

**EDUC 535.08/.16/.04/.13: Specialization II Physical Education & Fine Arts  
Summer 2024**

Class Dates: Monday through Friday, July 8-19, 2024

Last Day to Add/Drop/Swap: Due to the non-standard dates associated with this program, please check your Student Centre for the important dates pertaining to your section.

Pre-requisite: Due to the multiple pathways in the Bachelor of Education, please consult Undergraduate Programs in Education for questions related to pre-requisite courses.

Office Hours: By appointment only

Email: Students are required to use a University of Calgary (@ucalgary.ca) email address for all correspondence.

**COURSE DESCRIPTION:**

The intent of the Specialization Seminar II is to deepen your understanding of the practical aspects of teaching within the specialization and to connect this practice with specific theoretical concepts. While this second specialization course focuses more on practical knowledge, you will also refine your knowledge of discourse and theory within the discipline and develop a deeper understanding of ways to enact this theory in a classroom, gym, studio, and/or outdoor context. You will additionally become familiar with any relevant Ministry documents associated with the Alberta Curriculum and draw on practical classroom observation from the field experience to participate in meaningful discussion and to connect these observations with a vision for your own teaching. The emphasis of the course is on designing for student learning (subject-specific; assessment to strengthen student learning and improve instruction; and designing for inclusion, differentiation, and inquiry).

**EXTENDED COURSE DESCRIPTION:**

Combining Fine Arts and Physical Education provides a unique opportunity to explore the nature of the (kin)aesthetic experience and understand the common teaching and learning practices. Through this journey of exploration, we will discover how these two areas can enhance and contribute to each other and open possibilities of pedagogical innovation.

**LEARNER OUTCOMES:**

Over the course of the semester, students will:

- 1) Further develop a deeper conceptual understanding of the historical, socio-cultural, political contexts of the *discipline*, and relate this to curriculum planning in the specialization area;
- 2) Identify and critique the *key learning perspectives* (as outlined in the front matter of the Programs of Study) and *intentions* (learning objectives) across the units in a grade from the Alberta Programs of Studies;
- 3) Successfully apply theoretical knowledge to the design of a longer-term unit and assessment plan.

**COURSE DESIGN AND DELIVERY:** This course will be delivered face-to-face on campus with possible engagement in a D2L environment.

**REQUIRED READINGS:** (all readings can be found in the Reading List under “My Tools” in D2L or directly via [Leganto](#))

- Alberta Assessment Consortium. (n.d.). <https://aac.ab.ca/learn/go/assessment-foundations/> To gain members access, create an account using your ucalgary email.
- Alberta Education. (2010). *Making a Difference: Meeting Diverse Learning Needs with Differentiated Instruction*. Author. <https://open.alberta.ca/publications/9780778586012>
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- Kilborn, M. & Hertlein, K. (2018). A wellness approach to physical education. In J. Barrett & C. Scaini (Eds), *Quality Health and Physical Education: Pedagogical Practices and Considerations for Canadian Elementary School Teachers*. Champaign, IL: Human Kinetics.  
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- Leahy, S., Lyon, C. Thompson, S. & Williams, D. (2005). Classroom assessment: Minute by minute, day by day. *Educational Leadership*, 63(3), 19-24. Retrieved from  
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- Physical & Health Education Canada. (2021). 2SLGBTQ+ inclusion in school-based physical activity programs. <https://phecanada.ca/sites/default/files/content/docs/phe-canada-lgbtq2s+inclusionguidebook-en-final.pdf> and <https://phecanada.ca/activate/gender-equity/gender-diverse>
- Physical & Health Education Canada. (n.d.). *Welcoming and engaging school physical education opportunities for girls: A guidebook*. <https://phecanada.ca/sites/default/files/content/images/PHE-20-Gender%20Equity-Guidebook-EN.pdf>
- Sheppard, J. & Gleddie, D. (2014). Curriculum models. In D. Robinson and L. Randall (Eds), *Teaching Physical Education Today* (pp. 34-46). Toronto: Thompson Educational. ISBN: 978-1-55077-231-9. [https://ucalgary.alma.exlibrisgroup.com/leganto/public/01UCALG\\_INST/citation/22654723870004336?auth=SAML](https://ucalgary.alma.exlibrisgroup.com/leganto/public/01UCALG_INST/citation/22654723870004336?auth=SAML)
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## CURRICULUM RESOURCES:

