Auburn University Department of Special Education, Rehabilitation, and Counseling

1. COURSE NUMBER: RSED 7916 (Special Education)

Course Title: Practicum Collaborative and Early Childhood Special Education

(Other Certified even if teaching in own room, and

Alternative

Credit Hours: 1-6

Prerequisites: Departmental approval

Co-requisites: None

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2. **TERM**: Spring 2014

Day/Time: 3 days a week, 4 hours a day, Meetings on campus weekly as instructed by your

supervisor

Date syllabus prepared: July 2009 (*Updated 1/14*)

3. TEXTS: None

- **4. COURSE DESCRIPTION**: (variable) This practicum will provide the advanced student the opportunity during his or her career preparation to translate theory and research into practice in an educational or community service delivery setting aligned with degree program option.
- **5. STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES**: This course is a semester-long field-based laboratory experience. The specific objectives are related to the specific needs and placements of individual students, as well as the specific programs.

Based upon ASLDE standards, the student will:

- 1. Develop, select, administer, and interpret formal and informal assessments; 34(1)(b)1
- 2. Translate assessment information into functional long-term goals and short-term benchmarks; 34(1)(b)2
- 3. Implement or assist other teachers in implementing the student's individualized education program, by selecting, developing, and using appropriate instructional techniques and methods, ongoing measurement techniques, media and materials, equipment, including assistive technology devices, technology devices, technological advances, and support personnel; 34(1)(b)3
- 4. Continuously analyze the effectiveness of the individualized education program and make appropriate modifications; 34(1)(b)4

- 5. Select and implement research-based curricula and practices related to the core components of reading such as explicit and direct instruction and appropriate grouping; 34(1)(b)5
- 6. Utilize effective teaching strategies designed to promote learning and improve student achievement; 34(1)(b)6
- 7. Modify methods, materials, and equipment to meet student needs; 34(1)(b)7
- 8. Implement research-based behavior management techniques and practices that include school-wide, classroom, and individual proactive positive behavior supports; 34(1)(b)8
- 9. Plan and facilitate transition programs within and outside the school setting; 34(1)(b)9
- 10. Effectively communicate the goals of the instructional program to the student, the student's primary caregivers, and appropriate professionals; 34(1)(b)10
- 11. Design and implement programs that reflect knowledge, awareness, and responsiveness to diverse cultures, including cultural and socioeconomic factors; 34(1)(b)11
- 12. Work effectively with members of the instructional team and professionals from related fields. 34(1)(b)12

In the Early Child Special Education program, the student will:

- 1. Plan, implement, and evaluate programs designed to meet the special needs of children with disabilities from birth through age eight; 37(2)(b)1
- 2. Provide developmentally appropriate programs for infants and young children with disabilities; 37(2)(b)2
- 3. Consult with parents and other family members in their efforts to understand, accept, and provide care for the young child with special needs; 37(2)(b)3
- 4. Work collaboratively with members of an interdisciplinary team in assessment and intervention efforts; 37(2)(b)4
- 5. Adapt methods and materials to the needs of children with varying exceptionalities from birth through age eight; and 37(2)(b)5
- 6. Use observational/assessment techniques and instruments appropriate for children with varying exceptionalities from birth through age eight. 37(2)(b)6

In the Collaborative Teacher (K-6) program, the student will:

- 1. Assess students' needs in order to plan an individualized education program appropriate for classroom instruction; 35(1)(b)1
- 2. Create an optimal learning environment by utilizing, evaluating, modifying and adapting the classroom setting, curricula, teaching strategies, materials and equipment; 35(1)(b)2
- 3. Utilize practices to encourage family support in the student's program; 35(1)(b)3
- 4. Assist in the evaluation and implementation of assistive technology; 35(1)(b)4
- 5. Collaboratively utilize and evaluate the effectiveness of a variety of instructional strategies to facilitate the student's attainment of goals and objectives; 35(1)(b)5
- 6. Implement appropriate behavioral interventions based on a functional analysis of behavior; 35(1)(b)6
- 7. Build student's communication abilities and social interaction skills through the development of appropriate language and conversational skills; 35(1)(b)7
- 8. Plan and implement an instructional program for grades K-6 using the Alabama courses of study for mathematics, English language arts, social studies and science; 35(1)(b)8
- 9. Develop and implement appropriate school healthcare plans and specialized instructional and therapeutic techniques including physical and behavior management; 35(1)(b)9
- 10. Implement a variety of validated, research-based reading programs selected to meet the needs of students and including the strategies recommended in the Alabama Reading Initiative publications including Essential Skills of Teachers of Reading; 35(1)(b)10

