

**Hagerstown Community College**  
**OFFICIAL COURSE SYLLABUS DOCUMENT**

**COURSE:** EDU 101: Introduction to Education

3 credits

**INSTRUCTOR:** Jeannine Stonestreet, Mary Beth Chaney **SEMESTER/YEAR:** Fall, 2016

**COURSE DESCRIPTION:** This course is designed to introduce the student to the American education system. Historical and philosophical traditions, types of educational institutions, teaching methods, learner characteristics, issues, and career opportunities are introduced. Students are required to participate in 15 hours of guided observation in several educational institutions. Prerequisite: A grade of "C" or better in ENG 100 or placement in ENG 101.

**TEXTBOOK:** TEACH, 3rd edition by Janice Koch

**STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES:**

At the conclusion of the course, students will be able:

- apply their understanding of effective teaching methodology through the creation of lesson plans.
- identify and critically analyze the policies and current practices of the American education system.
- describe how changes in the student population are leading to educational change and how these changes impact instructional programs and curricula, multicultural and bilingual programs, along with the changes that innovations and technology bring to the classroom.

**COURSE CONTENT OBJECTIVES:**

At the conclusion of the course, students will be able to:

- examine the historical, philosophical, and sociological foundations of education.
- analyze how student's learning is influenced by individual experiences, talents, prior knowledge, and diversity.
- explore the complexity of schools and their systems within a larger community context.
- examine the impact of economic, political, and social factors on education communities.
- explore critical issues regarding the characteristics of today's students, effective teaching methodology, curriculum, classroom management and discipline.

**TOTAL HOURS OF COURSEWORK:**

- To earn one academic credit at HCC, students are required to complete a minimum of 37.5 clock hours (45 fifty-minute "academic" hours) of coursework per semester. Those hours of coursework may be completed through a combination of hours within the classroom and hours outside the classroom. Certain courses may require more than the 37.5 minimum hours of coursework per credit.
- For most classes, students should expect to do at least 2 hours of coursework outside of class for each hour of in-class coursework.

**DEFINITION OF CREDIT HOUR:**

| Components of the Course | Hours in Class | Hours Outside of Class | Total |
|--------------------------|----------------|------------------------|-------|
| Lecture                  |                |                        |       |
| Lecture/Classwork        | 37.5           |                        | 37.5  |
| Reading/Homework         |                | 30                     | 67.5  |
| Preparing for Exams      |                | 12                     | 79.5  |
| E-Portfolio Assignment   |                | 15                     | 94.5  |
| Student Success Center   |                | 3                      | 97.5  |
| Field Experience         |                | 15                     | 112.5 |

**DEFINITION OF CREDIT HOUR:**

| Components of the Course                          | Hours online | Hours Offline | Total |
|---|--------------|---------------|-------|
| Online  |              |               |       |
| Weekly Assignments<br>Videos<br>Discussion Boards | 37.5         |               | 37.5  |
| Reading   |              | 30            | 67.5  |
| Preparing for Exams                               |              | 12            | 79.5  |
| E-Portfolio Assignment                            |              | 15            | 94.5  |
| Student Success Center                            |              | 3             | 97.5  |
| Field Experience                                  |              | 15            | 112.5 |

**SERVICES FOR STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES:** Students may receive reasonable accommodations if they have a diagnosed disability and present appropriate documentation. Students seeking accommodations are required to contact the Disability Support Services (DSS) office as early as possible. Students may contact a DSS staff member for an appointment at [dss@hagerstowncc.edu](mailto:dss@hagerstowncc.edu) or at 240-500-2530.