



Course Syllabus: Clinical Teaching for Undergraduate Students

Gordon T. & Ellen West College of Education

EDUC 4173 Sec 203

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Course Description

Teaching under supervision in a public school; meets full day for eighteen weeks, including orientation, professional development, and supervision by college instructor.

Textbook & Instructional Materials

No required materials nor textbook.

Required Technology

All students must have Internet access and the following technology applications:
Google docs and Word Processing software

Student Handbook

Refer to: [Student Handbook](#)

Academic Misconduct Policy & Procedures

Academic Dishonesty: Cheating, collusion, and plagiarism (the act of using source material of other persons, either published or unpublished, without following the accepted techniques of crediting, or the submission for credit of work not the individual's to whom credit is given). Additional guidelines on procedures in these matters may be found in the Office of Student Conduct.

Moffett Library

Moffett Library provides resources and services to support student's studies and assignments, including books, peer-reviewed journals, databases, and multimedia materials accessible both on campus and remotely. The library offers media equipment checkout, reservable study rooms, and research assistance from librarians to help students effectively find, evaluate, and use information. Get started on this [Moffett Library webpage](#) to explore these resources and learn how to best utilize the library.

Required Assignments

Assignments	Submission Location
Code of Ethics	TK20
Formal Observations 1-4	TK20
Lesson Plans and Reflections 1-4	TK20
Informal Observations 1-3	TK20
MISL	TK20
Orientation Attendance	Sign-in Sheet
Career Fair Attendance	Sign-in Sheet
MISL Training Attendance	Sign-in Sheet
Test Prep Attendance	Google Form
Virtual Lesson Plan	TK20

Code of Ethics

You will complete the Code of Ethics certificate following training at orientation. The signed signature sheet must be uploaded to TK20 within one week of the orientation date. Submission will be approved by your university supervisor.

Formal Observations

Observations 1-4, Mid-Point Evaluation, Lesson Plans, and Reflections

Your University Field Supervisor (UFS) will conduct four observations during your clinical teaching, two in the first half and two in the second half. Prior to each observation, you will create a lesson plan that you will share with your supervisor. Your UFS will meet with you for a pre-conference to give you feedback over the lesson plan before it is taught. Following your observation, your UFS will give you an evaluation form that will be signed by you, the UFS, and your cooperating teacher. You will also complete a reflection after you teach the lesson. All four lessons, reflections, and observation sheets will be uploaded to TK20.

MISL (Midwestern Impact on Student Learning)

The MISL will be completed in the first half of clinical teaching. After describing the students, school, classroom, and community, you will create unit objectives and assessments in addition to lessons within the unit. The MISL lessons will be developed with the help of your cooperating teacher and under the guidance of your university supervisor. Data from the pre-and post-assessments will be reported and analyzed to determine student learning. You will provide a reflection on the unit and your plans for future opportunities and professional development. You will upload the final MISL to TK20 for evaluation.

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Late Work

Assignments are expected to be turned in by the due date. Ten percent of the total points will be deducted per day late, and any assignment submitted more than two weeks late will not be accepted. Arrangements must be made at least two days in advance for any exceptions to be given.

Important Dates

- Last day for term schedule changes: January 21 – 23, 2026 Check date on [Academic Calendar](#).
- Deadline to file for May graduation: February 16, 2026 Check date on [Academic Calendar](#).

- Last Day to drop with a grade of "W:" April 29, 2026 Check date on [Academic Calendar](#).
- Refer to: [Drops, Withdrawals & Void](#)

Desire-to-Learn (D2L)

Extensive use of the MSU D2L program is a part of this course. Each student is expected to be familiar with this program as it provides a primary source of communication regarding assignments, examination materials, and general course information. You can log into [D2L](#) through the MSU Homepage. If you experience difficulties, please contact the technicians listed for the program or contact your instructor.

Attendance

Students are expected to attend all meetings of the classes in which they are enrolled. Although in general students are graded on intellectual effort and performance rather than attendance, absences may lower the student's grade where class attendance and class participation are deemed essential by the faculty member. If at any time you are unable to attend mandatory trainings during your clinical teaching, please contact Misti Spear (misti.spear@msutexas.edu). If you miss any days clinical teaching at your assigned campus, please notify your university supervisor.

Professional teachers are dependable, reliable, and responsible. Therefore, candidates are expected to be on time and in attendance every day, and to stay for the entire teacher work day. Tardiness, leaving early, and excessive absences (3) are considered evidence of lack of dependability, and are taken seriously. Candidates will receive a grade of F on the third absence. If a candidate is taking 'blocked' courses that are taught at a Professional Development School, requiring field experience, the candidate will be dropped with an F from those classes as well.

Online Computer Requirements

Taking an online class requires you to have access to a computer (with Internet access) to complete and upload your assignments. It is your responsibility to have (or have access to) a working computer in this class. ****Assignments and tests are due by the due date, and personal computer technical difficulties will not be considered reason for the instructor to allow students extra time to submit assignments, tests, or discussion postings.*** Computers are available on campus in various areas of the buildings as well as the Academic Success Center. ****Your computer being down is not an excuse for missing a deadline!!*** There are many places to access your class! Our online classes can be accessed from any computer in the world which is connected to the internet. Contact your instructor immediately upon having

computer trouble If you have technical difficulties in the course, there is also a student helpdesk available to you. The college cannot work directly on student computers due to both liability and resource limitations however they are able to help you get connected to our online services. For help, log into [D2L](#).

Instructor Class Policies

Students are expected to assist in maintaining a classroom environment which is conducive to learning. In order to assure that all students have the opportunity to gain from time spent in class, unless otherwise approved by the instructor, students are prohibited from engaging in any form of distraction—this includes, but is not limited to cell phones. Electronic communications devices will be turned off anytime the class member is in the school building—in our classroom or in a field experience classroom. Inappropriate behavior in the classroom shall result, minimally, in a request to leave class and a Professional Fitness Form will be filed for review with the college. If the instructor must file a Fitness Alert Form for any reason, including failure to demonstrate appropriate teaching dispositions, the student may receive an instructor drop with an "F" for the course.

An instructor may drop a student any time during the semester for excessive absences, for consistently failing to meet class assignments, for an indifferent attitude, or for disruptive conduct. The instructor must give the student a verbal or written warning prior to dropping the student from the class. An instructor's drop of a student takes precedence over the student-initiated course drop of a later date. The instructor will assign a grade of either WF or F through the first 8 weeks of a long semester, the first 6 weeks of a 10 week summer term, or the 11th class day of a 4 or 5 week summer term consisting of 20 days. After these periods the grade will be an F. The date the instructor drop form is received in the Office of the Registrar is the official drop date.

Change of Schedule

A student dropping a course (but not withdrawing from the University) within the first 12 class days of a regular semester or the first four class days of a summer semester is eligible for a 100% refund of applicable tuition and fees. Dates are published in the Schedule of Classes each semester.

Refund and Repayment Policy

A student who withdraws or is administratively withdrawn from Midwestern State University (MSU) may be eligible to receive a refund for all or a portion of the tuition, fees and room/board charges that were paid to MSU for the semester. HOWEVER, if the student received financial aid (federal/state/institutional grants, loans and/or scholarships), all or a portion of the refund may be returned to the financial aid programs. As described below, two formulas (federal and state) exists in determining the amount of the refund. (Examples of each refund calculation will be made available upon request).

Services for Students with Disabilities

In accordance with Section 504 of the Federal Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, Midwestern State University endeavors to make reasonable accommodations to ensure equal opportunity for qualified persons with disabilities to participate in all educational, social, and recreational programs and activities. After notification of acceptance, students requiring accommodations should make application for such assistance through Disability Support Services, located in the Student Wellness Center, (940) 397-4140. Current documentation of a disability will be required in order to provide appropriate services, and each request will be individually reviewed. For more details, please go to [Disability Support Services](#).

College Policies

Campus Carry Rules/Policies

Refer to: [Campus Carry Rules and Policies](#)

Smoking/Tobacco Policy

College policy strictly prohibits the use of tobacco products in any building owned or operated by WATC. Adult students may smoke only in the outside designated-smoking areas at each location.

Alcohol and Drug Policy

To comply with the Drug Free Schools and Communities Act of 1989 and subsequent amendments, students and employees of Midwestern State are informed that strictly enforced policies are in place which prohibits the unlawful possession, use or distribution of any illicit drugs, including alcohol, on university property or as part of any university-sponsored activity. Students and employees are also subject to all applicable legal sanctions under local, state and federal law for any offenses involving illicit drugs on University property or at University-sponsored activities.

Campus Carry

Effective August 1, 2016, the Campus Carry law (Senate Bill 11) allows those licensed individuals to carry a concealed handgun in buildings on public university campuses, except in locations the University establishes has prohibited. The new Constitutional Carry law does not change this process. Concealed carry still requires a License to Carry permit, and openly carrying handguns is not allowed on college campuses. For more information, visit [Campus Carry](#).

Active Shooter

The safety and security of our campus is the responsibility of everyone in our community. Each of us has an obligation to be prepared to appropriately respond to threats to our campus, such as an active aggressor. Please review the information provided by MSU Police Department regarding the options and strategies we can all use to stay safe during difficult situations. For more information, visit [MSUReady – Active Shooter](#). Students are encouraged to watch the video entitled “*Run. Hide. Fight.*” which may be electronically accessed via the University police department’s webpage: [“Run. Hide. Fight.”](#)

Grade Appeal Process

Update as needed. Students who wish to appeal a grade should consult the Midwestern State University [MSU Catalog](#)

***Notice:** Changes in the course syllabus, procedure, assignments, and schedule may be made at the discretion of the instructor.

Course Schedule:

Use this area to tell the students what is scheduled for the duration of the class. Please note the disclaimer above and include that with your schedule. There can be no blanks in your table. You must put some kind of text in all the blanks such as: N/A or No content. (Use the same color text as background if you want to keep it uncluttered for your sighted learners). Tables must not extend to another page (cannot be wider than the page). If it is going to extend to next page, you will need to create another table with heading. You can use a dash (-) or “to” between dates, avoid using the @ sign unless in web address.

Dates	Activities/Assignments/Exams	Time
12/10/2025	CT Orientation	12pm– 5 pm
TBD By District	Placement 1 Begins	varies
1/14/2026	UFS Orientation	TBD
2/16/2026	MISL Training/PD/MISL Part 1 Due	8am - 3pm
3/1/2026	MISL Due	11:55 pm
3/6/2026	Placement 1 Ends	End of day
3/8/2026	MISL Scored	11:55 pm
3/16/2026	Placement 2 Begins	Beginning of day
3/27/2026	Professional Development Day	8am - 3pm
4/5/2026	Virtual Lesson Plan Due	11:55 pm
4/11/2026	PPR Practice Test (for those who have not passed)	9am-12pm
5/14/2026	Placement 2 Ends	N/A
5/15/2026	Mustang's Walk	TBA - Typically 3-5pm
5/16/2026	Commencement /Graduation	TBD

***Important note:** Tables are already set up for compliance. If you wish to add another table, make sure do the correct compliance setup for tables which you can find in the [How To – Word Doc ADA Compliance PDF](#).