



**MLED 314.01W**  
**Young Adolescent Development**  
**ONLINE COURSE SYLLABUS: Spring 2019**

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**COURSE INFORMATION**

**Textbook Required:**

Walsh, David (2014). Why Do They Act That Way?, Revised and Updated Paperback edition.  
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**Information from the following websites:**

<http://www.nlm.nih.gov/medlineplus/ency/article/002003.htm>

<http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC1519930/>

<http://video.pbs.org/video/1906082752/>

**Course Description:**

**MLED 314** is designed to provide preservice teachers with a knowledge base of the changes and issues that typically affect development in the years from age eight through adolescence. Students will examine and study the various domains of physical, cognitive, social and emotional development; and will consider how various learning theories, particularly multiple intelligence theory, can inform practices in middle level classroom. The effect of environmental factors on development will also be explored.

**Standards, Domains, and Competencies Addressed:**

**The Standards**

**Pedagogy and Professional Responsibilities EC–12 Standard I**

The teacher designs instruction appropriate for all students that reflects an understanding of relevant content and is based on continuous and appropriate assessment.

**Pedagogy and Professional Responsibilities EC–12 Standard II**

The teacher creates a classroom environment of respect and rapport that fosters a positive climate for learning, equity and excellence.

**Pedagogy and Professional Responsibilities EC–12 Standard III**

The teacher promotes student learning by providing responsive instruction that makes use of effective communication techniques, instructional strategies that actively engage students in the learning process and timely, high-quality feedback.

### **Pedagogy and Professional Responsibilities EC–12 Standard IV**

The teacher fulfills professional roles and responsibilities and adheres to legal and ethical requirements of the profession.

#### **Technology Applications Standard I**

All teachers use technology-related terms, concepts, data input strategies and ethical practices to make informed decisions about current technologies and their applications.

#### **Technology Applications Standard II**

All teachers identify task requirements, apply search strategies and use current technology to efficiently acquire, analyze and evaluate a variety of electronic information.

#### **Technology Applications Standard III**

All teachers use task-appropriate tools to synthesize knowledge, create and modify solutions and evaluate results in a way that supports the work of individuals and groups in problem-solving situations.

#### **Technology Applications Standard IV**

All teachers communicate information in different formats and for diverse audiences.

#### **Technology Applications Standard V**

All teachers know how to plan, organize, deliver and evaluate instruction for all students that incorporates the effective use of current technology for teaching and integrating the Technology Applications Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS) into the curriculum.

### **Domains and Competencies**

#### **Domain I — Designing Instruction and Assessment to Promote Student Learning**

Competency 001: *The teacher understands human developmental processes and applies this knowledge to plan instruction and ongoing assessment that motivate students and are responsive to their developmental characteristics and needs.*

The beginning teacher:

- A. Knows the typical stages of cognitive, social, physical and emotional development of students in early childhood through grade 12.
- B. Recognizes the wide range of individual developmental differences that characterizes students in early childhood through grade 12 and the implications of this developmental variation for instructional planning.
- C. Analyzes ways in which developmental characteristics of students in early childhood through grade 12 impact learning and performance and applies knowledge of students' developmental characteristics and needs to plan effective learning experiences and assessments.
- D. Demonstrates an understanding of physical changes that occur in early childhood through adolescence, factors that affect students' physical growth and health (e.g., nutrition, sleep, prenatal exposure to drugs, abuse) and ways in which physical development impacts development in other domains (i.e., cognitive, social, emotional).
- E. Recognizes factors affecting the social and emotional development of students in early childhood through adolescence (e.g., lack of affection and attention, parental divorce, homelessness) and knows that students' social and emotional development impacts their development in other domains (i.e., cognitive, physical).
- F. Uses knowledge of cognitive changes in students in early childhood through adolescence (e.g., from an emphasis on concrete thinking to the emergence and refinement of abstract thinking and reasoning, increased ability to engage in reflective thinking, increased focus on the world beyond the school setting) to plan developmentally appropriate instruction and assessment that promote learning and development.
- G. Understands that development in any one domain (i.e., cognitive, social, physical, emotional) impacts development in other domains.
- H. Recognizes signs of developmental delays or impairments in students in early childhood through grade 4.

- I. Knows the stages of play development (i.e., from solitary to cooperative) and the important role of play in young children's learning and development.
- J. Uses knowledge of the developmental characteristics and needs of students in early childhood through grade 4 to plan meaningful, integrated and active learning and play experiences that promote the development of the whole child.
- K. Recognizes that positive and productive learning environments involve creating a culture of high academic expectations, equity throughout the learning community and developmental responsiveness.
- L. Recognizes the importance of helping students in early childhood through grade 12 learn and apply life skills (e.g., decision-making skills, organizational skills, goal-setting skills, self-direction, workplace skills).
- M. Knows the rationale for appropriate middle-level education and how middle-level schools are structured to address the characteristics and needs of young adolescents.
- N. Recognizes typical challenges for students during later childhood, adolescence and young adulthood (e.g., self-image, physical appearance, eating disorders, feelings of rebelliousness, identity formation, educational and career decisions) and effective ways to help students address these challenges.
- O. Understands ways in which student involvement in risky behaviors (e.g., drug and alcohol use, gang involvement) impacts development and learning.
- P. Demonstrates knowledge of the importance of peers, peer acceptance and conformity to peer group norms and expectations for adolescents and understands the significance of peer-related issues for teaching and learning.