- 11. Teach developmental stages of writing and spelling including the writing process; the stages of prewriting, drafting, revising, editing, and publishing; and writing across the curriculum; 35(1)(b)11
- 12. Use peer and teacher conferencing and rubric assessment to help students edit and revise their writing. 35(1)(b)

Additionally, in the Collaborative Teacher (6-12) program, the student will:

- 1. Assess students' needs and personal preferences in areas such as communication, cognition, motor, self-help/adaptive, social/emotional, functional life skills, and vocational skills in order to plan an individualized educational program for instruction. 36(1)(b)1
- 2. Utilize practices for facilitating student self-determination and enlisting the support and participation of families in the student's educational program. 36(1)(b)2
- 3. Create an optimal learning environment by collaboratively utilizing, evaluating, modifying and adapting the classroom setting, curricula, teaching strategies, materials, and equipment. 36(1)(b)3
- 4. Plan and implement an instructional program in the areas of general and functional academics, social, vocational, independent living, and leisure skills. 36(1)(b)4
- 5. Plan and implement work-based learning programs (such as on-campus work experiences, community-based work experiences, and work place mentoring) to foster the development of work place competencies and career goals. 36(1)(b)5
- 6. Participate in collaborative teaming approaches for the purpose of decision-making related to instruction, curriculum, social interactions, and interagency collaboration with school and agency staff, students, and family members. 36(1)(b)6
- 7. Create effective linkages between students and post-secondary educational institutions and/or the business community to transition students to future environments. 36(1)(b)7
- 8. Develop and implement appropriate school healthcare plans and specialized instructional and therapeutic techniques including physical and behavior management. 36(1)(b)8
- 9. Implement appropriate behavioral interventions based on a functional analysis of behavior. 36(1)(b) 9
- **6. COURSE CONTENT:** Supervisors will have meetings on campus as announced. Supervisor schedules on-site field visits during which the laboratory experience is discussed and evaluated. All due dates are listed in the assignments/evaluation table on the following pages.

7. COURSE REQUIREMENTS:

TIME REQUIREMENTS

For every 1-hour of practicum, students should spend a minimum of 12 hours per week at the practicum site. Students should be at the school a minimum of 3 days a week, 4 hours a day during the entire semester.

GENERAL GUIDELINES FOR ASSUMING TEACHING RESPONSIBILITIES

As a general rule, practicum students should be allowed a certain amount of observation time (1-2 weeks) in order to familiarize themselves with the students and the settings. Then, they should teach lessons using the teacher's lesson plans (about 2 weeks). Finally, they should write and teach their own lesson plans for the remainder of the semester. However, this

tentative timeline for assuming responsibility can be altered depending on the level of experience of the practicum student and the particular class setting.

PRACTICA ASSIGNMENTS

Throughout your practica placements, you will be expected to complete the assignments/activities/projects listed below. At the beginning of each placement, sit down with your cooperating teacher and identify those assignments/activities/projects that would be appropriate and feasible to complete during the practicum. In order to provide documentation of the completion of the assignments and verification of your hours, you are to organize a notebook that you will add to for each practica. Your notebook should be organized as follows:

- A. Attendance verification sheets
- B. Cooperating teacher and university supervisor evaluations
- C. Self-evaluations
- D. Completed assignments

RSED 7916 Assignments and Evaluations for OTHER CERTIFIED and ALTERNATIVE Students

Note: Assignments 1-15, as applicable, are to be completed at each practicum. Evaluations are completed by cooperating teachers and supervisors for each practicum. Assignments 16-17 are completed only once during the course of all practica.

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ASSIGNMENT	DESCRIPTION	PTS
1) Memorandum	Students must sign the Memorandum of Understanding and	No points. Must submit
of Understanding	submit on Canvas (form on Canvas).	to begin practicum.
		DUE: 2/10
2) Weekly	• List all of the times you will be at your practicum site, what you	
Schedule (Form on Canvas)	will be doing (generally) during those times, teacher names, and room numbers where you will be located.	50 pts
	• If, at any time, your schedule changes please notify your supervisor and upload your new schedule to Canvas ASAP.	DUE : 2/10
3) Contact	Personal contact information (phone #, email address),	50 pts
Information Sheet	• Teacher contact information (school #, email address),	
(Form on Canvas)	Name of school principal,	DUE: 2/10
	• Any days during the semester you will not be following the regular schedule.	
4) Observation of	Complete one observation form for each class you attend	50 pts
Classroom	during practicum.	
Procedures	Observe the classroom and make notes regarding items on	DUE: 2/10
(Form on Canvas)	the form that include classroom environment, students, and	
	school environment.	
	Later, respond to each component in a typed report.	

