

Columbia College

Supporting Instruction Across the Curriculum (EAPR105)

Lecture 1

Course Outline

Semester Dates: January 2, 2023 to February 4, 2023

Please note that when a holiday falls during the week, your class will be rescheduled for the Wednesday of that week. Students are required to make arrangements to be present at the rescheduled class.

Facilitator: Heather Seymour MEd	Email: heather.seymour@columbia.ca
Class Time: Thursdays 5:30PM to 9:00PM Saturdays 12:30PM to 4:00PM)	Room: Online Delivery via Moodle and Microsoft Teams
Credit: 3	Prerequisite: None

Note: It is the student's responsibility to be familiar with the information contained in the Course Outline and to clarify any areas of concern with the facilitator. Please note that when a holiday falls during the week, your class will be rescheduled for the Friday of that week. Students are required to be present at the rescheduled class.

Course Description:

This course examines the role of an education assistant in the classrooms in different perspectives. The course focuses on providing instructional support to learners through practical classroom-tested strategies. It brings together theory and practice in authentic, meaningful, and productive ways.

Learning Outcomes:

As a result of active participation in these sessions, a student can expect to:

- Understand the role of an education assistant in the learning environment.
- Recognize and be able to explain the components of a dynamic classroom in our current education settings.
- Become familiar with practical classroom-tested strategies that work with students of all ages across the curriculum.
- Discuss the role of equity, diversity and social justice in the school environment.
- Understand assessment and evaluation and reporting of student progress.
- Explain how differentiated instruction and curriculum meets the needs, interests, and abilities of all students.
- Have reviewed Alberta Education curriculum in English Language Arts, Mathematics, Science and Social Studies.

Course Format:

This remote course uses a variety of online teaching/learning methods including discussion, personal reflection, experiential exercises, student presentations, role-plays, group activities and especially case studies. Our faculty aims to create a learning environment where the learner is actively engaged in inquiry, critical thinking and problem solving. The online classroom provides you with a place where you can learn with and from others in a cooperative and collaborative manner.

You are expected to take a very active part in online class discussions in addition to taking responsibility for your own learning. The course expects you to be a positive and co-operative team member. Columbia College uses a facilitation model of instruction where the facilitator's role is to facilitate your learning. The expectation is that you will come to class prepared with pre-class homework completed. Your facilitator will engage you in activities that are based on your completed homework and readings. Your enthusiastic and positive approach in the classroom will create an atmosphere that will help every student develop the knowledge, skills and attitudes that are needed for success.

How you conduct yourself in our synchronous and asynchronous class activities will, to a large extent, mirror your conduct in society and your future work site. For example, if you have a tendency to ask questions, challenge the ideas of others in a respectful manner, draw out the best from your colleagues, and encourage both group development and task accomplishment in this class, it is likely you will do the same at work. A high level of student involvement and developing professionalism is expected in the online classroom as you work towards your goal.

Required Textbooks and Equipment:

Alberta Education. (2010). *Inspiring action on education*. Edmonton, AB. Retrieved from: <u>https://www.oecd.org/site/eduilebanff/48763522.pdf</u> (Students will receive a copy of this article. Also posted on Moodle class.)

Alberta Education. (2010). *Making a difference: meeting diverse learning needs with differentiated instruction*. Edmonton. Retrieved from: <u>https://education.alberta.ca/media/384968/makingadifference_2010.pdf</u> (*Full-time students will have received this document in earlier courses*. *Also posted on Moodle Class.*)

Harber, M., & Rao, A. (2019). *The role of an education assistant: supporting inclusion*. Toronto: Canadian Scholars.

Recommended Readings and Resources:

Students may access this source from the College and from home.

Use other academic sources like Google Scholar.

Further Recommended Readings and Resources: N/A

Homework Assignment Due for the First Class:

- 1. Read Chapter **one and two** of *The role of an education assistant: supporting inclusion:*
- 2. Read the "Inspiring Action on Education Article" available on Moodle.
- 3. Prepare for a graded test based on these readings.
- 4. As a result of your reading assignment, be prepared to discuss the concepts discussed in this chapters. Prepare three questions relating to the material.
- 5. Read this course outline and prepare to discuss in class.

