

DEPARTMENT OF

SPECIAL EDUCATION, REHABILITATION, AND COUNSELING

**Course Syllabus**

**1. Course Number:** RSED 3000/3003, Fall 2020

**Course Title**: Diversity and Exceptionality of Learners

**Credit Hours**: 3 semester hours

**Prerequisites:** majoring in education, 2.0 GPA

**Co-requisites:**  none

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**2. Term:** Fall 2020

**Format:** Blended

This course is being offered in a “blended” format. Much of the course will be offered using both synchronous (Zoom) and asynchronous online formats (Canvas). However, we will also meet in-person later in the course (October 27) assuming that circumstances are conducive to doing so. When we begin our on-campus meetings we will need to use a rotating schedule. This means we will move to a “hybrid” format with half of the class attending in person and the other half attending online by Zoom to ensure social distancing.

**Day/Time:** On-campus: Tuesday, 12:30-3:00 (beginning October 27)

**Date Syllabus Prepared**: Updated August 2020

**3. TEXTBOOK:**

Required: MyLab Education with Pearson eText -- Access Card -- for Including Students with Special Needs: A Practical Guide for Classroom Teachers, 8th Edition

ISBN: 9780134800400

Hard copy also available to purchase **with** eText if desired for $20. Option to buy is in MyLab feature on Canvas.

Friend, M. & Bursuck, W. (2019). *Including students with special needs: A practical guide for classroom teachers.* (8th ed.). Upper Saddle River, NJ: Pearson Education.

**4. COURSE DESCRIPTION:** Exploration of philosophical, social, cultural, and individual factors that have shaped the civil rights of and education for individuals with disability; examination of educational experiences of diverse learners and teachers’ roles and responsibilities with respect to teaching all students in inclusive classrooms.

**5. STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES:**

*Course objectives include a subset of key indicators from the Alabama Quality Teaching Standards. Indicators assigned to this course for assessment are listed below and pertain to human development; organization and management; cultural, ethnic and social diversity; special needs diversity; collaboration; and local, state, and federal laws.*

1. Discuss exceptionality as a type of diversity in the classroom. *(290-3-3-.03 4.7)*
2. Discuss the educational rights for individuals with disabilities. *(290-3-3-.34 (2)(a)2.(i))*
3. Discuss self-determination and advocacy as they relate to the rights of persons with disability.
4. Identify and discuss the legal foundations for persons with disabilities*.( 290-3-3-.34 (2)(a)2.(i)) (290-3-3-.03 5.5)*
5. Identify various modes of service delivery in public schools for students with disabilities. *(290-3-3-.03 4.8)*
6. Discuss collaboration strategies for professionals who serve students with disabilities. *(290-3-3-.34 (2)(j)2.(i))*
7. Identify and discuss general characteristics and impact of high and low incidence disabilities on learning and development. *(290-3-3-.03 4.7) (290-3-3-.34 (2)(b)2.(i))*
8. Identify stages of speech and language development, characteristics of communication skills, and the impact of communication on all learning *(290-3-3-.34-(2)(b)2.(i)*
9. Identify and discuss disabilities served under Section 504 and others with special learning needs. *(290-3-3-.34 (2)(a)2.(i)) (290-3-3-.03 5.5)*
10. Identify and discuss effective instructional strategies that are inclusive of all students. *(290-3-3-.03 4.8)*
11. Develop appropriate accommodations and/or modifications for students with disabilities. *(290-3-3-.03 4.8)* *(290-3-3-.36 (1)(c)1.(ii))*
12. Identify classroom management strategies. *(290-3-3-.03 4.8)*
13. Recognize the steps in the special education process. *(290-3-3-.34 (2)(a)2.(i)) (290-3-3-.03 5.5)*
14. Describe how to access school, community, state and other resources and referral services. *(290-3-3-.34 (2)(j)2.(i))*

# **6. TENTATIVE COURSE CONTENT & SCHEDULE**

*Note:* Learning outcomes compiled from: Friend, M. & Bursuck, W. (2019). *Including students with special needs: A practical guide for classroom teachers.* (8th ed). Upper Saddle River, NJ: Pearson Education.