5) Observation of	Observe your cooperating teacher teaching for one entire day	
Single Lessons	and make notes regarding the items on the form.	50 pts
(Form on Canvas)	Later, respond to each component in a typed report.	
	You WILL HAVE one form for each time	DUE: 2/10
	period/block/lesson/activity for the day.	
6) Academic and	• Write TWO INTERVENTION PLANS for one student	Total:
Behavioral	based on goals in the IEP.	400 points
Intervention	• <i>One</i> must be addressing ACADEMIC , and	
Plans	<i>One</i> must be addressing BEHAVIORAL .	<u>DUE</u> : 2/24
(Forms on Canvas)		(400 pts)
Must be approved by cooperating teacher prior to this.	 For each intervention plan you will have the following: a. <u>Intervention Pan</u>- once approved begin implementing intervention plan no later than 3/17. b. <u>Progress Reports</u> (graph, narrative, actual data) due weekly 	b.beg. 2/24 (weekly) (45 points each)
	beginning 3/31.	(45 points)
	c. Reflection using form on Canvas. Submit a final copy of completed intervention plan and data collection graph with narrative notes.	670 total

7) DE SS FOUR 15 min Video Taping of Teaching Lesson Plans DUE @ 6 pm on 1st due Feb 12 2nd due Feb 24 3rd due Mar 17 4th due Apr 7	*** If any of the four required "15 min Video Tapes of Teaching Four Lesson Plans" are late or all components listed below are not completed and submitted, student could receive a grade of "U".1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th 15 min Video Tapes of Teaching Lessons and Lessons Revised after self-evaluation and discussion w Cooperating Teacher. 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th 15 min Video Tape of Teaching Lesson • Intern will video tape him/her teaching 15 min lesson plan. • Intern will have lesson plan nearby to edit as teaching; • Intern will include the following components in 15 min video tape: 20 points • Intern will teach Introduction of Content to SS; • Intern will model for SS and have SS demonstrate back to Intern what SS' are learning. Checking for understanding, clarification, & reteaching; • Intern will demonstrate evaluation technique to verify that SS are learning content information; 20 points • Intern will review and self-evaluate his/her 15 min video tape of lesson; • Intern will discuss self-evaluation with Cooperating Teacher; • Intern will seek input and feedback from Cooperating Teacher; 10 points	50 points each TOTAL of 200 pts Intern will Teach four components of Lesson Plan design Edit Lesson Plan; Take data during video tape; Self-evaluate tching; Discuss self-evaluation w Cooperating Teacher; Seek feedback from Cooperating Teacher; Submit self-evaluation w Cooperating Teacher' Mail each of the four lesson plans on DVD to AU Supervisor.
	• Intern will seek input and feedback from Cooperating Teacher;	lesson plans on DVD to
8) Individualized Education Program (IEP) or Individualized Family Service Plan	 Choose one student to observe and informally assess him or her in academics and behavior. Write an IEP or IFSP depending upon placement based upon your observations and your informal assessments. Informal assessment IEP 	100 pts <u>DUE</u> : 3/21

9) Cooperative Teacher and Practicum Student Selected Activities (minimum of 2)	 This provides an opportunity for the cooperative teacher and you to select activities that are relevant to the practicum site and your interests. Examples of activities include: developing a learning center, developing review activities for students in general education classes, working with a small group of students on remedial instruction, developing and implementing a co-teaching unit, adapting curriculum and instructional materials, developing and implementing a career awareness unit, administering student interest and preferences interviews, supervising students in job training sites, development and implementation of a Functional Behavioral Assessment (FBA), development and implementation of behavior intervention plan (BIP) that includes at least 3 behaviors including graphing results, development and implementation of lesson using a social story, development of autism specific visual supports for use in a classroom for an individual student, development of discrete trial activities related to IEP goals, development of work station activities related to students IEP goals etc. Each student will provide a finished product/picture and explanation of the implemented activities. Provide a 1 page reflection of the student's learning and 	100 pts DUE: 4/1
10) Service Activity	 Participate in a service activity during the semester (e.g., Volunteering for the Love Your Heart Run, proctoring an exam for Program for Students with Disabilities, Special Olympics, Transition Expo, tutoring, respite care, Expressions of a Braveheart). Submit a written report (min 2 pages) describing and reflecting on experience. Each student will have to provide documentation of activity. Note: Love Your Heart Run is Saturday, February 22. See Dr. Reilly for info. Transition Conference is Monday March 3rd and Tuesday March 4th. 	20 pts DUE: 4/14