Evaluation - Assessment of Student Performance:

The final grade in the course will be based on the following elements. Wherever possible facilitators will use rubrics to assess your performance and offer feedback.

Title of Assignment/Examination	Due Date	Weight
Daily Tests (based on assigned readings)	Class 1 through 10	20%
Assignment 1 The Graphic Organizer – The Gallery Walk	Class 3	20%
Assignment 2 Supporting Instruction Across the Curriculum – The Toolkit	Class 6	30%
Final Project Part A) 25% Part B) 5% 	Class 10	30%

Please note that all homework and assignments are due at 11:59PM on the day of the class.

Grading:

Grades for each component will be added together at the end of the semester. The final total will be translated to the Columbia College's 4.0 grading scale as follows:

Marking and Grading Conversion:

Description	Letter Grade	Grade Points	Percentage Scale	
	A+	4.0	100	95
Excellent	A	4.0	94	90
	A-	3.7	89	85
	B+	3.3	84	80
Good	В	3.0	79	75
	B-	2.7	74	70
	C+	2.3	69	65
Satisfactory	С	2.0	64	60
	C-	1.7	59	55
Poor	D	1.0	54	50
Failure	F	0.0	49	0

Please note that to pass this course you must earn at least a "D" (a minimal pass), complete all assignments, and complete the final project.

Submission and Completion of Assignments:

You are expected to submit assignments by the due date. Any late assignments may be assessed a marking penalty of 5% per day. If you are unable to submit an assignment on the due date, you must request an extension **48 hours before** the due date by filling out an *Application for Assignment Extension form (SSPP-F012)* that is to be submitted to the Department Chair for approval. This form is available on Columbia's website, Bldg. 802 – Main Office and from Department Chairs.

Attendance Requirements:

Columbia College believes that students are committed to their program and learning experiences. However, it is understood that there are times when students may be absent. Any absences can be viewed as a potentially serious disruption of the learning process and necessary achievement of the learning objectives. Being late is also considered unacceptable as it interferes with the learning opportunities of others. Unavoidable absences or lateness must be reported to the course facilitator in advance. Please refer to Columbia College's *Attendance Policy and Regulations (ADM-P151)* for detailed information on Attendance Requirements.

Academic Integrity:

Academic dishonesty is a serious offence and can result in suspension or expulsion from Columbia College.

There is no tolerance for academic dishonesty and any student caught plagiarizing is subject to serious sanctions as outlined in the *Student Code of Conduct Policy (ADM-P229)*. Students are encouraged to familiarize themselves with this policy and avoid any behavior that could possibly be seen as cheating, plagiarizing, misrepresenting, or putting into question the integrity of one's academic work.

Student Conduct:

It is the responsibility of each student to uphold the expectations and responsibilities outlined in the *Student Code of Conduct Policy (ADM-P229, Columbia College's Commitment to Human Rights and Diversity Policy,)* and any additional requirements established by your program. Generally, each student will:

- be respectful and courteous toward others;
- demonstrate appropriate and supportive communication skills, and coach, assist, advise and otherwise support other students in their studies;
- manage any personal stress and conflict in a positive and resourceful manner, and assist others to do the same;
- be dressed in a manner appropriate for their workplace or learning environment, as established by the program;
- conduct themselves in a professional manner with regard to their communication with others and their behavior in class;
- conduct themselves with academic integrity in all of their learning activities, tests, exams, and assignments
- keep up with day-to-day classroom and course expectations.

Important Dates:

Description	Date
Last to add/drop courses	5 school operating days from the start of the semester OR before the third scheduled class, whichever is greater
Last day to withdraw without academic penalty	50% or less of the semester has been completed

Appeals:

Please refer to the Student Appeal Policy (ADM-P177).

Students with Temporary or Permanent Disabilities or Medical Condition:

Students with temporary or permanent disabilities or medical condition may apply for accommodations. To be considered for an accommodation, a student must register with Columbia College's Accessibility Services by making an appointment with an Accessibility Services Advisor – Main Office – Bldg. 802 or emailing <u>accessibilityservices@columbia.ab.ca</u>. The Department Chair or facilitator is not able to provide you with any accommodations without you taking this step. Please refer to Columbia College's website to review *the Student Accommodation Policy (ADM-P188) and Student Guide to Accessibility Services (SSCM-001).*

Student Support:

Students should be aware that Life Coaching, Career Services, and Student Support Services (i.e. tutoring, academic strategists, etc.) are available at Columbia College. Inquire how to request these services at the Main Office in building 802. It is the student's responsibility to discuss their specific learning needs with the appropriate service provider.