*Note*: For Fall 2020, this course is being offered in a **blended format.** Classes will meet online at our scheduled time via Zoom. You are expected to log in and participate in class discussions and activities. We will begin meeting in class in small groups near the beginning of November. You will be assigned which classes you are to attend in person.

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| **Date** | **Lecture** | **Assigned Readings**  **(to be completed prior to class)** | **Learning Activities (due prior to class/class start time)** |
| Week 1-Aug. 18 | **Syllabus**  **Chapter 1 (Sections 1.1 and 1.2)** - The Foundation for Educating Students with Special Needs  *Learning Outcomes:*   * *Explain fundamental terms and concepts that describe special education, including those in federal law* * *Explore significant factors that have shaped contemporary special education services* | Syllabus  Chapter 1 (1.1-1.2)  \*Self-checks recommended | Complete Student Survey and Expectations Activity |
| Week 2-Aug. 25 | **Chapter 1 (1.3 and 1.4)** - The Foundation for Educating Students with Special Needs  *Learning Outcomes:*   * *Analyze key themes that characterize today’s educational priorities for students with disabilities, including prevention, high expectations and accountability, evidence-based practices, and inclusiveness* * *Describe categories of disabilities addressed in federal law and note other special needs students may have*   **Chapter 2 (All sections)** – Special Education Procedures and Services  *Learning Outcomes:*   * *Analyze the roles and responsibilities of the individuals who may participate in educating students with disabilities.* * *Identify the steps teachers should take in deciding whether an identified student need might indicate the presence of a disability* * *Describe the process through which a student may become eligible to receive special education services, including the role that parents play throughout that process* * *Name the components of individualized education programs (IEPs) and provide examples of them* * *Outline the types of services that students with disabilities may receive and the settings in which they may receive them* | Chapter 1 –  (1.3-1.4)  Chapter 2 (all) | Chapter 1 Quiz Due before class at 12:00 noon |
| Week 3-Sept. 1 | **Chapter 3 (All sections)** – Building Partnerships Through Collaboration  *Learning Outcomes:*   * *Explain the technical meaning of the term* collaboration*, analyze the role of collaboration in providing services to students with disabilities, and clarify how it is influencing the roles and responsibilities that you have as a general education teacher* * *Describe common collaboration-based applications for students with disabilities and other special needs, including shared problem solving, co-teaching, teaming, and consulting, and consider your role in each of them* * *Identify ways you can work effectively with parents to successfully educate students with special needs, even if their views about their child differ from yours* * *Explain your responsibilities when working with paraprofessionals, and explore ways you can enhance collaboration with them* | Chapter 3 (all) | Chapter 2 Quiz due before class at 12:00 noon |
| Week 4-Sept. 8 | **Chapter 4** – Assessing Student Needs  *Learning Outcomes:*   * *Explain how general education teachers can contribute significantly to the assessment process* * *Describe the use of high stakes, standardized achievement, psychological tests, and alternate assessment in making education decisions for students with special needs* * *Provide accommodations and modifications for students with disabilities on standardized tests* * *Define curriculum-based assessment; explain its benefits; construct types in basic academic skills, content-area knowledge and independent learning skills; and use to make decisions involving special education* | Chapter 4 (all) | Chapter 3 Quiz due before class at 12:00 noon  Chapter 4 Quiz due Friday at 12:00 noon |
| Week 5-Sept. 15 | **Exam 1**  **(Chapters 1-4)** |  |  |
| Week 6-Sept. 22 | **Chapter 5** – Planning Instruction by Analyzing Classroom and Student Needs  *Learning Outcomes:*   * *Describe how to apply the steps of the INCLUDE decision-making process to adjust instruction for students with disabilities and other special needs in your classroom* * *Analyze the major components of classroom organization with respect to how they can have an impact on students with disabilities* * *Describe the various ways students can be grouped for instruction in an inclusive classroom and analyze the impact they may have on students with special needs* * *Analyze classroom materials and instructional methods with respect to their potential impact on students with disabilities* | Chapter 5 (all) |  |
| Week 7-Sept. 29 | **Chapter 6** – Students with Low Incidence Disabilities  *Learning Outcomes:*   * *Describe what it means to say that a student has a low-incidence disability and apply the INCLUDE strategy to effectively instruct these students in your classroom* * *Outline the characteristics of students with autism spectrum disorder (ASD) and the supports they need* * *Describe the characteristics of students with moderate, severe, and multiple disabilities, including intellectual disabilities and deaf-blindness, and the supports general educators can provide for them* * *Explain the characteristics of students with sensory impairments (vision or hearing loss) and the supports general educators can provide for them* * *Explain the characteristics of students with physical, medical, and health impairments and the supports general educators can provide for them* | Chapter 6 (all) | Chapter 5 Quiz due before class at 12:00 noon |