		15 pts each
10) Self	4 self-evaluations using the Classroom Observation Form 4 Professional Discovition 5 Professional Discovition 6 Professional Discovition 6 Professional Discovition 7 Professional Discovition	(Total:30 pts)
Evaluations	• <u>4 Professional Dispositions</u> – these are self-evaluations done	(Total.30 pts)
(Form on Canvas)	o 1 st quarter	
(Form on Canvas)	 2nd quarter/Midterm 3rd quarter 	DIE.
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	o 4 th quarter/Final	• 1 st quarter – 2/17
	**It is expected that students will demonstrate acceptable professional dispositions throughout their field experience. If, at any time, there is concern about a student's professional disposition, the student will be notified through the professional dispositions evaluation. All subsequent professional dispositions evaluations must be acceptable in order to pass the field experience, regardless of the total accumulated points at the end of the semester. • Complete self-evaluations prior to reading evaluations from your cooperating teacher. • Include comments in each section of the form.	 2nd quarter/ Midterm – 3/3 3rd quarter- 4/7 4th quarter/ Final – 4/21
11) Cooperating Teacher Evaluations (Forms on Canvas)	4 Professional Dispositions — completed by special education cooperating teacher with input from general education teachers if appropriate	Classroom Observations 60 pts each (Total: 240 pts) DUE: 1st quarter – 2/17
	**It is expected that students will demonstrate acceptable professional dispositions throughout their field experience. If, at any time, there is concern about a student's professional disposition, the student will be notified through the professional dispositions evaluation. All subsequent professional dispositions evaluations must be acceptable in order to pass the field experience, regardless of the total accumulated points at the end of the semester.	2 nd quarter/ Midterm – 3/3 3 rd quarter- 4/7 4 th quarter/ Final – 4/21
	• 4 Classroom Observation Forms	,
	o 1 st quarter	
	o 2 nd quarter/Midterm	
	o 3 rd quarter	
	o 4 th quarter/Final	
	 Provide blank evaluations to your cooperating teacher(s) at least a week in advance. If co-teaching, general education teachers should evaluate performance in the classroom also. 	

12) University Supervisor Evaluations	• 3 Classroom Observations <u>and</u> Professional Dispositions Evaluations (Midterm, Final, and TBA)	Classroom Observations 60 pts each (Total: 180 pts) DUE: 1 TBA PEPE Midterm: 3/3 Final: 4/21
13) Professional Dispositions Evaluations	The University Supervisor and Cooperating teacher will be responsible for evaluating the student at times listed above. **It is expected that students will demonstrate acceptable professional dispositions throughout their field experience. If, at any time, there is concern about a student's professional disposition, the student will be notified through the professional dispositions evaluation. All subsequent professional dispositions evaluations must be acceptable in order to pass the field experience, regardless of the total accumulated points at the end of the semester.	Professional Dispositions 1200 points total (teacher and supervisor evaluations combined)
14) Exit Surveys	Students must complete COE field experience surveys on TK20	No points – MUST have to pass DUE: 4/25
15) Attendance Verification	Complete the attendance verification form daily. Have your teacher initial it weekly and sign the bottom when you fill a page. You will show it to your supervisor at each meeting, submit the final version on Canvas, and submit a hard copy at the end of the semester.	No points – MUST have to pass DUE: 4/25
Assignments 16-17 a 16) Professional Work Sample (substitute for self evaluations)	Complete the College of Education's Professional Work Sample (PWS) form and the advanced field experience documentation form. (Information about the PWS and forms can be found on Canvas.) This must be completed during Fall or Spring semester. After assignment has been submitted on Canvas and approved by University Supervisor, you must submit your PWS (lesson plans, classroom observation form, data, and responses to all questions) on TK20. Please be sure to eliminate any identifiable student information (i.e. names).	DUE: 4/21
17) Resume	Write a resume for the purpose of obtaining a teaching job. (recommended as preparation for employment after graduation)	<u>DUE:</u> 4/21

8. GRADING AND EVALUATION: Grades will be either \underline{S} (satisfactory) or \underline{U} (unsatisfactory). Evaluation will occur based on the following:

80%-100% of points AND met all professional dispositions = S (satisfactory) 0-79% of points AND/OR did not meet all professional dispositions = U (unsatisfactory)

In addition to meeting the Special Education Program requirements for receiving an \underline{S} (satisfactory) for practicum are as follows:

- All assignments must be turned in.
- Revisions must be made to assignments until they are considered satisfactory by the supervisor and/or cooperating teacher. Revisions are due within 3 days of receiving feedback.
- Student must meet *professional dispositions* as detailed in the syllabus. The student may be assigned a <u>U</u> (unsatisfactory) in the course for failure to demonstrate *professional dispositions* regardless of supervisor and cooperating teacher evaluations.
- Students must adhere to all policies outlined in the syllabus, COE handbook, and special education student handbook.
- Students must earn ratings of approaching competence or higher on final evaluations.
- Required practicum portfolio components (attendance, all evaluations, PWS if applicable to semester) turned in at last meeting.

