



MTI 515 TR: Teaching Students Living in Conditions of Poverty

ONLINE INSTRUCTOR-LED COURSE FOR ANDREWS UNIVERSITY

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Course Information	
Course Format (distance learning, online, webinar, experiential onsite courses):	Online Course The LMS for delivering the course will be Canvas. An invitation will be sent to you by your instructor during the week prior to the start of your course. If you have not received an invitation, please email us at the MTI email address listed above. Approximately 135 hours of instructional time is devoted to this course .

	<p>All questions, customer service, grades and transcript questions are to be directed to MTI, NOT ANDREWS UNIVERSITY for this course.</p> <p>We recommend that you take an introduction to Canvas course as well to become more comfortable with our LMS. This can be done by clicking on the <i>help</i> tab, then Canvas 101. If you are having trouble with Canvas, technical support is available online 24/7 under the <i>help</i> tab, then <i>report a problem</i>.</p>
Prerequisites	<p>All MTI courses are designed for educators who have a minimum of a bachelor’s degree and professional educator license. Prior to beginning the course, check with your district office to ensure that credit will be accepted for salary increase and professional development.</p>
Required Books and Materials	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gorski, Paul <i>Reaching and Teaching Students in Poverty: Strategies for Erasing the Opportunity Gap</i>. Teachers College Press. 2017. ISBN 978-0-8077-5457-3.
<p>Learning Outcomes/Competencies: At the completion of this course, the learner will be able to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Articulate the issues of equitable classrooms, achievement opportunity gap and research review on the “Culture of Poverty.” InTASC 2,3,9 • Develop a framework for understanding children living in conditions of poverty. InTASC 3,7 • Analyze instructional strategies and explore their understanding of the effectiveness of these strategies. InTASC 8 • Develop a strategy for building relationships with students and families living in conditions of poverty. InTASC 10 • Design a plan of action to advocate for school, district, Regional and National Change for initiatives beyond the classroom. InTASC 9,10 	
<p>Course Description: Reaching and Teaching Students in Poverty: Strategies for Erasing the Opportunity Gap will examine strategies, knowledge and skills and assist in developing relevant information that will challenge teachers to deliver quality lessons and positive perceptions to children in poverty. To achieve this, the course and content will draw upon the course textbook, “Reaching and Teaching Students in Poverty” by Paul Gorski. We may discuss how strategies supplement and support learning. However until we address and understand how poverty can impact learning and academic achievement, education reform will not succeed. The central focus of this course is bringing together the framework for understanding poverty, deconstructing misconceptions and stereotypes about poor families and education. Teachers and administrators will have the skill and knowledge base to effectively challenge the barriers of people in poverty.</p>	
<p>Learning Strategies: Professional literature analysis, whole group discussions, personal reflection, application assignments and project-based learning.</p>	
<p>Experiential Learning Opportunities: Students will be reflecting on the assessments and tools that they develop/learn about in class and measuring/estimating the intended impact on student learning in the classroom. Students will learn by doing while completing a variety of activities throughout the course.</p>	

Format of the Course and Submitting Work

You are required to complete all of the assessments with a total grade of an A or B in order to receive the credit for the course. It is recommended that the coursework be completed in the sequence listed below in the assessments chart below. This is an ONLINE course that runs for a five (5) week duration. Each week as directed by your instructor you will have assignments due. Answer and Discuss and Reflect and Respond assignments will be completed online using our LMS(Learning Management Software) Canvas. Your application, research project and evaluation assignments will be submitted electronically to your instructor. Files can be saved in PDF's or WORD Documents. You can also share via Google Drive format. Please contact your instructor if you have any questions or need help with the Google Drive format.

Assessments		Approximate contact hours for each assessment
Introduction to using Canvas video and pre-survey		1 hour
Required reading from textbook.		26 hours
Answer and discuss weekly questions posted by instructor to online classroom at Canvas forum. (5 @ 9 points per question), including time for re-reading previous assignments and posts.	45 points	12 hours
Reflect on classroom experiences and the required reading, then respond to 2 posts weekly made by colleagues online at Canvas classroom forum. (10 total @ 9 points per response).	90 points	12 hours
Studying (time to reread and take notes)		7 hours
Application assignments (45 points each)	90 points	16 hours
Journaling of field experience in the classroom implementing concepts from the course with students and fellow teachers.	60 points	33 hours
Research project (planning, researching, and formulating)	100 points	14 hours
Final evaluation essay	100 points	14 hours
Total	485 points	135 hours

Grading Scale: A (90-100%); B (80-89%)

****Anything below a B will not receive graduate credit and result in a failing grade of F.***

If you do not receive a B or higher, your work will be returned to you for further correction and completion. You will be allowed one (1) re-submit to your instructor to achieve a grade of B or higher. If after your re-submit, you still do not achieve a B or higher you will receive a failing grade of F and therefore forfeit the 3 graduate credits.