*Competency 002: The teacher understands student diversity and knows how to plan learning experiences and design assessments that are responsive to differences among students and that promote all students' learning.*

The beginning teacher:

- A. Demonstrates knowledge of students with diverse personal and social characteristics (e.g., those related to ethnicity, gender, language background, exceptionality) and the significance of student diversity for teaching, learning and assessment.
- B. Accepts and respects students with diverse backgrounds and needs.
- C. Knows how to use diversity in the classroom and the community to enrich all students' learning experiences.
- D. Knows strategies for enhancing one's own understanding of students' diverse backgrounds and needs.
- E. Knows how to plan and adapt lessons to address students' varied backgrounds, skills, interests and learning needs, including the needs of English-language learners and students with disabilities.
- F. Understands cultural and socioeconomic differences (including differential access to technology) and knows how to plan instruction that is responsive to cultural and socioeconomic differences among students.
- G. Understands the instructional significance of varied student learning needs and preferences.
- H. Knows the ELPS in the domains of listening and speaking in accordance with the proficiency-level descriptors for the beginning, intermediate, advanced and advanced- high levels.
- I. Knows the ELPS in the domains of reading and writing in accordance with the proficiency-level descriptors for beginning, intermediate, advanced and advanced- high levels.

*Competency 003: The teacher understands procedures for designing effective and coherent instruction and assessment based on appropriate learning goals and objectives.*

The beginning teacher:

- A. Understands the significance of the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS) and of prerequisite knowledge and skills in determining instructional goals and objectives.

- B. Uses appropriate criteria to evaluate the appropriateness of learning goals and objectives (e.g., clarity; relevance; significance; age-appropriateness; ability to be assessed; responsiveness to students' current skills and knowledge, background, needs and interests; alignment with campus and district goals).
- C. Uses assessment to analyze students' strengths and needs, evaluate teacher effectiveness and guide instructional planning for individuals and groups.
- D. Understands the connection between various components of the Texas statewide assessment program, the TEKS and instruction and analyzes data from state and other assessments using common statistical measures to help identify students' strengths and needs.
- E. Demonstrates knowledge of various types of materials and resources (including technological resources and resources outside the school) that may be used to enhance student learning and engagement and evaluates the appropriateness of specific materials and resources for use in particular situations, to address specific purposes and to meet varied student needs.
- F. Plans lessons and structures units so that activities progress in a logical sequence and support stated instructional goals.
- G. Plans learning experiences that provide students with developmentally appropriate opportunities to explore content from integrated and varied perspectives (e.g., by presenting thematic units that incorporate different disciplines, providing intradisciplinary and interdisciplinary instruction, designing instruction that enables students to work cooperatively, providing multicultural learning experiences, prompting students to consider ideas from multiple viewpoints, encouraging students' application of knowledge and skills to the world beyond the school).
- H. Allocates time appropriately within lessons and units, including providing adequate opportunities for students to engage in reflection, self-assessment and closure.

*Competency 004: The teacher understands learning processes and factors that impact student learning and demonstrates this knowledge by planning effective, engaging instruction and appropriate assessments.*

The beginning teacher:

- A. Understands the role of learning theory in the instructional process and uses instructional strategies and appropriate technologies to facilitate student learning (e.g., connecting new information and ideas to prior knowledge, making learning meaningful and relevant to students).
- B. Understands that young children think concretely and rely primarily on motor and sensory input and direct experience for development of skills and knowledge and uses this understanding to plan effective, developmentally appropriate learning experiences and assessments.
- C. Understands that the middle-level years are a transitional stage in which students may exhibit characteristics of both older and younger children and that these are critical years for developing important skills and attitudes (e.g., working and getting along with others, appreciating diversity, making a commitment to continued schooling).
- D. Recognizes how characteristics of students at different developmental levels (e.g., limited attention span and need for physical activity and movement for younger children; importance of peers, search for identity, questioning of values and exploration of long-term career and life goals for older students) impact teaching and learning.
- E. Stimulates reflection, critical thinking and inquiry among students (e.g., supports the concept of play as a valid vehicle for young children's learning; provides opportunities for young children to manipulate materials and to test ideas and hypotheses; engages students in structured, hands-on problem-solving activities that are challenging; encourages exploration and risk-taking; creates a learning community that promotes positive contributions, effective communication and the respectful exchange of ideas).
- F. Enhances learning for students by providing age-appropriate instruction that encourages the use and refinement of higher-order thinking skills (e.g., prompting students to explore ideas from diverse perspectives; structuring active learning experiences involving cooperative learning, problem solving, open-ended questioning and inquiry; promoting students' development of research skills).

