

SPED 4869 - Student Teaching Seminar for Special Education

Fall 2026 Syllabus, Section 01, CRN 40892,

Credit hours: 2

Instructor

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Public Instructor Information

Instructor Title: Mrs. James, Adjunct Lecturer

Instructor Professional Qualifications:

Ph.D/ABD Special Education, Multiple Disabilities/Inclusion, Kent State University

M.Ed. Special Education, Mild through Intensive Disabilities, Kent State University

B.S. Elementary Education, Grades 1 through 8, Kent State University

Mrs James has spent over 30 years dedicated to providing and supporting educational programs that foster positive outcomes for all students. Some of her accomplishments include being a member of the professional team that designed the integrated preschool program that is in use in the State of Ohio; the Kent State University representative at the International Conference on Education at the State Department where educational issues and needs were the focus; a speaker/presenter at National Conferences for TASH on supporting individuals with disabilities in the school and community in Boston, Chicago, and San Francisco. Mrs. James also developed and presented workshops for professional and staff development for Kent State University and Cleveland Municipal Schools. She has continued her passion in education for the past 9 years with her continued work at Youngstown State University.

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Course Description

4869. Student Teaching Seminar for Special Education. Student Teaching seminar provides an opportunity to study relevant topics related to teaching and learning, application of professional and ethical practice and OSTP standards, research and theory, knowledge of learners, and reflection on practice. Completion of edTPA is required. CR/NC. Prereq.: TELS Upper Division Status; Admission to Student Teaching in Special Education. Coreq.: SPED 4839 and/or SPED 4849. 2 s.h.

Course Readings

Group	Title	Author	ISBN
Required	edTPA SPED Handbook	Pearson	
Optional	Making Good Decisions	Pearson	

Both your "edTPA SPED Handbook" and "Making Good Decisions Handbook" can be found on the Student Teaching website.

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	BB Material Read article: Adkins & Murphy Reflection Model	Review Syllabus edTPA Handbook: "Making Good Choices and Understanding the Rubrics" Practice Reflection Exercise Explained/ Discussed Adkins & Murphy Model reviewed What Makes a Good Teacher Great	Practice Reflection Due on Blackboard Sat, 8/29
8/31	BB Material	edTPA Task 1 Review Differentiation Assignment Discussed Practice Reflection Due - Peer Review	Practice Reflection Peer Review Due, Mon. 8/30
9/7	BB Material		
9/14	BB Material	edTPA Task 2 Actively Engaging Students edTPA Graphic Organizers	Differentiation Assignment due 9/14 on Blackboard (Journal) Assign Interaction Practice Video
9/21	BB Material	edTPA Task 3: Analysis of Student Work Discussion of Assessment Alternatives	
9/28	BB Material	Practice Teaching Video on Class Interaction - Presentations	
10/5	BB Material	Classroom Management Data Informed Instruction How Disabilities Impact Instruction	Teaching Week edTPA Voucher Appts. Oct. 5, 6, 7- upon request
10/12	BB Material	edTPA. WORK SESSION	Alt: Teaching Week SLL- Reflection 1 Due
10/19	BB Material	edTPA. WORK SESSION	
10/26	BB Material	*** Oct 29 - edTPA Submission edTPA WORK SESSION	Verification Form Due - Sunday, Nov 1 Blackboard - Reflection 2 Due
11/2	BB Material	Engaging Parents - Communication Diversity	Parent Conference Forms Due on Blackboard
11/9	BB Material	Start Where You Are- But Don't Stay There	SLL - Reflection 3 Due Verification Resume Due on HandShake
11/16	BB Material		
11/23		Thanksgiving Week	Score Results Blackboard - Reflection 4 Due
11/30	BB Material	Release time for Parent Conferences	
12/7		Reserved as needed	

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