### *Physical Education*

- Alberta Education. (2000). *Program of Studies for Physical Education*. Retrieved from: <https://education.alberta.ca/media/160191/phys2000.pdf>
- Alberta Education (2000). *Physical Education Guide to Implementation*. To access please go to: <https://education.alberta.ca/physical-education/program-supports/everyone/support-documents/?searchMode=3>
- Alberta Education (2022). *Physical Education and Wellness Kindergarten to Grade 6 Curriculum*. To access please go to: <https://curriculum.learnalberta.ca/printable-curriculum/en/home>
- Injury Prevention Centre. (n.d.) *School Physical Activity, Health & Education Resource for Safety*. <https://myspheres.ca/en/>

### *Fine Arts*

- Alberta Education. (2015). Programs of study: Art/Music/Drama (1-6). <https://education.alberta.ca/fine-arts-1-6/programs-of-study/everyone/programs-of-study/>
- Alberta Education. (2015). Programs of study: Fine Arts (7-9). <https://education.alberta.ca/fine-arts-7-9/programs-of-study/everyone/programs-of-study/>
- Alberta Education. (2015). Programs of study: Fine Arts (10-12). <https://education.alberta.ca/fine-arts-10-12/programs-of-study/>

## ADDITIONAL RESOURCES:

### *All*

- Wiggins, G., & McTighe, J. (2005). *Understanding by design*. Alexandria, VA: Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development. Introduction & Chapter 1 (1-34). <https://ebookcentral-proquest-com.ezproxy.lib.ucalgary.ca/lib/ucalgary-ebooks/reader.action?ppg=13&docID=3002118&tm=1528840475720>
- Young, J., Haas, E., & McGown, E. (2010). *Coyote's guide to connecting with nature (2<sup>nd</sup> Edition)*. Chapter 1: *Coyote as our guide*. Shelton, Wash: OWLLink Media. [https://ucalgary.alma.exlibrisgroup.com/leganto/public/01UCALG\\_INST/citation/2265555390004336?auth=SAML](https://ucalgary.alma.exlibrisgroup.com/leganto/public/01UCALG_INST/citation/2265555390004336?auth=SAML)

### *Physical Education*

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Physical and Health Education Canada: <https://phecana.ca>

Health and Physical Education Council of the Alberta Teachers Association. <https://www.hpec.ab.ca>

Ontario Physical Education. <https://www.ophea.net>

### **Fine Arts**

Irwin, R.L., Chalmers, F.G., Grauer, K., Kindler, A.M., & MacGregor, R. N. (1996). Art education policy in Canada. *Arts Education Policy Review*, 97(6), 15-22.

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Francis-Murray, N., Taschuk, H., & Willoughby, H. (2006). The status of dance as a high school subject in Canada: Teachers' voices of challenge and celebration. *Physical & Health Education Journal*, 72(3), 26. <https://www-proquest-com.ezproxy.lib.ucalgary.ca/docview/214322800/fulltextPDF/7BA9251DF2F94EE4PQ/1?accou>

Carter, M. (2014). Drama and theatre education in Canada: A snapshot. *McGill Journal of Education/Revue des sciences de l'éducation de McGill*, 49(1), 237-245. <https://www-erudit-org.ezproxy.lib.ucalgary.ca/en/journals/mje/2014-v49-n1-mje01467/1025780ar/>

Kratus, J. (2007). Music education at the tipping point. *Music educators journal*, 94(2), 42-48. <https://journals-sagepub-com.ezproxy.lib.ucalgary.ca/doi/pdf/10.1177/002743210709400209>

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Fine Arts Council – Alberta Teachers Association: <https://www.fineartsata.ca/>

Access Fine Arts resources featured in the ATA library: <https://teachers-ab.libguides.com/sb.php>