- G. Teaches, models and monitors organizational and time-management skills at an age-appropriate level (e.g., establishing regular places for classroom toys and materials for young children, keeping related materials together, using organizational tools, using effective strategies for locating information and organizing information systematically).
- H. Teaches, models and monitors age-appropriate study skills (e.g., using graphic organizers, outlining, note-taking, summarizing, test-taking) and structures research projects appropriately (e.g., teaches students the steps in research, establishes checkpoints during research projects, helps students use time-management tools).
- I. Analyzes ways in which teacher behaviors (e.g., teacher expectations, student grouping practices, teacher-student interactions) impact student learning and plans instruction and assessment that minimize the effects of negative factors and enhance all students' learning.
- J. Analyzes ways in which factors in the home and community (e.g., parent expectations, availability of community resources, community problems) impact student learning and plans instruction and assessment with awareness of social and cultural factors to enhance all students' learning.
- K. Understands the importance of self-directed learning and plans instruction and assessment that promote students' motivation and their sense of ownership of and responsibility for their own learning.
- L. Analyzes ways in which various teacher roles (e.g., facilitator, lecturer) and student roles (e.g., active learner, observer, group participant) impact student learning.
- M. Incorporates students' different approaches to learning (e.g., auditory, visual, tactile, kinesthetic) into instructional practices.
- N. Provides instruction to ensure that students can apply various learning strategies (e.g., using prior knowledge, metacognition, graphic organizers) across content areas, in accordance with the ELPS.
- O. Provides instruction in a manner that is linguistically accommodated (communicated, sequenced and scaffolded) to the student's level of English-language proficiency to ensure that the student learns the knowledge and skills across content areas, in accordance with the ELPS.
- P. Applies knowledge of the implications for learning and instruction of the range of thinking abilities found among students in any one grade level and students' increasing ability over time to engage in abstract thinking and reasoning.

## **Domain II — Creating a Positive, Productive Classroom Environment**

*Competency 005: The teacher knows how to establish a classroom climate that fosters learning, equity and excellence and uses this knowledge to create a physical and emotional environment that is safe and productive.*

The beginning teacher:

- A. Uses knowledge of the unique characteristics and needs of students at different developmental levels to establish a positive, productive classroom environment (e.g., encourages cooperation and sharing among younger students; provides middle-level students with opportunities to collaborate with peers; encourages older students' respect for the community and the people in it).
- B. Establishes a classroom climate that emphasizes collaboration and supportive interactions, respect for diversity and individual differences and active engagement in learning by all students.
- C. Analyzes ways in which teacher-student interactions and interactions among students impact classroom climate and student learning and development.
- D. Presents instruction in ways that communicate the teacher's enthusiasm for learning.
- E. Uses a variety of means to convey high expectations for all students.
- F. Knows characteristics of physical spaces that are safe and productive for learning, recognizes the benefits and limitations of various arrangements of furniture in the classroom and applies strategies for organizing the physical environment to ensure physical accessibility and facilitate learning in various instructional contexts.

G. Creates a safe, nurturing and inclusive classroom environment that addresses students' emotional needs and respects students' rights and dignity.

Competency 006: *The teacher understands strategies for creating an organized and productive learning environment and for managing student behavior.*

The beginning teacher:

A. Analyzes the effects of classroom routines and procedures on student learning, and knows how to establish and implement age-appropriate routines and procedures to promote an organized and productive learning environment.

B. Demonstrates an understanding of how young children function in groups and designs group activities that reflect a realistic understanding of the extent of young children's ability to collaborate with others.

C. Organizes and manages group activities that promote students' ability to work together cooperatively and productively, assume responsible roles and develop collaborative skills and individual accountability.

D. Recognizes the importance of creating a schedule for young children that balances restful and active movement activities and that provides large blocks of time for play, projects and learning centers.

E. Schedules activities and manages time in ways that maximize student learning, including using effective procedures to manage transitions; to manage materials, supplies and technology; and to coordinate the performance of noninstructional duties (e.g., taking attendance) with instructional activities.

F. Uses technological tools to perform administrative tasks such as taking attendance, maintaining grade books and facilitating communication.

G. Works with volunteers and paraprofessionals to enhance and enrich instruction and applies procedures for monitoring the performance of volunteers and paraprofessionals in the classroom.

H. Applies theories and techniques related to managing and monitoring student behavior.

I. Demonstrates awareness of appropriate behavior standards and expectations for students at various developmental levels.

J. Applies effective procedures for managing student behavior and for promoting appropriate behavior and ethical work habits (e.g., academic integrity) in the classroom (e.g., communicating high and realistic behavior expectations, involving students in developing rules and procedures, establishing clear consequences for inappropriate behavior, enforcing behavior standards consistently, encouraging students to monitor their own behavior and to use conflict resolution skills, responding appropriately to various types of behavior).

### **Domain III — Implementing Effective, Responsive Instruction and Assessment**

Competency 007: *The teacher understands and applies principles and strategies for communicating effectively in varied teaching and learning contexts.*

The beginning teacher:

A. Demonstrates clear, accurate communication in the teaching and learning process and uses language that is appropriate to students' ages, interests and backgrounds.

B. Engages in skilled questioning and leads effective student discussions, including using questioning and discussion to engage all students in exploring content; extends students' knowledge; and fosters active student inquiry, higher-order thinking, problem solving and productive, supportive interactions, including appropriate wait time.

C. Communicates directions, explanations and procedures effectively and uses strategies for adjusting communication to enhance student understanding (e.g., by providing examples, simplifying complex ideas, using appropriate communication tools).