| Week 8-Oct. 6 | **Chapter 7** – Students with High Incidence Disabilities  *Learning Outcomes:*   * *Explain what is meant by high-incidence disabilities and describe their prevalence and the key elements of the federal definitions for each of the high-incidence categories* * *Apply the INCLUDE strategy to adjust your classroom instruction to meet the needs of students with communication disorders* * *Analyze classroom demands and the academic characteristics and needs of students with learning, behavioral, and mild intellectual disabilities and explain how you can adjust your instruction to meet their needs using the INCLUDE strategy* * *Analyze the social and emotional characteristics and needs of students with learning and behavioral disabilities, including how you can meet these needs in the classroom* | Chapter 7 (all) | Chapter 6 Quiz due before class at 12:00 noon |
| Week 9-Oct. 13 | **Chapter 8** – Students with Special Needs Other Than Disabilities  *Learning Outcomes:*   * *Describe student protected under Section 504 and general educators’ responsibilities for effectively teaching them* * *Explain accommodations and other instructional adjustments general education teachers can make to address the special needs of students with attention deficit-hyperactivity disorder (ADHD)* * *Outline how general educators provide appropriate instruction for students who are gifted and talented* * *Discuss how cultural diversity influences education, critically analyzing your own response to students from cultures other than your own and your skills for addressing their needs, including those who also have disabilities* * *Discuss how general educators can effectively teach students at risk for school failure, including students affected by poverty, abuse or neglect, substance abuse, and other factors, including those who have been identified as having disabilities* | Chapter 8 (all) | Chapter 7 Quiz due before class at 12:00 noon  Chapter 8 Quiz due Friday at 12:00 noon |
| Week 10-Oct. 20 | **Exam 2**  **(Chapters 5-8)** |  |  |
| Week 11-Oct. 27 | **Chapter 9** – Adjusting Instruction  *Learning Outcomes:*   * *Discuss how you can analyze your basic skills instruction and describe how you can adjust it for students with disabilities and other special needs* * *Discuss how you can analyze your content-area lessons and explain how you can make them more accessible* * *Discuss how you can analyze and adjust independent practice activities for students* * *Describe strategies for involving parents in teaching their children* * *Discuss how you can analyze classroom materials and activities and modify them for students with moderate to severe intellectual disabilities* | Chapter 9 (all) | On-Campus (1/2 class on rotating schedule) |
| Week 12-Nov. 3 | **Chapter 10** – Strategies for Independent Learning  *Learning Outcomes:*   * *State ways that teachers can encourage student self-awareness, self-advocacy, and self-determination* * *Explain how teachers can create their own learning strategies* * *Describe the steps involved in teaching learning strategies, analyzing each step and discussing why it is important for building independent strategy usage* * *List, describe, and justify the teaching of research-based learning strategies in the areas of reading and reading comprehension; listening and note taking; written expression; math problem solving; and time and resource management, and explain how they can be applied to the students you will be teaching* * *Explain how methods of teaching learning strategies can be applied to helping students perform strategies independently* | Chapter 10 (all) | Chapter 9 Quiz due before class at 12:00 noon  On-Campus (1/2 class on rotating schedule) |
| Week 13-Nov. 10 | **Chapter 11** – Evaluating Student Learning  *Learning Outcomes:*   * *Analyze demands that occur before, during, and after classroom testing and describe adjustments that can be made for students with special needs* * *Describe and provide a rationale for grading practices that can benefit all of your students* * *Explain when and how report card grades can be individualized for students with special needs* * *Explain the potential benefits of using performance-based and portfolio assessments with students with disabilities. Identify features of each that may cause problems for students with disabilities, and describe adjustments that could be made to ameliorate these difficulties* | Chapter 11 (all) | Chapter 10 Quiz due before class at 12:00 noon  On-Campus (1/2 class on rotating schedule)  **Advocacy Projects DUE**  **Presentations begin** |
| Week 14-Nov. 17 | **Chapter 12** – Responding to Student Behavior  *Learning Outcomes:*   * *Outline classroom strategies that promote students’ positive behavior and prevent misbehavior* * *Explain simple techniques for responding to individual student misbehavior* * *Describe the purpose of a functional behavior assessment (FBA) and steps for deciding how to respond to chronic, inappropriate individual student behavior* * *Outline systematic approaches for increasing positive behaviors and decreasing negative behaviors* * *Identify how to help students manage their own behavior* | Chapter 12 (all) | Chapter 11 Quiz due before class at 12:00 noon  Chapter 12 Quiz due Friday at 12:00 noon  **Advocacy Project Presentations completed** |
| Week 15-Nov. 24 | **Exam 3**  (Chapters 9-12) |  |  |

