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## ONLINE COURSE INFORMATION SHEET

**Course Number:** EDUC2003

**Course Title:** Introduction to Education

**Course Description:** This is a survey course to help students evaluate the teaching profession as a career choice. Heavy emphasis is placed on the research base underlying teaching practices. A grade of C or higher is required of the student in this course for admission to the Professional Education Program.

**Instructor:** Lisa Oden

**Instructor Bio:**

My name is Lisa Oden. I have a Master's Degree in Education from Southern Arkansas University. I also have also received an Elementary Principal's Certificate through coursework at Henderson State University, and a Reading Specialist Certificate through coursework at SAU. For the past year, I have been working on my doctorate and will complete it as my teaching schedule allows. I have been teaching full-time and helped to found the Teacher Education Program at SAU Tech since 2001. We now have articulation agreements with SAU, HSU, UAM, and UAPB. I taught at Harmony Grove for fourteen years, while teaching graduate education courses part-time for seven years at SAU, UAM and HSU. I feel sure that this course will be beneficial to your **present** and **future** work in your classroom .

**Corequisite:** ED2001 must be taken in conjunction with enrollment in ED2003

**Textbook Information:** Parkay, Forrest W., & Stanford, Beverly Hardcastle. (7th Ed.) *Becoming a Teacher*. Boston: Allyn & Bacon.

**Learning Outcomes:**

1. Demonstrate ability to make an intelligent decision about pursuing teaching as a career.
2. Attain foundation knowledge in history and philosophy of education, the job market, the nature of schools and today's students, social, ethical and legal issues, school governance and finance, the curriculum, the first year teaching and principles of good teaching.
3. Identify the education philosophy most appropriate for oneself at this stage of professional development.
4. Conduct a computer search on selected (from a list of choices) school legal issues.

**On-Campus Requirement:** The final exam must be taken at an approved proctor site. Visit the college website at [www.sautech.edu](http://www.sautech.edu) for detailed information.

**Modes of Interaction:**

I really like to form an on-line "community of learners" form of communication between the students and me and between the students themselves. I strive to create and facilitate a "user-friendly" course that translates to your classroom performance as an educator.

**Methods of Assessment:**

There are class assignments, journal entries, an electronic portfolio, a written report with a videotaped presentation, quizzes and exams.

**Enrollment Procedures:**

SAU Tech is an open admissions college; however, we have several items that you must provide in order to be admitted:

- Submit application for admission.
- Submit a high school transcript or GED, and official college transcripts from all previously attended colleges (if applicable).
- Provide proof of two immunizations against measles, mumps and rubella.

- Take a placement test. Students enrolling must submit ACT, SAT, ASSET or COMPASS scores. Students can take the ASSET or COMPASS test at SAU Tech.

Students are responsible for all tuition and fees at the time of registration. Students must officially drop by written notice or in person in order to reduce their balance owed. If students never attend class, he/she will still be assessed partial tuition and full student processing fees, unless he/she completely withdraws during the 100% refund period.

In order for a student to drop a class, he/she must complete a drop form or send written request to his/her advisor. A \$10 drop fee is assessed for drops that take place after the registration period ends.

**Admissions Office Website:** <http://www.sautech.edu/studentResources/admissions.aspx>

**Course Registration Website:** <http://www.sautech.edu/studentResources/advising.aspx>

**Technical Requirements and Resources:** Students will need Internet access and have the ability to send and receive e-mail attachments using the e-mail within Blackboard.

**Library Website:** <http://www.sautech.edu/lrc/index.aspx>

**Bookstore Website:** <http://sautech.textbooktech.com>

**Adult Learner Resources:** Online library and bookstore services can be obtained at the library and bookstore websites. Advising services can be obtained at <http://www.sautech.edu/studentResources/advising.aspx>.

**Student Support and Learning Resources:** Online library and bookstore services can be obtained at the library and bookstore websites. Advising services can be obtained at <http://www.sautech.edu/studentResources/advising.aspx>.

**Other Considerations:**

Prior computer skills are essential for success in an online class. Prior to enrolling in an online class, you should be able to:

- Surf the Internet and download web pages
- E-mail and attach files and know proper e-mail etiquette
- Use Microsoft Word skills and submit papers with correct format, grammar and spelling

All first time online students are required to complete Learning Strategies before they will be allowed to take their online course(s). The purpose of Learning Strategies is to teach students how to use Blackboard and provide information about other systems that students will use while a student at SAU Tech.

There are computer programs and other things that you will need if you are taking an online course from SAU Tech. To make it easier for you, we have compiled a list of these things. Before beginning your online course, you should go ahead and make sure each of these programs listed below are loaded on every computer that you will use while taking your online course(s).

- Microsoft Word – used to complete assignments and submit to instructor
  - Can be accessed via SkyDrive inside your student email account. **FREE**
  - Can be purchased from Wal Mart or other software vendor and will need to be loaded on to your computer
  - There is also a **free** product that works just as good as the Microsoft Office Suite. You can download it at <http://download.openoffice.fm/free/?pk=26976>
- Adobe Reader 7.0 or higher – used to read files in pdf format
  - Cost: Free
  - Can be downloaded to your computer from <http://www.adobe.com/products/acrobat/readstep2.html>
- Adobe Flash Player (7 or higher) – used to view study activities and demonstrations in Learning Strategies course
  - Cost: Free
  - Can be downloaded to your computer from [http://www.adobe.com/shockwave/download/download.cgi?P1\\_Prod\\_Version=ShockwaveFlash](http://www.adobe.com/shockwave/download/download.cgi?P1_Prod_Version=ShockwaveFlash)
- Macromedia Shockwave Player 8.5.1 – used for interactive quizzes, animations and activities

- Cost: Free
- Can be downloaded to your computer from <http://www.macromedia.com/shockwave/download/download.cgi?>
- Windows Media Player – used to listen play audio files
  - Cost: Free
  - Comes as part of your Windows operating system
- Java – a technology that is required in order for Blackboard to function properly as well as some other programs that SAU Tech uses with its online classes (**Note: Only one version of Java can be running on your computer at a time.**)
  - Cost: Free
  - Can be downloaded to your computer from <http://javashop1m.sun.com/ECom/docs/Welcome.jsp?StoreId=22&PartDetailId=jre->