D. Practices effective communication techniques and interpersonal skills (including both verbal and nonverbal skills and electronic communication) for meeting specified goals in various contexts.

Competency 008: *The teacher provides appropriate instruction that actively engages students in the learning process.*

The beginning teacher:

- A. Employs various instructional techniques (e.g., discussion, inquiry, problem solving) and varies teacher and student roles in the instructional process and provides instruction that promotes intellectual involvement and active student engagement and learning.
- B. Applies various strategies to promote student engagement and learning (e.g., by structuring lessons effectively, using flexible instructional groupings, pacing lessons flexibly in response to student needs, including wait time).
- C. Presents content to students in ways that are relevant and meaningful and that link with students' prior knowledge and experience.
- D. Applies criteria for evaluating the appropriateness of instructional activities, materials, resources and technologies for students with varied characteristics and needs.
- E. Engages in continuous monitoring of instructional effectiveness.
- F. Applies knowledge of different types of motivation (i.e., internal, external) and factors affecting student motivation.
- G. Employs effective motivational strategies and encourages students' self-motivation.
- H. Provides focused, targeted and systematic second language acquisition instruction to English-language learners in grade 3 or higher who are at the beginning or intermediate level of English-language proficiency in listening and/or speaking in accordance with the ELPS.
- I. Provides focused, targeted and systematic second language acquisition instruction to English-language learners in grade 3 or higher who are at the beginning or intermediate level of English-language proficiency in reading and/or writing in accordance with the ELPS.
- J. Develops the foundation of English language vocabulary, grammar, syntax and mechanics necessary to understand content-based instruction and accelerated learning of English in accordance with the ELPS.

Competency 009: *The teacher incorporates the effective use of technology to plan, organize, deliver and evaluate instruction for all students.*

The beginning teacher:

- A. Demonstrates knowledge of basic terms and concepts of current technology (e.g., hardware, software applications and functions, input/output devices, networks).
- B. Understands issues related to the appropriate use of technology in society and follows guidelines for the legal and ethical use of technology and digital information (e.g., privacy guidelines, copyright laws, acceptable use policies).
- C. Applies procedures for acquiring, analyzing and evaluating electronic information (e.g., locating information on networks, accessing and manipulating information from secondary storage and remote devices, using online help and other documentation, evaluating electronic information for accuracy and validity).
- D. Knows how to use task-appropriate tools and procedures to synthesize knowledge, create and modify solutions and evaluate results to support the work of individuals and groups in problem-solving situations and project-based learning activities (e.g., planning, creating and editing word processing documents, spreadsheet documents and databases; using graphic tools; participating in electronic communities as learner, initiator and contributor; sharing information through online communication).
- E. Knows how to use productivity tools to communicate information in various formats (e.g., slide show, multimedia presentation, newsletter) and applies procedures for publishing information in various ways (e.g., printed copy, monitor display, Internet document, video).
- F. Knows how to incorporate the effective use of current technology; use technology applications in problem-solving and decision-making situations; implement activities that emphasize collaboration and teamwork; and use developmentally appropriate instructional practices, activities and materials to integrate the Technology Applications TEKS into the curriculum.

G. Knows how to evaluate students' technologically produced products and projects using established criteria related to design, content delivery, audience and relevance to assignment.

H. Identifies and addresses equity issues related to the use of technology.

*Competency 010: The teacher monitors student performance and achievement; provides students with timely, high-quality feedback; and responds flexibly to promote learning for all students.*

The beginning teacher:

A. Demonstrates knowledge of the characteristics, uses, advantages and limitations of various assessment methods and strategies, including technological methods and methods that reflect real-world applications.

B. Creates assessments that are congruent with instructional goals and objectives and communicates assessment criteria and standards to students based on high expectations for learning.

C. Uses appropriate language and formats to provide students with timely, effective feedback that is accurate, constructive, substantive and specific.

D. Knows how to promote students' ability to use feedback and self-assessment to guide and enhance their own learning.

E. Responds flexibly to various situations (e.g., lack of student engagement in an activity, the occurrence of an unanticipated learning opportunity) and adjusts instructional approaches based on ongoing assessment of student performance.

#### **Domain IV — Fulfilling Professional Roles and Responsibilities**

*Competency 011: The teacher understands the importance of family involvement in children's education and knows how to interact and communicate effectively with families.*

The beginning teacher:

A. Applies knowledge of appropriate ways (including electronic communication) to work and communicate effectively with families in various situations.

B. Engages families, parents, guardians and other legal caregivers in various aspects of the educational program.

C. Interacts appropriately with all families, including those that have diverse characteristics, backgrounds and needs.

D. Communicates effectively with families on a regular basis (e.g., to share information about students' progress) and responds to their concerns.

E. Conducts effective conferences with parents, guardians and other legal caregivers.

F. Effectively uses family support resources (e.g., community, interagency) to enhance family involvement in student learning.

*Competency 012: The teacher enhances professional knowledge and skills by effectively interacting with other members of the educational community and participating in various types of professional activities.*

The beginning teacher:

A. Interacts appropriately with other professionals in the school community (e.g., vertical teaming, horizontal teaming, team teaching, mentoring).

B. Maintains supportive, cooperative relationships with professional colleagues and collaborates to support students' learning and to achieve campus and district goals.