The syllabus is subject to change at the discretion of the class instructor. Students will be notified in a timely manner of any syllabus changes via email.

# **7. COURSE REQUIREMENTS:**

General Course Requirements (See point values in tables below.)

Students are required to: (a) successfully complete all learning activities and submit to the instructor **no later than the date designated for each project**, (b) take and pass all required tests, (c) attend/view class and participate in class discussions and activities/quizzes, and (d) read assigned materials prior to class sessions.

1. **Learning Activities**: Throughout the semester there will be learning activities. These activities may include small group and independent assignments (e.g., group projects, quizzes, reflections, and summary papers) and *may or may not be announced ahead of time*. The learning activities may begin in class and have follow-up assignments to be completed outside of class time. In case of an absence, a University approved excuse must be presented to make up any learning activities. You must be present in order to complete AND turn in on-campus learning activities. **(see Attendance Policy and** [**Student Policy eHandbook**](https://cas.auburn.edu/owa/redir.aspx?C=6030eed59dec435abc9061fa4edc1426&URL=http%3a%2f%2fwww.auburn.edu%2fstudent_info%2fstudent_policies%2f)**) (TOTAL 25% of final grade)**

* Active Learning (5 points)

To earn your active learning points, be an active learner. Attend each class session, participate, and be engaged in the learning process.

* In-Class Learning Activities **(7 points)**

Applied learning activities will be conducted in-class to support and/or expand upon the information you are learning. These activities may be conducted individually, in pairs, or in small groups. You may be asked to begin work on an applied learning activity prior to class or complete an activity that is not finished in class. However, you must be present in class to earn points for applied learning activities.

**Seven points** will be earned through activities **in-class**.

* **Quizzes (up to 5 points)**

A portion of your learning activity points is devoted to chapter quizzes. You can earn up to **5 points** by completing the **quizzes**. You are not being graded on your performance but rather the number of quizzes you complete.

12 quizzes completed = 5 points

10-11quizzes completed = 4 points

8-9 quizzes completed =3 points

Less than 8 quizzes = 0 points

* Final Learning Activity: Advocacy Project (8 points) The purpose of this project is for you to learn how to be an advocate for persons with disabilities and encourage others to be one too. You have several choices as to how you can complete this project (see below). However, if you have another idea that you would like to pursue for your advocacy project, please present it to me for consideration.