British Columbia Art Teachers Association: <https://www.bcata.ca/>

Ontario Art Education Association: <https://ontarioarteducationassociation.org/>

Lessons by Medium – <https://ontarioarteducationassociation.org/educational-resources/lessons-and-units/lessons-by-medium/>

Canadian Network for Arts and Learning: <https://www.eduarts.ca/>

Art Canada Institute: <https://www.aci-iac.ca/education/teacher-resource-guides/>

National Gallery of Canada: <https://www.gallery.ca/learn/for-teachers/resources-for-teachers>

BC Drama Teachers Association: <https://www.bcdramateachers.com/>

### **LEARNING TASKS OVERVIEW**

<b>LEARNING TASK</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION OF LEARNING TASK</b>	<b>GROUP / INDIVIDUAL</b>	<b>WEIGHT</b>	<b>DUE DATE</b>
1.	Effective PE/Fine Arts Pedagogy	Individual	35%	(a) & (b) July 11 (c) July 12
2.	Unit Plan	Individual	40%	July 19
3.	Critical Reflection & Course Engagement	Individual	25%	July 21

**Generative AI Statement:** While AI tools may become more refined and useful in the physical and health education/fine arts field in the future, they are currently quite unreliable and therefore not recommended at this time to be used for assignments in this class. Therefore, all assignments are expected to be the original work of the student and students are not to employ generative AI (for example, ChatGPT).

## LEARNING TASKS AND ASSESSMENT

### 1. LEARNING TASK 1: Effective PE/Fine Arts Pedagogy

You will work individually and select/research a physical education/fine arts pedagogy topic to better understand and develop knowledge in effective planning and teaching in your discipline area. You will select a different topic that addresses contemporary ideas and practices for teaching fine arts/physical education meaningfully. You will be expected to explore a variety of reliable sources including relevant course readings, journals for teachers, online publications on teaching and learning in your discipline.

- (a) Create an instruction plan for a PD workshop that you will be facilitating. This will be a 40-min workshop where you will share and help build new ideas/skills with participants (rest of the class) about your topic. It should be thoughtful and engaging for your classmates where you guide them through your learnings and insights. Your goal is to enhance participants' knowledge, skills and attitudes related to your chosen pedagogy topic. You will also provide a self-assessment that includes a summary of participants' feedback and concluding reflection (250-300 words) about the workshop.
- (b) Create a professional development package for your workshop participants that includes a description of the issue/topic (topic, rationale, key ideas, and practices found, connections to the physical education class, questions/concerns remaining), tangible resources teachers can use in the classroom that reflect best practice in the pedagogy topic area, key recommendations/insights and references. Post this in the D2L Discussion Forum for participants **prior** to your workshop session.
- (c) Conduct a PD Workshop: Facilitate and engage the class in learning selected ideas and/or practices you found in your research using the instruction plan you developed. The 40-minute in-person workshop will take place on July 12<sup>th</sup>.

The topics should be based on perceived challenges in teaching, based on past experiences in learning/teaching your discipline (i.e., Field Experience 1 and 2, Specialization I) and the teaching approach should be useful in the development of your unit plan (LT2), as well as upcoming field experiences (3 & 4) and future teaching.

### **Grading Criteria for Learning Task 1 (more details will be discussed in class and posted on D2L):**

**Quality of resource package** – Informative design, clarity of issue/information, depth of information provided, quality and relevance of resources.

**Quality of instructional plan** – Constructive/thoughtful activities chosen, plan is effective in engaging class in your key learnings/insights, information provided clearly and thoroughly, plan participants' knowledge, skills, attitudes related to the topic. Thoughtful and careful analysis of facilitation is provided, including individual reflection about the planning process, facilitation, participant feedback and overall summative self-evaluation.

**Facilitation of PD Workshop** – workshop materials provided to class in timely fashion; workshop is facilitated in a meaningful way; participants engaged actively in workshop activities; workshop was well-planned; excellent communication/presentation skills, questioning, dialogue/discussion prompts, reflection and summary of participant evaluations provided.

