu/student_info/student_policies/) will apply to this class. All academic honesty violations or alleged violations of the SGA Code of Laws will be reported to the Office of the Provost, which will then refer the case to the Academic Honesty Committee.
  4. Course contingency: If normal class and/or lab activities are disrupted due to illness, emergency, or crisis situation, the syllabus and other course plans and assignments may be modified to allow completion of the course. If this occurs, and addendum to your syllabus and/or course assignments will replace the original materials.

*In addition to the university recommended statements noted above, College of Education syllabi are to include the following statement:*

* 1. Professionalism: As faculty, staff, and students interact in professional settings, they are expected to demonstrate professional behaviors as defined in the College’s conceptual framework. These professional commitments or dispositions are listed below:
     + Engage in responsible and ethical professional practices
     + Contribute to collaborative learning communities
     + Demonstrate a commitment to diversity
     + Model and nurture intellectual vitality

**Student Academic Grievance Policy:** The purpose of this university policy is to “resolve academic grievances of students, which results from actions of faculty or administration. This resolution should be achieved at the lowest level and in the most equitable way. The burden of proof rests with the complainants.” See University Policy Site for steps toward redress <https://sites.auburn.edu/admin/universitypolicies/default.aspx>.

**Confidentiality:** Respect family rights to privacy, the identity of children and families will be confidential.