There will be individual assignments within the groups; however, every group member will be expected to work and contribute to the group development of the project. Your participation and contributions to the project will be a part of the evaluation of this project.

One person in your group should be identified as the person to submit the entire project. Each member will be responsible for submitting his or her individual contributions on Canvas, in either a PowerPoint format, or Word document. Make sure you include citations for your information. An example of a secondary source citation is provided below. Refer to the APA manual 6th edition for all other citation instructions.

Finally, complete a 1.5 to 2-page reflection paper on your experience being an advocate as well as share the advocacy material you developed with others. Below are examples of ways to distribute and share your project materials. NOTE: All materials and method of distribution must be approved in advance.

* Present to a student, university, or civic organization
* Distribute materials within the community
* Informally talk to a group of students (3 or more) and share materials
* Submit an article to the University or local newspaper

**B. Examinations**: There will be three exams during the semester. The first exam will cover material from the beginning of the semester through the first exam. The second exam will cover material presented after the first exam through the last class period before the second exam is scheduled. The third exam will cover material presented after the second exam through the last class period before the third exam is scheduled and could contain material from early examination periods **(TOTAL 75% of final grade – each exam is worth 25% of your final grade)**

# **8. GRADING AND EVALUATION:**

**Requirements:**

Learning Activities 25%

Exam 1 25%

Exam 2 25%

Exam 3 25%

TOTAL 100 %

**Grading Scale:**

90-100 A

89-80 B

79-70 C

69-60 D

Below 59 F

***Alabama Quality Teaching Standards and Candidate Proficiencies***

*The Alabama State Board of Education requires all students completing teacher certification programs to be assessed using the Alabama Quality Teaching Standards. These standards have been aligned with the 15 candidate proficiencies in the College’s conceptual framework. Students will be informally assessed on a course-appropriate subset of these proficiencies throughout the semester. The candidate proficiencies assessed in this course are highlighted on Attachment A.*

*The primary purpose of this assessment is to provide students with feedback regarding relevant candidate proficiencies. Ratings do not positively or negatively affect the course grade. If the instructor determines that a student is not demonstrating competence in any of the proficiencies, the instructor notifies the student’s department head and the student’s program coordinator to alert them to specific concerns that may require attention. The e-mail is copied to the student.*

# **CLASS POLICIES:**

**Names and Pronouns:** Many people might go by a name in daily life that is different from their legal name. In this classroom, we will refer to people by the names that they go by. Pronouns are a way to affirm someone's identity. They are simply a public way in which people are referred to in place of their name (e.g. "he" or "she" or "they" or "ze" or something else). In this classroom, you are invited to share what pronouns you go by, and we will refer to people using the pronouns that they share.

\*Source: Auburn University College of Education, Critical Studies Working Group

**Faculty Communication and Feedback: Your Auburn University email address is the university-approved form of communication between instructors and students.** It is your responsibility to read course announcements sent by your instructor. These are posted in Canvas, and you can configure your notification preferences to receive an email each time a new announcement is posted.

**Attendance:** Students are expected to attend class and participate in class discussions and activities and will be held responsible for any content covered in the event of an absence.

**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, military orders, and religious holidays. Students who wish to have an excused absence from 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](https://cas.auburn.edu/owa/redir.aspx?C=6030eed59dec435abc9061fa4edc1426&URL=http%3a%2f%2fwww.auburn.edu%2fstudent_info%2fstudent_policies%2f) ([www.auburn.edu/studentpolicies](http://www.auburn.edu/studentpolicies)) for more information on excused absences.

**Make-Up Policy:** Arrangement to make up a missed major examination (e.g., hour exams, mid-term exams) due to properly authorized excused absences must be initiated by the student as soon as possible but no later than one week of the end of the period of the excused absences(s). Except in unusual circumstances, such as the continued absence of the student or the advent of university holidays, a make-up exam will take place within one week of the date that the student initiates arrangements for it. Except in extraordinary circumstance, 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 an alternate multiple choice and short answer exam.