C. Knows the roles and responsibilities of specialists and other professionals at the building and district levels (e.g., department chairperson, principal, board of trustees, curriculum coordinator, technology coordinator, special education professional).

- D. Understands the value of participating in school activities and contributes to school and district (e.g., by participating in decision making and problem solving, sharing ideas and expertise, serving on committees, volunteering to participate in events and projects).
- E. Uses resources and support systems effectively (e.g., mentors, service centers, state initiatives, universities) to address professional development needs.
- F. Recognizes characteristics, goals and procedures associated with teacher appraisal and uses appraisal results to improve teaching skills.
- G. Works productively with supervisors, mentors and other colleagues to address issues and to enhance professional knowledge and skills.
- H. Understands and uses professional development resources (e.g., mentors and other support systems, conferences, online resources, workshops, journals, professional associations, coursework) to enhance knowledge, pedagogical skills and technological expertise.
- I. Engages in reflection and self-assessment to identify strengths, challenges and potential problems; improve teaching performance; and achieve professional goals.

Competency 013: *The teacher understands and adheres to legal and ethical requirements for educators and is knowledgeable of the structure of education in Texas.*

The beginning teacher:

- A. Knows legal requirements for educators (e.g., those related to special education, students' and families' rights, student discipline, equity, child abuse) and adheres to legal guidelines in education-related situations.
- B. Knows and adheres to legal and ethical requirements regarding the use of educational resources and technologies (e.g., copyright, Fair Use, data security, privacy, acceptable use policies).
- C. Applies knowledge of ethical guidelines for educators in Texas (e.g., those related to confidentiality, interactions with students and others in the school community), including policies and procedures described in the Code of Ethics and Standard Practices for Texas Educators.
- D. Follows procedures and requirements for maintaining accurate student records.
- E. Understands the importance of and adheres to required procedures for administering state- and district-mandated assessments.
- F. Uses knowledge of the structure of the state education system, including relationships among campus, local and state components, to seek information and assistance.
- G. Advocates for students and for the profession in various situations.

### **Course Objectives:**

Students will demonstrate the following outcomes:

- A. Students will understand the basic principles of development and how these principles impact student needs and learning.
- B. Students will recognize the developmental milestones in the major domains of development [cognitive, psycho-motor, social, and emotional], in concert with interactions of English language proficiency stages.
- C. Students will understand connections between adolescent development and the major learning theories.
- D. Students will gain awareness of societal issues currently impacting adolescent development [i.e., peer pressure, gangs, drugs, family structure, media impact, language differences, etc.].

- E. Students will learn to apply knowledge of development in interacting with adolescent students.
- F. Students will be able to apply developmental and language acquisition principles in determining reasonable expectations of the middle level students.
- G. Students will be able to support students in developing positive social relations and in dealing with conflict.

## COURSE REQUIREMENTS

### Assignments:

1. **Introduction** About Yourself
2. **8 Discussions/Comments**
3. **Research Paper** on Hot Topic
4. **Electronic Presentation** on Hot Topic
5. **Comments/Critique** of One Classmate's Presentation
6. **Dear Abby** Assignment and Reflection
7. **10 Quizzes**, 1 Mid-Term **Exam**, and 1 Final **Exam**

Items only for the instructor (Research Paper, Comments, Dear Abby)

All written assignments must be typed in a 12 point font with double spacing and one inch margins on all sides. For the Research Paper, **Microsoft Word**, using APA format, is required, but no abstract is needed.

**Introduction About Yourself:** Write an introduction about yourself covering the following areas: background information, relevant personal information pertaining to this class, and expectations of the course. The introduction should be **at least** 1 page in length. Mine will also be available.

**Discussions:** 1) Various resources/links will be listed under **Discussion** during certain weeks. **Discussion** responses need to be at least 3-5 sentences in length, addressing the resource given for that particular week. 2) For every **Discussion** assignment, you will be responsible for commenting on one of your classmates' responses. When commenting on your classmates' responses, also respond with 3-5 sentences.

**Research Paper on Hot Topic/ Electronic Presentation on Hot Topic:** You will become the class expert on the issue you choose. This assignment will have three parts: 1) **A Research Paper**; 2) **An Electronic Presentation** of your topic; and 3) **Comments/Critique** on one electronic presentation of your classmates.

1) **The Research Paper on Hot Topic** is to be 3-5 pages in length. You do not need an abstract page. Please refer to previous instructions on written assignments above. *Very important: Be sure to cite sources at the end.*

This paper should be more than just a regurgitation of facts or an explanation of an argument. All of the opinions stated in the paper should be backed up by an expert. Build upon what you know about the subject and make a deliberate attempt to find out what experts know. Your research paper should analyze a perspective or argue a point. It can be broad and address the entire issue or can focus on one aspect of your topic. Points will be deducted if your name and sources are not included.

2) **The Electronic Presentation on Hot Topic** created by you will be available for all to view. You could use Prezi, PowerPoint, or another presentation tool to summarize

your topic and research paper. Post any web page link that is needed to access anything on the Internet. Please make sure all electronic presentations include your name. Points will be deducted if your name and sources are not included.