### 2. LEARNING TASK 2: Unit Plan

For this assignment, you will work individually to design 5 - 45 minute lesson plans, specific to your area of specialization. These lessons should illustrate enactment of concepts and strategies introduced in the course and others. Each lesson should clearly articulate a learner statement of what the learners will be able to know or do and how they will do it, in detail (step by step, planned by the minute). It should also include prompts for reflection and metacognition of the process. Following the lesson plans, include a plan for assessment, with rubric(s) for assessment.



*Note: It is important that you acknowledge that projects in the arts require class time for student work; however, studio time should not be a full lesson plan. If class time is required between lessons to complete work, simply indicate this at the end of the lesson plan (ie. "Requires 2 classes of additional studio time to complete").*

Your individual unit plan should include the following:

1. **Cover Page:** Include Unit title, name (first/last), team BIG Question, your sub-question(s) specific to your unit, Specialization, Target Grade Level, Course Name, Date Submitted.
2. **Five Lesson Plans:** Lesson plans should not be longer than 2 pages and should include: Learner Statement; POS Outcome(s); Time-based sections (Introduction – Main/Body – Reflection/Close); Materials/Resources; Assessment (formative or summative); and Accommodation plan for differentiation – based on student characteristics provided by your instructor, that clearly demonstrates how you will meet the diverse needs and provide an inclusive classroom.
3. **Assessment Plan** In 1-2 pages, describe your plan for formative feedback within the five lessons, and provide the grading criteria and evaluation rubric for summative feedback based on learner outcomes (critical), including student accommodation.
4. **Reflection:** In 1-2 pages, describe how your unit demonstrates your learning by reflecting on it from the perspective of your process, class experiences, course content, and peer/instructor feedback. Make your learning visible by describing how your experiences and feedback (feed forward) influenced choices, changes, and decisions.
5. **References:** List relevant sources consulted in preparation, cited within the plans, or resources to be used while teaching.

**Grading Criteria for Assignment 2 (more details will be provided in class and posted on D2L):**

Individual unit plans will be assessed on the following criteria:

1. **Overall Plan:** You design learning that builds and deepens understanding through a logical, engaging, unified plan with strong learning tasks connected to the inquiry.
2. **Lesson Plans:** You design authentic and engaging lessons that are informed by the disciplinary knowledge and programs of study with activities that are meaningful and relevant to students and to the broader community, and that are of real concern and central to the discipline.
3. **Assessment Plan:** You design assessment that provides a comprehensive and holistic picture of all students' learning and competencies (including 3 different ways to differentiate learning (to be discussed in class), one of which is for ELL).
4. **Reflection:** You make meaningful connections to ways of thinking about the discipline, and in alignment with the Programs of Study in your disciplinary area.
5. **Presentation:** Overall presentation of plan (organization, logic, format, style)

### 3. LEARNING TASK 3: Critical Reflection & Course Engagement

This reflection is an opportunity to engage with the course at a deeper level. It provides me with evidence that you have done the readings and reflected on the discussions in class, including how they connect (or not) to your own experiences/ideas. These responses also help ensure that we all can actively participate in the class.

#### ***Part I: Discussion Facilitation (sign-up for date)***

You are expected to become an expert on one of the required readings and facilitate a group discussion (approximately 20 minutes). There will be an opportunity to sign-up for the readings on Day 1 of the course (eligible articles for this task will be discussed in class). For this part of the assignment, prepare three discussion questions, with a short, bullet form plan for how you will facilitate a lively, active and engaging discussion. Be creative in how you have the class engage with the material. This session and crafted discussion questions should not be merely a summary of the article (descriptive questions) but should get people thinking about the key concepts, issues, practical connections to teaching and learning, and/or get everyone to deeply engage with the author's point of view (analytical questions). As part of your daily reflections (below), you will include an assessment/analysis of the quality and success of the discussion. Additional information about criteria for this self-assessment and analysis will be discussed in-class.

***Part II: Daily Reflections (on-going: submitted with Part III on July 21st)***

You are expected to write a reflection each day that touches on learnings and insights from course readings, activities, presentations, and discussions (200-250 words). Your reflection will be evaluated based on critical analysis, demonstration of engagement and quality, informed writing.