**Assignments:** Written assignments are expected to be grammatically accurate and free of spelling and typographical errors. Assignments are to be of a quality that would be expected of a professional. All assignments must be turned in the day they are due and during the regularly scheduled class time. Assignments must be turned in by the student completing the assignment.

**No late assignments** will be accepted unless accompanied by a university approved excuse.

If a student misses turning in an assignment and has a university approved excuse, he or she will have **one week** from the time he or she returns to class to turn in the assignment.

**NOTE: Any assignments completed and/or submitted that do not comply with the above requirements will be returned and will not be accepted for credit.**

**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. If you have a conflict with my office hours, an alternate time can be arranged. To set up this meeting, please contact me 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).

**Academic Integrity:** Auburn University has adopted an Honor System proposed by its students and faculty to promote academic integrity and has enacted the following code:

“We, the faculty, instructors, and students of the Diversity and Exceptionality of Learners class pledge to fulfill our mutual responsibilities to each other and the academic community at large with honor and integrity in order to build and maintain a climate of respect and trust that will enhance our research, teaching, and learning. We will support the Honor System of the School, and will not tolerate activities that undermine academic integrity.”

Academic dishonesty is an offense that will be reported to the Academic Honesty Committee. Please refer to the following document for further information regarding academic honesty: [Auburn University Student Academic Honesty Code](https://sites.auburn.edu/admin/universitypolicies/policies/academichonestycode.pdf)

**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, an addendum to your syllabus and/or course assignments will replace the original materials.

**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>.

**COVID Related Policies:**

**Statement on COVID-19 Physical Distancing**-Face coverings are not a substitute for physical distancing. Students shall observe physical distancing guidelines where possible in the classroom, laboratory, studio, creative space setting and in public spaces.

Students should avoid congregating around doorways before or after class sessions. If the instructional space has designated entrance and exit doors students are required to use them. Students should exit the instructional space immediately after the end of instruction to help ensure social distancing and allow for the persons attending the next scheduled class session to enter.

**Face Covering Policy**-In response to COVID-19, and in alignment with Auburn University's Presidential directives, and local, state, and national health official guidelines face coverings are required at all times while on campus, except when alone in a private office. This includes the classroom, laboratory, studio, creative space, or any type of in-person instructional activity, and public spaces. "A “face covering” is defined as a “covering that fully covers a person’s nose and mouth, including without limitation, cloth face mask, surgical mask, towels, scarves, and bandanas.

If a student has a medical exception to the face covering requirement, please contact the Office of Accessibility to obtain appropriate documentation.

**Possibility of Going Remote-**In the event that the University is forced to move to fully online instruction, please be assured that the learning goals and outcomes of the course will not change; however, some aspects of the course will change in terms of the mode of delivery, participation, and testing methods. Those details will be shared via a Canvas Announcement within 24 hours of the announcement that we are going remote. Please be prepared for this contingency by ensuring that you have access to a computer and Internet.

**Assignment/Schedule Subject to Change Due to Pandemic-**The course schedule and assignments are designed with the most up-to-date information and policies in mind. If the situation changes I will make every effort to keep the schedule as consistent as possible; however, please note that the due dates for assignments and tests may be changed during the semester in response to the changing health and safety requirements or policies of the University. When changes are made, they will be communicated via Canvas Announcement, Canvas message, and all assignment due dates will be updated.

**In the Event a Student in Class Tests Positive-**Students must conduct daily health checks in accordance with [CDC guidelines (Links to an external site.)](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/symptoms-testing/symptoms.html). Students testing positive for COVID-19, exhibiting COVID-19 symptoms or who have been in direct contact with someone testing positive for COVID-19 will not be allowed to attend in-person instructional activities and must leave the venue immediately. Students should contact the [Student Health Center (Links to an external site.)](https://cws.auburn.edu/aumc/) or their health care provider to receive care and be in touch with someone who can provide the latest direction on quarantine and self-isolation. Contact your instructor immediately to make instructional and learning arrangements.