3) You will also be responsible for **Comments/Critique** on one electronic presentation from your classmates. You will need to view all of the electronic presentations. Then **Comment/Critique** one of those presentations. Please be sure to reference whose presentation you are critiquing. These **Comments/Critiques** should reflect your true opinions and should be 5-7 sentences in length.

### Hot Topics Examples to Choose:

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| a. Media – Radio & TV                                | l. Adolescent dating issues  |
| b. Media – Social networking                         | m. Adolescent stress/depression  |
| c. Cell phones (texting, sexting, etc.)              | n. Family financial problems   |
| d. Gothic tendencies                                 | o. Teen pregnancy  |
| e. Bullying  | p. Absent or divorced parents  |
| f. Gangs   | q. Death or serious loss in the family                                     |
| g. Alcohol, tobacco & other drugs                    | r. Truancy   |
| h. Adolescent suicide                                | s. Psychiatric disorders such as schizophrenia, manic-depressive disorder, |
| i. Peer relationships/cliques/social rejection       | t. Conduct disorders   |
| j. Female & male body image (eating disorders, etc.) | u. Chronic illness in oneself or family                                    |
| k. Adolescent/parent relationships                   |  |

**Dear Abby Assignment and Reflection:** Find a “Dear Abby” letter concerning an adolescent scenario. This scenario should deal with problems or issues that adolescents face today, or any topic we have covered in this course. Cite or attach document source [i.e. – newspaper article, internet article, etc.]. Write a short paragraph reflecting your personal discovery or reflection about the scenario. Do you agree with the advice given? Would you have given different advice? Is there any research found in the textbook to support your responses? An example of a link: <http://www.kansascity.com/living/advice-columns/>. Google “Dear Abby” for others.

### GRADING

Points will be earned for assignments completed. Examples of assignments will be provided toward the due dates so you have guidelines to follow.

Assignment	Points
Introduction About Yourself	5
Discussions/Comments	8
Research Paper on Hot Topic	17
Electronic Presentation on Hot Topic	15
Comments/Critique of One Classmate’s Presentation	5
Dear Abby Assignment and Reflection	5
<u>Quizzes</u>	20
Mid-Term <u>Exam</u>	10
Final <u>Exam</u>	15

**Total Points/Final Grade:**  
A = 90 – 100

B = 80 – 89  
C = 70 – 79

D = 60 – 69  
F = 59 or lower

## TECHNOLOGY REQUIREMENTS

### Browser Support

D2L is committed to performing key application testing when new browser versions are released. New and updated functionality is also tested against the latest version of supported browsers. However, due to the frequency of some browser releases, D2L cannot guarantee that each browser version will perform as expected. If you encounter any issues with any of the browser versions listed in the tables below, contact D2L Support, who will determine the best course of action for resolution. Reported issues are prioritized by supported browsers and then maintenance browsers.

Supported browsers are the latest or most recent browser versions that are tested against new versions of D2L products. Customers can report problems and receive support for issues. For an optimal experience, D2L recommends using supported browsers with D2L products.

Maintenance browsers are older browser versions that are not tested extensively against new versions of D2L products. Customers can still report problems and receive support for critical issues; however, D2L does not guarantee all issues will be addressed. A maintenance browser becomes officially unsupported after one year.

Note the following:

- Ensure that your browser has JavaScript and Cookies enabled.
- For desktop systems, you must have Adobe Flash Player 10.1 or greater.
- The Brightspace Support features are now optimized for production environments when using the Google Chrome browser, Apple Safari browser, Microsoft Edge browser, Microsoft Internet Explorer browser, and Mozilla Firefox browsers.

### Desktop Support

Browser	Supported Browser Version(s)	Maintenance Browser Version(s)
Microsoft® Edge	Latest	N/A
Microsoft® Internet Explorer®	N/A	11
Mozilla® Firefox®	Latest, ESR	N/A
Google® Chrome™	Latest	N/A
Apple® Safari®	Latest	N/A

## Tablet and Mobile Support

Device	Operating System	Browser	Supported Browser Version(s)
Android™	Android 4.4+	Chrome	Latest
Apple	iOS®	Safari, Chrome	The current major version of iOS (the latest minor or <b>point</b> release of that major version) and the previous major version of iOS (the latest minor or <b>point</b> release of that major version). For example, as of June 7, 2017, D2L supports iOS 10.3.2 and iOS 9.3.5, but not iOS 10.2.1, 9.0.2, or any other version.  Chrome: Latest version for the iOS browser.
Windows	Windows 10	Edge, Chrome, Firefox	Latest of all browsers, and Firefox ESR.

- You will need regular access to a computer with a broadband Internet connection. The minimum computer requirements are:
  - 512 MB of RAM, 1 GB or more preferred
  - Broadband connection required courses are heavily video intensive
  - Video display capable of high-color 16-bit display 1024 x 768 or higher resolution
- You must have a:
  - Sound card, which is usually integrated into your desktop or laptop computer
  - Speakers or headphones.
  - \*For courses utilizing video-conferencing tools and/or an online proctoring solution, a webcam and microphone are required.
- Both versions of Java (32 bit and 64 bit) must be installed and up to date on your machine. At a minimum Java 7, update 51, is required to support the learning management system. The most current version of Java can be downloaded at: [JAVA web site](http://www.java.com/en/download/manual.jsp)  
<http://www.java.com/en/download/manual.jsp>
- Current anti-virus software must be installed and kept up to date.