Class Schedule/Overview:

Please note that this schedule is subject to change. Any changes or cancellations will be emailed to you. It is your responsibility to check the Columbia College email address you have been given on a daily basis for any messages from the Department Chair/designate, facilitator or College Administration. It is the student's responsibility to be familiar with the information contained in the Course Outline and to clarify any areas of concern with the facilitator.

Class	Topics	Pre-Class Readings
Class 1	 Course overview The Role of the Education Assistant Inspiring Action on Education Introduction to Assignment #1 – Graphic Organizer 	 Role of an Education Assistant Textbook Chapter 1 Chapter 2 Inspiring Action on Education – article available on Moodle
Class 2	 The Education Assistant as a Professional Introduction to Assignment #2 – Toolkit Making a Difference 	 Role of an Education Assistant Textbook Chapter 3 Chapter 4 Making a Difference Booklet – overview of this booklet in class for Toolkit development
Class 3	 Mental Health and Wellness Behaviour Due/Present: Assignment #1 – Graphic Organizers Gallery Walk 	 Role of an Education Assistant Textbook Chapter 5 Chapter 6
Class 4	Social Emotional Learning	 Role of an Education Assistant Textbook Chapter 7 Chapter 8 Chapter 9
Class 5	 Cultural Diversity: Indigenous Differentiated Instruction: An Introduction Introduction to Assignment #3 – Storybook_Final Project 	 Role of an Education Assistant Textbook Chapter 10 Making a Difference Booklet Chapter 1: Differentiated Instruction
Class 6	 Intercultural Due: Assignment #2 – Toolkit 	 Role of an Education Assistant Textbook Chapter 11 Chapter 12
Class 7	 Supporting all Students Classroom Inclusion Diverse Learners 	 Role of an Education Assistant Textbook Chapter 13 Making a Difference Booklet Chapter 8: Students with Disabilities Chapter 9: English Language Learners Chapter 10: Students who are Gifted
Class 8	Academics	 Role of an Education Assistant Textbook Chapter 14 Chapter 15
Class 9	 Academics – Transitions Diverse Learners 	 Role of an Education Assistant Textbook Chapter 16 Making a Difference Booklet Chapter 11: English Language Arts Chapter 12: Mathematics
Class 10	 Due: Assignment #3 – Storybook Final Project Culmination and Celebration of our work together 	 Final Project (Storybook and Reflection) Due

Appendix 1 Assignment Outlines

Please note: Students must complete all assignments, tests, and final projects in order to pass this course

Daily Tests Due Date: Each class from classes 1 through 10. Weight: 20%

Students will be expected to read the assigned chapters in the text and other assigned readings and be prepared to write a graded test based on these reading assignments All Daily Tests will:

- will be available on Moodle until 11:59 PM on the day of the class
- Have 30-minute time limits (unless noted)
- o Have a one-attempt limit

Assignment #1 – Graphic Organizer Project – Gallery Walk Due Date: Class 3 Weight: 15 % Evaluation: Rubric provided

Graphic organizers help students think, organize, and learn information in an organized way. They appeal greatly to visual learners. Look at the website <u>http://edhelper.com/teachers/graphic organizers</u>. There are many graphic organizers on the internet.

The above website is only one example. You can also ask about graphic organizers at your practicum site. You are to select <u>5</u> graphic organizers that you think would be helpful to support a target audience/s. Prepare these for <u>Class 3</u> and be prepared to share your screen to create a virtual Gallery Walk. Be prepared to present them to the class. In breakout spaces, take approximately 3 to 5 minutes and explain to the class how the graphic organizers would be used. Indicate where you found the graphic organizer.

