EDAD 8142 - Educational Problem Solving and Ethical Decision Making

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Course Description

8142. Educational Problem Solving and Ethical Decision Making. This course will teach students how to make competent leadership decisions by applying and enforcing ethical standards with followers. Ethics is at the heart of leadership. Leaders must make every effort to make ethical decisions and foster ethical behavior among followers. In this course students will explore the ethical demands of leadership. We draw from many fields of research to help students make ethical decisions, lead with integrity, and create an ethical culture. This course is designed to increase students' ethical competence and leadership abilities. 3 s.h.

Course Readings

Group	Title	Author	ISBN
Required	Developing ethical principles for school leadership: PSEL standard two	Bass, L., Frick, W.C., & Young	9781138918856
Optional	Publication manual of the American Psychological Association (7th ed.)	American Psychological Association (APA)	9781433832161
Optional	The Jossey-Bass reader on educational leadership (3rd ed.)	Grogan, M. (Ed.)	9781118456217

The course readings are subject to change in the event of extenuating circumstances, research developments, current events, and/or to ensure better learning.

Schedule of Topics and Assignments

Week of	Reading(s)	Proposed Topic	Due/To Prepare for Class
8/24	Walker & Lovat (2017) article Haidt (2008) article	Module 1: Ethics Introduction: Theory & Practice	Ethics & Morality Analysis Paper Weekly Discussion Learning Log
8/31	Bass, et al. (2017) chapter 1 pp. 1-27 Boydak Özan et al. (2017) article Starratt (2005) article	Module 2: Ethical Leadership	Review of Vision Paper Weekly Discussion Learning Log

9/7	Bass, et al. (2017) chapter 2 pp. 29-49 Buchanan & O'Connell (2006) article Bull & McCarthy (1995) article Cherkowski et al. (2015) article	Module 3: Moral and Ethical Decision Making	Personal Code of Ethics Paper Weekly Discussion Learning Log
9/14	Bass, et al. (2017) chapter 3 pp. 51-69 Bagdasarov et al. (2017) article Klenowski & Ehrich (2016) article	Module 4: Ethics in the 21st Century	21st Century Ethical Dilemma Weekly Discussion Learning Log
9/21	Bass, et al. (2017) chapter 4 pp. 71-96 Lagan (2019) article Razack (2021) article Sünter et al. (2020) article	Module 5: Creating an Ethical Culture / Environment	Weekly Discussion Learning Log
9/28	Bass, et al. (2017) chapter 5 pp. 97-114 Jones et al. (2020) article	Module 6: Testing and Applying Decision-Making Models	Weekly Discussion Learning Log
10/5	Bass, et al. (2017) chapter 6 pp. 115-145	Module 7: Using Ethics to Make Difficult Decisions	Weekly Discussion Learning Log

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