Please consider the following when writing your reflections:

This part of the assignment calls for “making connections”. Comment on something in the readings/discussions that especially appealed to you, intrigued you, moved you or annoyed you. How does it help you grow as an emerging teacher? How does it connect (or not) or change to your own thoughts, experiences, or knowledge? Why do you think that is important? How does it relate to teaching and learning in your discipline and how will you apply concepts to your future teaching? Don’t comment on everything that drew your attention; rather, develop one thought in some depth. Make sure to include your critical question at the top of every reflection.

This assignment calls for “quality of writing”. While the focus of this assignment is on critical analysis and making connections, a lack of writing clarity, comprehension, and quality can detract from the overall message being conveyed. As such, it is important to pay attention to writing quality (grammar, spelling, punctuation, sentence structure, etc.).

***Part III: Synthesis***

This part of the assignment is a synthesized statement (800-1000 words) that tells the ‘story’ of your reflections and engagement throughout the course. It is a synthesis of all your weekly reflections and interpretations. It is intended to give you the opportunity to formally reflect on the significance of the course to your journey in being and becoming an educator in your particular discipline, your views about physical education/fine arts education, and how it may or may not have facilitated movement of your knowledge, skills and attitudes about teaching physical education/fine arts.

Note: This assignment is to be assembled in a professional manor. In other words, take pride in what you hand in and treat it like a work of art (creative elements that help to reinforce your points are welcome!).

**Grading Criteria for Learning Task 3 (more details will be provided in class and posted on D2L):**

***Discussion facilitation*** –three key questions are analytical, thought-provoking and clear, uses various strategies to engage peers in discussion, facilitator refers directly to key sections of reading, discussion is guided and balanced, with interactive modalities to promote full participant engagement.

***Daily reflections*** – engages with key critical questions/issues. Connects insights/questions to class readings, discussions, personal experiences, etc. Raises critical questions for consideration and further discussion.

***Synthesis*** – a thoughtful analysis of reflections and engagement throughout the course is demonstrated. Key ideas within readings, discussions, activities, topics are explored and interpreted in relation to your journey in being and becoming an educator within your discipline.

***Quality of writing*** – Writing clarity and quality (grammar, spelling, punctuation, sentence structure, vocabulary) is high, using APA 7 writing style.

**SCHEDULE:**

A detailed daily schedule of activities, topics and readings will be posted on D2L, 2 weeks prior to the start of the course.

### THE EXPECTATION OF EXCELLENCE IN PROFESSIONAL WORK

Please review the Academic Calendar carefully. It describes the program and provides detailed schedules and important dates. It contains information on expectations for student work and professional conduct. In addition, procedures are described regarding concern about student performance in the program. Please pay especially careful attention to details and descriptions in the following topic areas:

- *The Importance of Attendance and Participation in Every Class*

As this is a professional program, experiences are designed with the expectation that all members will be fully involved in all classes and in all coursework experiences. As you are a member of a learning community your contribution is vital and highly valued, just as it will be when you take on the professional responsibilities of being a teacher. We expect that you will not be absent from class with the exception of documented instances of personal or family illness or for religious requirements.

- *Engagement in Class Discussion and Inquiry*

Another reason for the importance of attendance and participation in every class is that the course involves working with fellow students to share ideas and thinking. For example, each class you will work with a small group to engage fellow students in discussions on work being considered in class. You will also help other groups by providing ideas for scholarly inquiry in assignments. If you find that you are experiencing difficulties as a group collaborating, please inform the instructor.