Assignment #2: Supporting Students Across the Curriculum – A toolkit Due Date: Class 6 Weight: 30 %

Evaluation: Rubric provided

The focus of this Toolkit project is to demonstrate your knowledge of how you will help provide instructional support through practical classroom-tested strategies. You are to bring theory and practice together. Select <u>3</u> different practical supportive strategies for <u>each</u> of the following learning areas – English Language Arts, Mathematics, Science, English Language Learners, Learner Supports and Behavioral Supports:

- 1. describe each strategy
- 2. identify who you would use each strategy with
- 3. explain how you would use each strategy
- 4. explain why you chose each strategy (connection to theory and practice)
- 5. describe how each strategy will support the learner

This will make a total of <u>15 strategies</u>. Provide citation and references according to APA- See your ENG110 text for reference. This document will be approximately 750 to 1000 Words with use of visuals.

What you present in this toolkit should demonstrate:

- Knowledge of <u>Alberta Education's curriculum</u>
- Knowledge of Alberta Education's Inspiring Education
- An understanding of the diverse needs of students in the classroom
- That you have researched to prepare this toolkit (usage of reputable sources)

Final Project: Storybook and Reflective Writing Due Date: Class 10 Weight: 30% Part A) 25% Part B) 5%

Part A:

You will create a story book with a beginning, middle and end. Your story will present three or more topics covered in our classes - EAPR 105. Remember to bring the theory from your textbook into your practice. It is a hands-on assignment based on the theory learned in class. You can create a paper book with drawings or real pictures, a PPT Presentation, PDF Doc. or you can create an online book using a (free) program, such as: https://www.mystorybook.com/

Sample: https://www.mystorybook.com/books/763644

You will present your story during our Class # 10 (5 minutes max.)

There are other online storybook makers, feel free to explore them. Try to use their free options, even though some will not have all their features available through their free version. Please, do not pay for these websites to create this book!

Part B:

You will be required submit a minimum 300-word rationale and explanation of your choice of topics (3) chosen. In this short Reflective Writing Exercise, you will need to address the EAPR105 topics you chose to address in your story and what the deeper meaning of your story is.

One way to think about it is: you are creating a "jacket cover" of a book.

Writing Assignment Expectations:

- **Objective:** The objective of this writing assignment is to critically apply concepts, ideas, and procedures to facilitate higher level learning. The assignments are designed so students can demonstrate the depth of knowledge related to the course content.
- Focus: This assignment is designed to apply knowledge from the chapters and class discussions.
- Format: This assignment should be typed and double-spaced. Do not include title pages. Include your name at the top of each page. A minimum of one-inch margins on each side. 12-point acceptable font is preferred. Each assignment should have a minimum length of 300 words but is not to exceed 500 words. This assignment will be assessed using the Reflective Writing Response Rubric.

How to avoid plagiarism?

The simplest way to avoid plagiarism is to reference any source properly (using both in-text, parenthetical citations in the body of your assignment and a "References" page at the end. While it is commonplace to build upon the knowledge of others, it is necessary to clearly state the sources and foundations of that knowledge.

Assignment Rubrics

Columbia College Rubric for the Graphic Organizer Last Revised: April 2020.

Student's Name		Course Code Date		Facilitator/Ex	Facilitator/Evaluator's Name		
Skills/points	10	8	6-5	4-3	2-0	Score Total of Points:	
Use of examples and details to support points being made	Uses specific and convincing examples and details making the graphic organizers insightful.	Uses relevant examples and details to create a good graphic organizer	 Uses some examples and details to support points being made. Minimal examples, limited details and explanation. 	 Uses incomplete or vaguely developed examples and/or details. More examples, details, and explanation needed. 	 No examples or details to support points being made. Limited attempt. 		

	Α	В	C-D	F	Score
	5	4-3	2	1-0	
Mechanics, Grammar, Professional Format	 Mainly error free. Referenced sources. Meets and exceeds all requirements for an excellent academic response. Meets and exceeds all requirements of the assignment. 	 A few minor errors in usage, grammar, or mechanics. Generally referenced sources. Meets most requirements for a well-written academic response. Meets most requirements of the assignment. 	 Frequent errors in usage, grammar, and mechanics, beginning to interfere with the readability and meaning of the paper. Referenced inconsistently sources used. Meets a few requirements for an acceptable academic response. Meets a few requirements of the assignment. 	 Numerous errors in usage, grammar, and mechanics, affecting the readability and meaning of the paper. Did not acknowledged sources used. Meets few requirements for an acceptable academic response. Meets little to no requirements of the assignment. 	