Answer and Discuss Rubric- 5 questions @ 9 points each

Category	Superior (3 pts)	Sufficient (2 pts)	Minimal(1pt)
Supporting Evidence in Practice ___/3	Response shows strong evidence of ideas and insights from this course and how they are applied to the classroom.	Response shows evidence of ideas and insights from this course and how they are applied to the classroom.	Response shows some evidence of ideas and insights from this course and how they are applied to the classroom.
Accuracy ___/3	All supporting facts and statistics are accurately represented.	Almost all supporting facts and statistics are accurately represented.	Some of the supporting facts and statistics are accurately represented.
Grammar and Spelling ___/3	Response includes 0-1 mistakes in grammar or spelling.	Response includes a few grammar and spelling mistakes.	Response includes several grammar and spelling mistakes.

Reflect and Response Rubric- 10 responses @ 9 points each

Category	Superior (3 pts)	Sufficient (2 pts)	Minimal(1pt)
Supporting Evidence in Practice ___/3	Response shows strong evidence of ideas and insights from this course and how they are applied to the classroom.	Response shows evidence of ideas and insights from this course and how they are applied to the classroom.	Response shows some evidence of ideas and insights from this course and how they are applied to the classroom.
Accuracy ___/3	All supporting facts and statistics are accurately represented.	Almost all supporting facts and statistics are accurately represented.	Some of the supporting facts and statistics are accurately represented.
Grammar and Spelling ___/3	Response includes 0-1 mistakes in grammar or spelling.	Response includes a few grammar and spelling mistakes.	Response includes several grammar and spelling mistakes.

Application Project Rubric- 2 assignments @ 45 points each

Category	Superior (15-13 pts)	Sufficient (12-10 pts)	Minimal(9-7pts)
Supporting Evidence in Practice ___/20	Response shows strong evidence of ideas and insights from this course and how they are applied to the classroom.	Response shows evidence of ideas and insights from this course and how they are applied to the classroom.	Response shows some evidence of ideas and insights from this course and how they are applied to the classroom.
Accuracy ___/20	All supporting facts and statistics are accurately represented.	Almost all supporting facts and statistics are accurately represented.	Some of the supporting facts and statistics are accurately represented.
Grammar and Spelling ___/10	Response includes 0-1 mistakes in grammar or spelling.	Response includes a few grammar and spelling mistakes.	Response includes several grammar and spelling mistakes.

Journal Rubric- 10 journal entries @ 6 points each

Category	Superior (3 pts)	Sufficient (2 pts)	Minimal (1 pt)
Supporting Evidence in Practice ___/3	Response shows strong evidence of ideas and insights from this course and how they are applied to the classroom.	Response shows evidence of ideas and insights from this course and how they are applied to the classroom.	Response shows some evidence of ideas and insights from this course and how they are applied to the classroom.
Grammar and Spelling ___/3	Response includes 0-1 mistakes in grammar or spelling.	Response includes a few grammar and spelling mistakes.	Response includes several grammar and spelling mistakes.

Research Project Rubric- 100 points			
Category	Superior (20-18 pts)	Sufficient (17-16 pts)	Minimal (15-14pts)
Understanding of web tool ___/20	Shows strong understanding of activity, concept, or tool and maximize learning	Shows adequate understanding of activity, concept, or tool and benefit learning.	Shows little understanding of activity, concept, or tool and may not benefit learning.
Practical evidence ___/20	Shows strong evidence of ideas and insights gained from this course and how they are applied to classroom.	Shows evidence of ideas and insights from this course and how they are applied to classroom.	Shows little evidence of ideas and insights from this course or how they are applied to the classroom.
Completion ___/20	Completed in a thoughtful and meaningful manner.	Completed, but with minimal quality.	Not all projects are completed and of those that are, some are minimal quality.
Grammar and Spelling ___/20	Includes no mistakes in grammar or spelling.	Includes few grammar and spelling mistakes.	Includes numerous grammar and spelling mistakes.
Sequencing ___/20	Sequenced, showing if-then thinking and the logical order required to complete skill, solve problem, or use tool.	Not always sequenced, showing incomplete if-then thinking and understanding of logical order required to complete skill.	Confusing making it difficult to replicate activities; little understanding of logic or if-then thinking evidenced.