Running the browser check will ensure your internet browser is supported.

Pop-ups are allowed.  
JavaScript is enabled.  
Cookies are enabled.

- You will need some additional free software (plug-ins) for enhanced web browsing. Ensure that you download the free versions of the following software:
  - [Adobe Reader](https://get.adobe.com/reader/) <https://get.adobe.com/reader/>
  - [Adobe Flash Player](https://get.adobe.com/flashplayer/) (version 17 or later) <https://get.adobe.com/flashplayer/>
  - [Adobe Shockwave Player](https://get.adobe.com/shockwave/) <https://get.adobe.com/shockwave/>
  - [Apple Quick Time](http://www.apple.com/quicktime/download/) <http://www.apple.com/quicktime/download/>

- At a minimum, you must have Microsoft Office 2013, 2010, 2007 or Open Office. Microsoft Office is the standard office productivity software utilized by faculty, students, and staff. Microsoft Word is the standard word processing software, Microsoft Excel is the standard spreadsheet software, and Microsoft PowerPoint is the standard presentation software. Copying and pasting, along with attaching/uploading documents for assignment submission, will also be required. If you do not have Microsoft Office, you can check with the bookstore to see if they have any student copies.

## ACCESS AND NAVIGATION

You will need your campus-wide ID (CWID) and password to log into the course. If you do not know your CWID or have forgotten your password, contact the Center for IT Excellence (CITE) at 903.468.6000 or [helpdesk@tamuc.edu](mailto:helpdesk@tamuc.edu).

**Note:** Personal computer and internet connection problems do not excuse the requirement to complete all course work in a timely and satisfactory manner. Each student needs to have a backup method to deal with these inevitable problems. These methods might include the availability of a backup PC at home or work, the temporary use of a computer at a friend's home, the local library, office service companies, Starbucks, a TAMUC campus open computer lab, etc.

## COMMUNICATION AND SUPPORT

### Brightspace Support

#### Need Help?

#### Student Support

If you have any questions or are having difficulties with the course material, please contact your Instructor.

#### Technical Support

If you are having technical difficulty with any part of Brightspace, please contact Brightspace Technical  Support at 1-877-325-7778 or click on the **Live Chat** or click on the words “click [here](#)” to submit an issue via email.

#### System Maintenance

Please note that on the 4th Sunday of each month there will be System Maintenance which means the system will not be available 12 pm-6 am CST.

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### Interaction with Instructor Statement:

Please note that you **MUST** use your university issued email account when contacting via email for any issue related to this class.

Also, please state your name, so there is no mistaking who is sending the email. Because of the large number of students in this class, there may be a couple of days before there is a response.

## COURSE AND UNIVERSITY PROCEDURES and POLICIES

### Specific MLED314 Course Policies and Procedures

1. **Participate in all classes and activities every week. These class activities are designed to increase understanding of course content pertaining to trends and issues in pedagogy and professional responsibilities of educators as you complete your internship.**
2. Complete all required readings **and assignments/projects** to the best of your abilities.

### Syllabus Change Policy

The syllabus is a guide. Circumstances and events, such as student progress, may make it necessary for the instructor to modify the syllabus during the semester. Any changes made to the syllabus will be announced in advance.

### University Specific Procedures

#### Student Conduct

All students enrolled at the University shall follow the tenets of common decency and acceptable behavior conducive to a positive learning environment. The Code of Student Conduct is described in detail in the [Student Guidebook](#).

<http://www.tamuc.edu/Admissions/oneStopShop/undergraduateAdmissions/studentGuidebook.aspx>

Students should also consult the Rules of Netiquette for more information regarding how to interact with students in an online forum: [Netiquette http://www.albion.com/netiquette/corerules.html](http://www.albion.com/netiquette/corerules.html)

#### TAMUC Attendance

For more information about the attendance policy please visit the [Attendance](#) webpage and [Procedure 13.99.99.R0.01](#).

<http://www.tamuc.edu/admissions/registrar/generalInformation/attendance.aspx>

<http://www.tamuc.edu/aboutUs/policiesProceduresStandardsStatements/rulesProcedures/13students/academic/13.99.99.R0.01.pdf>

#### Academic Integrity

Students at Texas A&M University-Commerce are expected to maintain high standards of integrity and honesty in all of their scholastic work. For more details and the definition of academic dishonesty see the following procedures:

[Undergraduate Academic Dishonesty 13.99.99.R0.03](#)

<http://www.tamuc.edu/aboutUs/policiesProceduresStandardsStatements/rulesProcedures/13students/undergraduates/13.99.99.R0.03UndergraduateAcademicDishonesty.pdf>

[Graduate Student Academic Dishonesty 13.99.99.R0.10](#)

<http://www.tamuc.edu/aboutUs/policiesProceduresStandardsStatements/rulesProcedures/13students/graduate/13.99.99.R0.10GraduateStudentAcademicDishonesty.pdf>

## **ADA Statement**

### Students with Disabilities

The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) is a federal anti-discrimination statute that provides comprehensive civil rights protection for persons with disabilities. Among other things, this legislation requires that all students with disabilities be guaranteed a learning environment that provides for reasonable accommodation of their disabilities. If you have a disability requiring an accommodation, please contact:

#### **Office of Student Disability Resources and Services**

Texas A&M University-Commerce

Gee Library- Room 162

Phone (903) 886-5150 or (903) 886-5835

Fax (903) 468-8148

Email: [studentdisabilityservices@tamuc.edu](mailto:studentdisabilityservices@tamuc.edu)

Website: [Office of Student Disability Resources and Services](#)

<http://www.tamuc.edu/campusLife/campusServices/studentDisabilityResourcesAndServices/>

### Nondiscrimination Notice

Texas A&M University-Commerce will comply in the classroom, and in online courses, with all federal and state laws prohibiting discrimination and related retaliation on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, disability, age, genetic information or veteran status. Further, an environment free from discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation, gender identity, or gender expression will be maintained.

### **Campus Concealed Carry Statement**

Texas Senate Bill - 11 (Government Code 411.2031, et al.) authorizes the carrying of a concealed handgun in Texas A&M University-Commerce buildings only by persons who have been issued and are in possession of a Texas License to Carry a Handgun. Qualified law enforcement officers or those who are otherwise authorized to carry a concealed handgun in the State of Texas are also permitted to do so. Pursuant to Penal Code (PC) 46.035 and A&M-Commerce Rule 34.06.02.R1, license holders may not carry a concealed handgun in restricted locations.

For a list of locations, please refer to the [Carrying Concealed Handguns On Campus](#) document and/or consult your event organizer.

Web url:

<http://www.tamuc.edu/aboutUs/policiesProceduresStandardsStatements/rulesProcedures/34SafetyOfEmployeesAndStudents/34.06.02.R1.pdf>

Pursuant to PC 46.035, the open carrying of handguns is prohibited on all A&M-Commerce campuses. Report violations to the University Police Department at 903-886-5868 or 9-1-1.

### COURSE OUTLINE / CALENDAR

Date	Topic & Assignments	Assignments Due By End of Week
Week 1:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Read Chapters 1 &amp; 2 in <i>Why Do They Act That Way?</i> (<i>WDTATW?</i>)</li> <li>• Complete "Introduction" Assignment</li> <li>• Choose Hot Topic</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Write/Post Introduction About Yourself</li> <li>• Discussion topic</li> <li>• Chapters 1 &amp; 2 Quiz</li> </ul>
Week 2:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Review PPR Competency 001 and 002</li> <li>• Work on hot topics research paper/presentation</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Discussion topic</li> <li>• Competency 001 and 002 Quiz</li> </ul>
Week 3:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Read Chapters 3 &amp; 4 in <i>WDTATW?</i></li> <li>• Work on hot topics research paper/presentation</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Discussion topic</li> <li>• Chapters 3 &amp; 4 Quiz</li> </ul>
Week 4:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Review PPR Competencies 002 and 004</li> <li>• Work on hot topics research paper/presentation</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Discussion topic</li> <li>• Competencies 002 and 004 Quiz</li> </ul>
Week 5:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Read Chapters 5, 6, &amp; 7 in <i>WDTATW?</i></li> <li>• Work on hot topics research paper/presentation</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Discussion topic</li> <li>• Chapters 5, 6, &amp; 7 Quiz</li> </ul>
Week 6:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Work on hot topics research paper/presentation</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Discussion topic</li> </ul>
Week 7:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Review Chapters 1-7 in <i>WDTATW?</i></li> <li>• Review Competencies 001, 002, and 004</li> <li>• Work on hot topics research paper/presentation</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mid-Term Exam</li> </ul>
Week 8:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Read Chapters 8 &amp; 9 in <i>WDTATW?</i></li> <li>• Work on hot topics research paper/presentation</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Discussion topic</li> <li>• Chapters 8 &amp; 9 Quiz</li> </ul>
Week 9:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Review PPR Competency 005 and 008</li> <li>• Work on hot topics research paper/presentation</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Discussion topic</li> <li>• Competency 005/008 Quiz</li> </ul>
Week 10:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Read Chapters 10 &amp; 11 in <i>WDTATW?</i></li> <li>• Work on hot topics research paper/presentation</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Discussion topic</li> <li>• Chapters 10 &amp; 11 Quiz</li> </ul>
Week 11:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Review PPR Competencies 008 and 011</li> <li>• Work on hot topics research paper/presentation</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Discussion topic</li> <li>• Competencies 008 and 011 Quiz</li> </ul>
Week 12:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Read Chapters 12, 13, 14 in <i>WDTATW?</i></li> <li>• Work on hot topics research paper/presentation</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Discussion topic</li> <li>• Chapters 12, 13, 14 Quiz</li> </ul>
Week 13:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Work on hot topics research paper/presentation</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hot topics research paper and electronic format presentations</li> </ul>
Week 14:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• View electronic presentations of peers</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Comments/critiques of peers' electronic presentations</li> </ul>
Week 15:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Review Chapters 1-14 in <i>WDTATW?</i> &amp; PPR Competencies 001, 002, 004, 005, 008, and 011</li> <li>• Work on <i>Dear Abby</i> assignment</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Post <i>Dear Abby</i> assignment</li> <li>• Final Exam</li> </ul>