**In the Event that I Test Positive or am Required to Quarantine-**If I am unable to attend our face to face portions of the class, we will transition to a fully online course until I am allowed to return. If I become ill or unable to lead the class, a backup instructor will be identified and they will communicate any changes or updates to the course schedule or mode of instruction as soon as possible.

**Zoom Policies-**When we meet on Zoom, your attendance, attention, and participation are expected. Zoom participation requires you to keep your video on and your microphone muted when you are not speaking. Although you may be participating from your domicile, our Zoom meetings are professional interactions. You should dress and behave as you would in a normal face to face classroom. To the extent possible, please minimize distractions in the background. I reserve the right to dismiss anyone from a Zoom meeting whose environment or behavior is distracting or problematic. If you have any issues with sharing your video feed, adhering to this policy, or anything else related to your use of Zoom please notify me via email in the first week of class. I’m happy to consider and provide accommodations, but you will need to be in communication with me.

**Attendance-**Your health and safety, and the health and safety of your peers, are my top priorities. If you are experiencing any symptoms of COVID-19, or if you discover that you have been in close contact with others who have symptoms or who have tested positive, you should not attend in-person classes. You will not be penalized for such an absence nor will you be asked to provide formal documentation from a healthcare provider. My hope is that if you are feeling ill or if you have been exposed to someone with the virus, you will stay home to protect others. I don’t want the need for documentation to discourage you from self-isolating when you are experiencing symptoms.

Please do the following in the event of an illness or COVID-related absence:

* Notify me in advance of your absence if possible
* Keep up with coursework as much as possible
* Participate in class activities and submit assignments electronically as much as possible
* Notify me if you require a modification to the deadline of an assignment or exam

Finally, if remaining in a class and fulfilling the necessary requirements becomes impossible due to illness or other COVID-related issues, please let me know as soon as possible so we can discuss your options.

**Attachment A - RSED 3000**

**Indicators from the Alabama Quality Teaching Standards**

This standard is taught and assessed in this class.

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| Alabama Standard/Rule | Alabama Quality Teaching Standards |  |
|  | **Program Specific** | **Course Assessment** |
| 290-3-3-.34  (2)(b)2.(i) | Stages of speech and language development, characteristics of communication skills, and the impact of communication on all learning. | Exam 2 |

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| Alabama Standard/Rule | Alabama Quality Teaching Standards |
| **Standard 4** | **Diversity** (Special Needs) |
| 290-3-3-.03 4.7 | Understands and recognizes the characteristics of exceptionality in learning, including the range of physical and mental disabilities, social and emotional disorders, giftedness, dyslexia, and attention deficit disorder, in order to assist in appropriate identification and intervention |
| 290-3-3-.03 4.8 | Facilitates inclusive learning environments that support and address the needs of learners with learning differences and disabilities |
| **Standard 5** | **Professionalism** |
| 290-3-3-.03 5.5 | Complies with local, state, and federal regulations and policies |
|  | **Program Specific** |
| 290-3-3-.34 (2)(a)2.(i) | Current federal and state laws and regulations governing and/or impacting on programs for students with exceptionalities. |
| 290-3-3-.34 (2)(a)2.(iii) | Diverse cultures, including cultural and socioeconomic factors and their impact on eligibility, programming, instruction, interventions, and implementation of services. |
| 290-3-3-.34 (2)(e) 2 | Knowledge of research-based discipline interventions, which include school-wide, classroom, and individual proactive positive behavior supports. |
| 290-3-3-.34 (2)(j)2.(i) | Roles of professionals, students and families as members of a collaborative team. |
| 290-3-3-.34 (2)(j)2.(i) | Strategies for promoting coordination and collaboration between special education services and general education. |