Evaluation/Reflection Rubric- 100 points				
Category	Superior (20-17 pts)	Sufficient (16-13 pts)	Minimal(12-9pts)	Below Standard (8 pts)
Supporting Evidence in Practice ___/20	Response shows strong evidence of ideas and insights from this course and how they are applied to the classroom.	Response shows evidence of ideas and insights from this course and how they are applied to the classroom.	Response shows some evidence of ideas and insights from this course and how they are applied to the classroom.	Response shows little evidence of ideas and insights from this course and there is little evidence they are applied to the classroom.
Accuracy ___/20	All supporting facts and statistics are accurately represented.	Almost all supporting facts and statistics are accurately represented.	Some of the supporting facts and statistics are accurately represented.	Many of the supporting facts and statistics are inaccurately represented.

Grammar and Spelling ___/20	Response includes 0-1 mistakes in grammar or spelling.	Response includes a few grammar and spelling mistakes.	Response includes several grammar and spelling mistakes.	Response includes numerous grammar and spelling mistakes.
Logical Sequencing ___/20	Response is written in a clear, concise, and well organized manner. Thoughts are presented in a coherent and logical manner.	Response is mostly clear, concise, and well organized. Thoughts are presented in a coherent and logical manner.	Response is somewhat unclear and/or disorganized. Some thoughts are presented in a coherent and logical manner.	Response is mostly unclear and/or disorganized. Many thoughts are presented in an incoherent and illogical manner.
Reflection ___/20	Response demonstrates an in-depth reflection on, and personalization of, the theories, concepts, and /or strategies presented in this course.	Response demonstrates some reflection on, and personalization of, the theories, concepts, and /or strategies presented in this course.	Response demonstrates a minimal reflection on, and personalization of, the theories, concepts, and /or strategies presented in this course.	Response demonstrates no reflection on, and personalization of, the theories, concepts, and /or strategies presented in this course.

Course Schedule

Week 1 – Introduction to Course and LMS-Canvas Tutorial

- Syllabi/Assignment Review
- Read Chapters 1(*Introduction*) and 2 (*Imagining Equitable Classrooms and Schools for Low-Income Youth*) in your textbook.
- Answer and Discussion Activity- Answer Week #1 Instructor Posted Online Question by Tuesday.
- Reflect and Respond Activity- Post/Communicate 2 Responses Online To Your Colleagues Answers by Thursday.

Week 2 – The Inequality Mess We’re in: A Class and Poverty Primer

- Read Chapters 3 (*The Inequality Mess We’re In*) and 4 (*The Trouble with the Culture of Poverty*) in your textbook.
- Answer and Discussion Activity- Answer Week #2 Instructor Posted Online Question by Tuesday.
- Reflect and Respond Activity- Post/Communicate 2 Responses Online To Your Colleagues Answers by Thursday.

Application #1- Due Sunday end of week #2 (45 points)

Based on course content, chapters 1 through 4 readings, and acquired knowledge, will design a plan-of-action to address the issues associated with the influence of poverty upon social and academic progress in their classroom or school. This plan-of-action should consist of a 2 to 3 page paper, double spaced following APA format.

Week 3 –Class Inequalities

- Read Chapters 5 (*Class Inequalities Beyond School Walls*) and 6 (*The Achievement--er. Opportunity--Gap in School*) in your textbook.

- Answer and Discussion Activity- Answer Week #3 Instructor Posted Online Question by Tuesday.
- Reflect and Respond Activity- Post/Communicate 2 Responses Online To Your Colleagues Answers by Thursday.

Application #2- Due Sunday end of week #3 (45 points)

Using your textbook, and the criteria developed during the course, pick one of the numerous case studies from the book and write a *reflective analysis* on “What does this information mean to me and my classroom. The paper should be 2-3 pages long, double spaced following APA format.

Week 4 –Been There, Done That, Didn’t Work

- Read Chapter 7 (*The Most Popular Ineffective Strategies for Teaching Students in Poverty*) in your textbook.
- Answer and Discussion Activity- Answer Week #4 Instructor Posted Online Question by Tuesday.
- Reflect and Respond Activity- Post/Communicate 2 Responses Online To Your Colleagues Answers by Thursday.

Research Assignment- Due Sunday end of week #4 (100 points)

Research an article on poverty and its effects on school children. Compare the thoughts of Paul Gorski(from your textbook) and those of your researched article. Then compare them to your own school district. In what ways are they similar? In what ways do they differ? You may complete your assignment in a 2 to 3 page research paper following APA format. You may, in lieu of a paper complete a table or diagram explaining/outlining your similarities and differences.

