

DC 712 (209) Teaching for Transformation

Bethel Seminary San Diego

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I. Course Purpose:

In support of Bethel Seminary's vision of developing and equipping whole and holy persons to serve and lead so that churches and ministry agencies can become all they are called to be and to do in the world for the glory of God, this course seeks to train seminarians to employ principles of teaching for the transformation of lives toward maturity in Christ.

II. Goals and Objectives:

Unit 1: Understanding the Learner

The students will understand the life stages of the learners. To demonstrate achievement of this goal, each student will explore on a developmental theory and an educational theory; observe the age level characteristics of learners of one of the life stages in a classroom setting, then present in class a summary on both theories and observation, and an analysis on their implications for teaching that transforms lives.

Unit 2 Understanding Principles of Teaching and Learning

The students will understand principles of teaching that transform lives. To demonstrate achievement of this goal, each student will participate in class discussion and demonstration; and develop an outline for a unit of three to four lessons and a lesson plan for one of them applying these principles.

Unit 3 Practicing Principles and Methods of Teaching and Learning

The students will apply principles and methods of teaching that transform lives. To demonstrate achievement of this goal, each student will present a teaching method and participate in class demonstration of other methods by fellow students; teach the lesson developed in Unit 2 in an actual classroom setting in his/her own church, and be evaluated by one of the fellow students.

III. Methodology:

This course requires students to actively listen to lectures, participate in discussion, explore theories, observe and analyze learners in live settings, develop lesson plan, practice teaching and giving evaluation, etc.

IV. Evaluation:

Reading:	One-page Reflective Paper each on 2 textbooks (MulHolland, Palmer)	10%
	Quiz on 1 textbook (Ford)	10%
Presentations:	#1 Summary on Theories, Observation & Analysis	20%
	#2 Teaching Method	20%
	#3 Teaching Unit and Lesson Plan	20%
Teaching and Evaluation		20%

Grading standard:

A 94-100	A- 90-93	B+ 87-89	B 83-86	B- 80-82	C+ 77-79
C 73-76	C- 70-72	D+ 67-69	D 63-66	D- 60-62	F below 60

V. Textbooks: *

1. *Mulholland, M. Robert, Jr. *Shaped By the Word*. Rev. Ed., Nashville: Upper Room Books, 2000.
2. *Palmer, Parker. *The Courage to Teach: Exploring the Inner Landscape of a Teacher's Life.*, 10th Anniversary Ed. San Francisco: Jossey-Bass, 2007.
3. *Ford, LeRoy. *Design for Teaching and Training*. Wipf & Stock Publishers, August 2002.
4. *LeFever, Marlene D. *Creative Teaching Methods*. Elgin, Ill: David C. Cook Publishing Co., 2002.

VI. Class Schedule

<u>Date</u>	<u>Topic</u>	<u>Reading/References</u>
03/31	Introduction: Teaching for Transformation	*Mulholland, *Palmer
Unit One: Understanding the Learner		
04/07	1. Life Stages of the Learner	Eldridge, Roof, Strauss (Paper on *Mulholland)
04/14	2. Developmental and Educational Theories (Presentation #1)	
04/21	3. Learning Styles	LeFever, L (Paper on *Palmer)
Unit Two: Understanding Principles of Teaching (*Ford)		
04/28	1. Goals & Objectives	*Ford, Units 1,2,4
	2. Principles of Teaching Knowledge	*Ford, Units 5-6
	3. Principles of Teaching Understanding	*Ford, Unit 7
05/05	Reading Week: No class	
05/12	4. Principles of Teaching Attitude	(Quiz on *Ford) *Ford, Units 8-9
	5. Principles of Teaching Behavior	*Ford, Units 10-11
	Excursion: Spiritual Discipline (instruction)	M,M&N
	7. The Big Idea and Lesson Introduction	W&R Ch. 4-7
	8. Unit and Lesson Planning	Ford C, Ch. 11-15 F & R
Unit Three: Practicing Principles & Methods of Teaching (*LeFever)		
05/19	1. Teaching Methods (Presentation #2)	*LeFever
05/26	Excursion: Spiritual Discipline (sharing)	
	2. Teaching Methods	Osmer, Ch. 3-6
06/02	3. Teaching and Evaluation (Presentation #3)	
06/09	Teaching and Evaluation (cont.) (Presentation #3)	

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