**In order to be successful in this class, you are required to do all of the readings, attend class, participate in discussions and activities, and complete all assignments.**

### EXPECTATIONS FOR WRITING

All written assignments (including, to a lesser extent, written exam responses) will be assessed at least partly on writing skills. Writing skills include not only surface correctness (grammar, punctuation, sentence structure, etc.) but also general clarity and organization. Sources used in research papers must be properly documented. If you need help with your writing, you may use the writing support services in the Learning Commons. For further information, please refer to the official online University of Calgary Calendar, Academic Regulations, E. Course Information, E.2: Writing Across the Curriculum: <http://www.ucalgary.ca/pubs/calendar/current/e-2.html>

### LATE SUBMISSIONS

All late submissions of assignments must be discussed with the instructor **prior to the due date**. Students may be required to provide written documentation of extenuating circumstances (e.g. statutory declaration, doctor's note, note from the University of Calgary Wellness Centre, obituary notice). A deferral of up to 30 days may be granted at the discretion of the Associate Dean of Undergraduate Programs with accompanying written evidence.

### ISSUES WITH GROUP TASKS

With respect to group work, if your group is having difficulty collaborating effectively, please contact the instructor immediately. If a group is unable to collaborate effectively or discuss course materials online in a timely manner, the instructor may re-assign members to different groups or assign individual work for completion.

### GRADING

Grade	GPA Value	%	Description per U of C Calendar
A+	4.0	95-100	Outstanding
A	4.0	90-94	Excellent – Superior performance showing comprehensive understanding of the subject matter
A-	3.7	85-89	
B+	3.3	80-84	
B	3.0	75-79	Good - clearly above average performance with knowledge of subject matter generally complete
B-	2.7	70-74	



C+	2.3	65-69	
C	2.0	60-64	Satisfactory - basic understanding of the subject matter
C-	1.7	55-59	
D+	1.3	52-54	Minimal pass - Marginal performance
D	1.0	50-51	
F	0.0	49 and lower	Fail - Unsatisfactory performance

Students in the B.Ed. program must have an overall GPA of 2.5 in the semester to continue in the program without repeating courses.

#### **Academic Accommodation**

It is the student's responsibility to request academic accommodations according to the University policies and procedures listed below. The student accommodation policy can be found at: <https://www.ucalgary.ca/legal-services/sites/default/files/teams/1/Policies-Student-Accommodation-Policy.pdf>. Students needing an accommodation because of a disability or medical condition should communicate this need to Student Accessibility Services in accordance with the Procedure for Accommodations for Students with Disabilities: [ucalgary.ca/legal-services/sites/default/files/teams/1/Policies-Accommodation-for-Students-with-Disabilities-Procedure.pdf](http://ucalgary.ca/legal-services/sites/default/files/teams/1/Policies-Accommodation-for-Students-with-Disabilities-Procedure.pdf). Students needing an accommodation in relation to their coursework based on a Protected Ground other than Disability, should communicate this need, preferably in writing, to their Instructor.

#### **Academic Misconduct**

For information on academic misconduct and its consequences, please see the University of Calgary Calendar at <http://www.ucalgary.ca/pubs/calendar/current/k.html>

#### **Attendance/ Prolonged Absence**

Students may be asked to provide supporting documentation for an exemption/special request. This may include, but is not limited to, a prolonged absence from a course where participation is required, a missed course assessment, a deferred examination, or an appeal. Students are encouraged to submit documentation that will support their situation. Supporting documentation may be dependent on the reason noted in their personal statement/explanation provided to explain their situation. This could be medical certificate/documentation, references, police reports, invitation letter, third party letter of support or a statutory declaration etc. The decision to provide supporting documentation that best suits the situation is at the discretion of the student.

Falsification of any supporting documentation will be taken very seriously and may result in disciplinary action through the Academic Discipline regulations or the Student Non-Academic Misconduct policy.

<https://www.ucalgary.ca/pubs/calendar/current/n-1.html>

**The Freedom of Information Protection of Privacy Act** prevents instructors from placing assignments or examinations in a public place for pickup and prevents students from access to exams or assignments other than their own. Therefore, students and instructors may use one of the following options: return/collect assignments during class time or during instructors' office hours, students provide instructors with a self-addressed stamped envelope, or submit/return assignments as electronic files attached to private e-mail messages.

**For additional resources including, but not limited to, those aimed at wellness and mental health, student success or to connect with the Student Ombuds Office, please visit**

<https://www.ucalgary.ca/registrar/registration/course-outlines>

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