Score /15:

Facilitator/Evaluator's Comments:

Columbia College Tool Kit Marking Rubric Revised 2015

Student's Name	6	Course Code	Date	Facilitator/Evaluator's Na	ime
Area	A 10-9	B 8-7	C-D 6-5	F 4-0	Score
Quality of Response Content/Ideas	 Demonstrates reflection, insight, and accurate interpretation of assignment. States main idea/opinion clearly. Provides support for the main idea through numerous, relevant sources. 	 Demonstrates reflection and accurate interpretation of assignment. States main idea /opinion clearly. Provides support for the main idea through number of relevant sources. 	 Demonstrates limited response to assignment. Partly identifies main idea/opinion. Attempts some support for the main idea, but it is limited in applicability. 	 Creates limited response that is hard to follow. Main idea/opinion not identified. Uses little to no references to support opinion. 	
Analysis	 Explores issue thoroughly and with insight, developing a clear, original position with persuasive examples. Demonstrates sound logic. Demonstrates excellent critical thinking and problem-solving skills. 	 Explores issue well, developing an original position with and good examples. Demonstrates good logic. Demonstrates very good critical thinking and problem-solving skills. 	 Defines the issue but explores it inadequately. Uses examples inconsistently and/or examples are lacking. Demonstrates weakness in logic. Demonstrates weak critical thinking and problem- solving skills. 	 Defines issue inadequately, demonstrating a simplistic view. Lacks logic. Demonstrates poor critical thinking and problem- solving skills. 	

Area	A 10-9	B 8-7	C-D 6-5	F 4-0	Score
Style Expression of Ideas	 Uses highly effective, clearly focused, varied sentences, addressing audience and purpose. 	 Mostly uses effective, well structured, focused, varied sentences, addressing audience and purpose. 	Demonstrates limited attempts at creating varied sentences to address audience and purpose.	Uses simplistic sentence structures that are awkward and do not address audience and purpose.	
	 Incorporates knowledge of stylistic techniques. 	 Demonstrates use of stylistic techniques. 	 Often sentences are somewhat awkward. 	 No stylistic devices attempted. 	
	Conveys all ideas with originality and clarity.	 Conveys most ideas with originality and clarity. 	 Little attempt at using stylistic techniques. 	 Most ideas are not conveyed clearly. 	
	Uses rich, accurate and effective word choice.	 Uses accurate and effective word choice. 	 Conveys some ideas clearly. 	Inadequate word choice.No evidence of a personal	
	Consistently demonstrates original, sincere and	 Mostly demonstrates original, sincere personal 	 Uses vague, ineffective word choice. 	voice.	
	compelling personal voice.	voice.	 Demonstrates little to no development of a personal voice. 		
Organization and Structure	Creates a sophisticated, well developed beginning, middle and conclusion.	Creates a well-developed beginning, middle, and conclusion.	 Creates an unfocused beginning, middle and a simple conclusion. 	Creates a limited response with no clear beginning, middle, and conclusion.	
	Connects all ideas logically.	 Connects most ideas logically. 	 Creates answer that is poorly structured. 	 Creates confusion in structure. 	
	Uses a variety of carefully crafted sentence structures.	 Uses a variety of well- structured sentence 	Uses some sentence variety with errors that	Uses little to no sentence structure variety.	
	 Consistently establishes appropriate paragraphing and transitions. 	 Most of the time establishes appropriate paragraphing and transitions 	begin to interfere with meaning.Shows faulty paragraphing and lack of transitions.	Many structural errorsWeak to no paragraphing or transition.	

Area	A 5	B 4	C-D 3	F 2-0	Score
Mechanics, Grammar, Professional Format	 Mainly error free. Uses APA citation correctly. Meets and exceeds all requirements for an excellent academic response. Meets and exceeds all requirements of the assignment. 	 A few minor errors in usage, grammar, or mechanics. Generally, uses APA citation correctly. Meets most requirements for a well written academic response. Meets most requirements of the assignment. 	 Frequent errors in usage, grammar, and mechanics, beginning to interfere with the readability and meaning of the paper. Uses APA citation inconsistently and with errors. Meets a few requirements for an acceptable academic response. Meets a few requirements of the assignment. 	 Numerous errors in usage, grammar, and mechanics, affecting the readability and meaning of the paper. Many errors in APA citation, demonstrating lack of citation knowledge. Meets few requirements for an acceptable academic response. Meets little to no requirements of the assignment. 	