Week 5 –What Works (When Adapted to Your Specific Context, of Course)

- Read Chapter 8(*Instructional Strategies That Are Effective, Equitable and Even Data-Driven*) and 9 (*Mother of All Strategies*) in your textbook
- Answer and Discussion Activity- Answer Week #5 Instructor Posted Online Question by Tuesday.
- Reflect and Respond Activity- Post/Communicate 2 Responses Online To Your Colleagues Answers by Thursday.

Final Evaluation Assignment due by Sunday night end of week # 5 (100 points)

Summarizing what you have learned, write a persuasive paper for your colleagues and district to use the principles/strategies from this course. How would you persuade your district to consider making changes based on what you learned? Write 3-5 pages APA format.

Journaling

Journals are designed to demonstrate that students are reflecting on and implementing concepts and strategies in their own education settings. Journal entries are to be roughly 2-3 paragraphs each. Students are expected to complete 10 entries over the course of the class.

These are done at your own pace and are to be shared with your instructor at the end of class. You will not need to share them with the other students. You may use the same type of journal entry more than once. Make sure to include some examples of what you have actually done to support your thoughts whenever appropriate. Some examples of acceptable journal topics include:

- How has what you learned about a strategy/topic changed the way you think?
- What were the results of trying something new that you learned in class, and how could you improve it next time?
- Reflections on conversations you had with students, colleagues or administrators about what you have learned.
- Research you've discovered on a topic and how it complements or contradicts what the author says.
- These are a few examples, but any journal entry along these lines is acceptable. Remember that you can use the same journal topic more than once to examine different concepts or strategies, or even to examine different impacts on multiple types of classes.

End of Course Survey

Now that you are finished with this class, please take the time to help us improve our product. In order to make sure that we are providing the best possible service, please take our [survey](#). We appreciate your help and your commitment to the profession.

The ten INTASC standards are listed below. Specific standards for knowledge, dispositions, and performances accompany each principle, but space does not permit listing them below. For a complete copy of the INTASC standards, contact Jean Miller, Director of INTASC, Suite 700, One Massachusetts Avenue NW, Washington DC 20001-1431.

The InTASC Model Core Teaching Standards (April 2011)

The Learner and Learning

Standard #1: Learner Development

The teacher understands how learners grow and develop, recognizing that patterns of learning and development vary individually within and across the cognitive, linguistic, social, emotional, and physical areas, and designs and implements developmentally appropriate and challenging learning experiences.

Standard #2: Learning Differences

The teacher uses understanding of individual differences and diverse cultures and communities to ensure inclusive learning environments that enable each learner to meet high standards.

Standard #3: Learning Environments

The teacher works with others to create environments that support individual and

collaborative learning, and that encourage positive social interaction, active engagement in learning, and self-motivation.

Content Knowledge

Standard #4: Content Knowledge

The teacher understands the central concepts, tools of inquiry, and structures of the discipline(s) he or she teaches and creates learning experiences that make these aspects of the discipline accessible and meaningful for learners to assure mastery of the content.

Standard #5: Application of Content

The teacher understands how to connect concepts and use differing perspectives to engage learners in critical thinking, creativity, and collaborative problem solving related to authentic local and global issues.

Instructional Practice

Standard #6: Assessment

The teacher understands and uses multiple methods of assessment to engage learners in their own growth, to monitor learner progress, and to guide the teacher's and learner's decision making.

Standard #7: Planning for Instruction

The teacher plans instruction that supports every student in meeting rigorous learning goals by drawing upon knowledge of content areas, curriculum, cross-disciplinary skills, and pedagogy, as well as knowledge of learners and the community context.

Standard #8: Instructional Strategies

The teacher understands and uses a variety of instructional strategies to encourage learners to develop deep understanding of content areas and their connections, and to build skills to apply knowledge in meaningful ways.

Professional Responsibility

Standard #9: Professional Learning and Ethical Practice

The teacher engages in ongoing professional learning and uses evidence to continually evaluate his/her practice, particularly the effects of his/her choices and actions on others (learners, families, other professionals, and the community), and adapts practice to meet the needs of each learner.

Standard #10: Leadership and Collaboration

The teacher seeks appropriate leadership roles and opportunities to take responsibility for student learning, to collaborate with learners, families, colleagues, other school professionals, and community members to ensure learner growth, and to advance the profession.