9. CLASS POLICY STATEMENTS:

<u>Participation</u>: 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.

<u>Professionalism/Dispositions</u>: As 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:

- o Engage in responsible and ethical professional practices
- o Contribute to collaborative learning communities
- o Demonstrate a commitment to diversity
- o Model and nurture intellectual vitality

Attendance: All absences must be excused. No more than 2 excused absences are permitted. Students must call supervisor and cooperating teacher on cell to inform of absence in advance. All absences must be made up prior to the end of the final examination period. At the discretion of individual instructors, verified absences may be excused under unusual circumstances (see the Student Policy eHandbook at www.auburn.edu/studentpolicies). In order for the absence to be considered excusable, however, the instructor must be in receipt of the documentation within seven days from the class in which the absence occurred. Students are expected to arrive to practicum on time. Two unexcused tardies are equivalent to 1 absence. For practicum, all

excused absences must be made up during finals period with approval from cooperating teacher and university supervisor. If the cooperating teacher dismisses due to testing, ask if you can observe in the severe classroom. Any teacher-initiated absences must be approved by the supervisor.

<u>Excused Absences:</u> 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* for more information on excused absences (http://www.auburn.edu/student_info/student_policies/).

<u>Assignments:</u> All assignments should be typed and prepared in a professional manner (e.g., neat, correct grammar, spelling), following APA guidelines when appropriate. <u>All assignments must be completed and submitted via Canvas</u>. <u>Failure to complete any assignment will cause student to receive an unsatisfactory grade in current practicum placement.</u>

Additionally, assignments are due on the date listed in the syllabus.

For each day an assignment is late, 10% will be deducted from the final earned grade for the assignment. Demonstrating responsible and ethical professional practices is included in the professional dispositions. More than 2 late assignments will be considered a failure in meeting this standard. Failure to meet all professional dispositions will result a grade of U (unsatisfactory) in the course.

<u>Dress Code:</u> Auburn students project the image of their own emerging professionalism and the overall program. Attire that could present a health or safety problem or could be disruptive is not appropriate. With this in mind, the following rules concerning dress and grooming are mandatory for all students participating in clinical experiences, practica, and internship. These regulations are based on those of schools and early intervention programs in which graduates of the program will be working.

- (1) Students keep their hair clean, groomed, and away from the eyes and face.
- (2) Students wear closed-toed shoes/foot garments.
- (3) Students are neat and clean at ALL times.

- (4) Clothing is clean and in a state of good repair.
- (5) Clothing and personal items are free of logos, words, draws, pictures, and other images. *Exceptions:* Auburn University related logos covering an area of less than 3 square inches.
- (6) Clothing covers the body in a professional manner.
- (7) Tattoos and non-traditional piercings must not be visible.

<u>Accommodations for Students with Disabilities:</u> 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 office hours, an alternate time can be arranged. To set up this meeting, please contact your supervisor 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).

<u>Honesty Code:</u> All portions of the Auburn University student academic honesty code (Title XII) found in the Student Policy eHandbook (<u>www.auburn.edu/studentpolicies</u>) will apply to university courses. 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.

<u>Auburn University Policy on Classroom Behavior</u>: The following policy applies to all settings (i.e., university, school setting, and off campus locations pertaining to the field experience).

□... Behavior in the classroom that impedes teaching and learning and creates obstacles to this goal [learning] is considered disruptive and therefore subject to sanctions . . . Students have the responsibility of complying with behavioral standards. . . Examples of improper behavior in the classroom (including the virtual classroom of e-mail, chat rooms, telephony, and web activities associated with courses) may include, but are not limited to the following: arriving after a class has begun, eating or drinking, use of tobacco products, monopolizing discussion, persistent speaking out of turn, distractive talking, including cell phone usage£ audio or video recording of classroom activities or the use of electronic devices without the permission of the instructor, refusal to comply with reasonable instructor directions£ employing insulting language or gestures, verbal, psychological, or physical threats, harassment, and physical violence. □

(See Student Policy eHandbook at www.auburn.edu/studentpolicies).

<u>Course Contingency</u>: 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 does occur an addendum to your syllabus and/or course assignments will replace the original materials.