Plagiarism: A "0" grade will be given to a paper where significant sections of the paper were copied from other, unattributed sources.

Total Score out of 25:

Facilitator/Evaluator's Comments:

Columbia College Final Project Rubric Last Revised: January 22, 2018

Student's Name		Course Code Date		Facilitator/Eva	Facilitator/Evaluator's Name	
Skills	10-9	8-7	6-5	4-3	2-1	Score
Depth of Understanding	 Demonstrates a conscious and thorough understanding of the theories chosen. Demonstrates excellent insightful reflection. 	 Demonstrates a thoughtful understanding of the theories chosen. Demonstrates good reflection. 	 Demonstrates a basic understanding of the theories. At times, information is not always clear. Demonstrates satisfactory reflection. 	 Demonstrates a limited understanding of the theories. Needs to develop more effective reflective practice. 	 Demonstrates little or no understanding of the theories. Response is not clearly written. Limited to no reflection demonstrated. 	
Use of examples and details to support points being made	 Uses specific and convincing examples and details making the book insightful. 	 Uses relevant examples and details to create a good book. 	Uses some examples and details to support points being made. More examples, details and explanation needed.	Uses incomplete or vaguely developed examples and/or details. More examples, details, and explanation needed.	 No examples or details to support points being made. Limited attempt. 	
Cohesiveness of Response	 This reflection provides a clear picture of the student's thinking on the subject matter. Thoughts are presented in a good logical, convincing order. 	 This reflection gives a good understanding of the student's thinking on the subject matter. Thoughts are usually presented in a clear and logical way. 	 Most of the time this reflection provides an acceptable indication of the student's thinking on the subject matter. Most of the time thoughts are presented in a sequential manner. 	 This attempted reflection does not provide a clear picture of the student's thinking on the subject matter. Thoughts are often presented in an inconsistent and illogical order. 	This response is confusing and ideas do not tie together.	
Presentation	5	4	3	2	1	
Professional Presentation	 Professionally presented, meeting all requirements. 	 Mostly professionally presented, meeting most requirements. 	Satisfactory presentation.	 Lacks adequate professional presentation. 	 Not presented professionally. 	

Total Score out of 35:

Facilitator/Evaluator's Comments:

Columbia College Short Writing Reflective Rubric Last Revised: March 2020

Stude	ent's Name	Course Code	Date	Facilitato	or/Evaluator's Name	
Area	10	8	6-5	4-3	2-0	Score
Depth of Reflection	 Reflection reveals a thorough insight of the subject matter. Shows depth of critical thinking. Uses specific and convincing examples to support reflective statements. 	 Reflection reveals insight into the subject matter. Often there are thoughtful statements. Uses well-chosen examples to support reflective statements. 	 Reflection reveals a basic understanding of the subject matter with an effort at reflection. At times, some reflective statements are evident. Uses some examples to support ideas on the subject matter and reflections. 	 Reflection is limited. The writer produces some basic understanding of the subject matter. Uses limited number of examples to support ideas. This seriously affects the integrity of the reflection process 	 Little to no reflection is present. Uses few to no examples. 	
Mechanics, Grammar, Professional Format	 Mainly error free. Uses APA citation correctly where applicable for referencing sources. Meets and exceeds all requirements for an excellent academic response. Meets and exceeds all requirements of the assignment. 	 A few minor errors in usage, grammar, or mechanics. Generally, uses APA citation correctly where applicable for referencing sources. Meets most requirements for a well written academic response. Meets most requirements of the assignment. 	 Frequent errors in usage, grammar, and mechanics, beginning to interfere with the readability and meaning of the paper. Uses APA citation inconsistently and with errors when sources are used. Meets a few requirements for an acceptable academic response. Meets a few requirements of the assignment. 	 Numerous errors in usage, grammar, and mechanics, affecting the readability and meaning of the paper. Many errors in APA citation, demonstrating lack of citation knowledge when sources are used. Meets few requirements for an acceptable academic response. Meets little to no requirements of the assignment. 	 No attempt or inclusion of APA referencing Does not meet requirement of an academic response. Meets no requirements of the assignment. 	

Total Score out of 20: Facilitator/Evaluator's Comments: