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MTI 500-Teacher's Toolbox: Proven Strategies for Student Success

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Instructor Background:	Mr. Pezzuto has an M.Ed degree in Administrative Leadership from Olivet Nazarene University and a Masters of Arts in Teaching from Calumet College of St. Joseph. Mr. Pezzuto is an Administrator in Illinois currently serving as the Director of a STEM Magnet Academy. He has held numerous positions in education such as adjunct professor, curriculum developer, instructional designer and assisted the Calumet College NCATE accreditation committee in 2009. His graduate level research, vocation and experience focused on motivation, effective classroom management, differentiation, and teacher leadership. Mr. Pezzuto has extensive training in facilitating PLC's, CRISS strategies and Ruby Payne's models for education and poverty.

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.
Prerequisites	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. All courses are for 3 graduate

	semester hours/credits from our partnering universities. <u>You can choose which university to receive your graduate credits when you register.</u>
Required Books and Materials	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Dean, Ceri, Pitler, Howard, Stone, BJ, <i>Classroom Instruction That Works</i>, 2nd edition, McRel Denver, Colorado 2012 ISBN# 978-1-4166-1362-6 (<i>provided FREE with registration</i>) ● Internet access ● LMS- Canvas Account and Login ● Lesson plans and unit plans
<p>Learning Outcomes/Competencies: At the completion of this course, the learner will be able to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Identify research based concepts and teaching strategies that have been proven to work. InTASC 1,2,3,5,7,10 2. Understand the best way to provide support for student’s effort and feedback for future improvement. InTASC. 3,5,6,8 3. Use the 9 categories of strategies for classroom planning. InTASC. 4,5,7 4. Develop and incorporate higher level questioning in the classroom. InTASC. 1,2,7 	
<p>Course Description: The purpose of this course is to provide teachers with a variety of strategies designed to help students succeed. All of the strategies have been proven to succeed based on research conducted in the classroom. Throughout this course the educator will learn practical ways to use all nine of the strategies provided by the authors. The goal of this course is to show every educator the research and theory that can help their students.</p>	
<p>Learning Strategies: Professional literature analysis, personal reflection, 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>	

Assessments		Approximate contact hours for each assessment
Answer and Discuss- Weekly Questions Posted By Instructor to Online Classroom at Canvas Forum. Questions Found On Canvas Classroom. One question per week for 5 weeks. 9 points per question.	45 points	6 hours
Reflect and Respond to 2 Posts Weekly (10 posts total) Made By Colleagues Online at Canvas Classroom Forum. 9 points per response.	90 points	9 hours
Application Assignments#1 and #2 (45 points ea)	90 points	10 hours
Research Project- Due end of week # 4	100 points	10 hours

Evaluation/Reflection Paper- Due end of week #5	100 points	10 hours
Total	425 points	45 hours
Grading Scale: A (90-100%); B (80-89%) <i>*Anything below a B will not receive graduate credit and result in a failing grade of F.</i>		
<p>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.</p>		

Answer and Discuss Rubric- 5 questions @ 9 points each			
Category	Superior (3 pts)	Sufficient (2 pts)	Minimal(1pt)
<i>Supporting Evidence in Practice</i> ____/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.
<i>Accuracy</i> ____/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.
<i>Grammar and Spelling</i> ____/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)
<i>Supporting Evidence in Practice</i> ____/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.
<i>Accuracy</i> ____/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.
<i>Grammar and Spelling</i> ____/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 Rubric- 2 assignments @45 points each			
Category	Superior (15-13 pts)	Sufficient (12-10 pts)	Minimal(9-7pts)

Supporting Evidence in Practice ____/15	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 ____/15	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 ____/15	Response includes 0-1 mistakes in grammar or spelling.	Response includes a few grammar and spelling mistakes.	Response includes several grammar and spelling mistakes.

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 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

**All assignments must be completed the week assigned. In emergencies, please contact instructor.*

Week 1 – Introduction to Course and LMS-Canvas Tutorial

- Syllabi/Assignment Review
- Read Chapters 1(*Setting Objectives and Providing Feedback*) and 2 (*Reinforcing Effort and Providing Recognition*) 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 –

- Read Chapters 3(*Cooperative Learning*) and 4 (*Cues, Questions, and Advance Organizers*) 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)

The authors go over several types of nonlinguistic strategies (chapter 5) for the classroom. Develop a lesson plan that you can implement in your classroom using at least 2 of the 5 nonlinguistic strategies. Include a summary of how you think the lesson plan **will go** and include any potential roadblocks you may encounter. To complete this application, you will need a completed lesson plan (any format you prefer and a written summary). Summary is to be 2- 3 pages.

Week 3 –

- Read Chapters 5 (*Nonlinguistic Representations*) and 6 (*Summarizing and Note Taking*) 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)

In the textbook are examples of six different summary frames (Narrative, TRI, Definition, Argumentation, Problem/Solution, and Conversation.) Choose a unit from your subject area and use one of the six summary frames as a template to develop your own set of questions. Then take on the role of a student and provide answers to the questions that you have provided.

Week 4 –

- Read Chapter 7 (*Assigning Homework and Providing Practice*) and Chapter 8 (Identifying Similarities and Differences) 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)

Conduct an action research project on your classes. Use one of the strategies from your book in your first class, and refrain from using the same strategy in the second class. For example, show your students how to summarize, take notes, or another strategy from the text. Record the observations that you have on the differences between the control class and the class that received the strategy. Summarize your experience in 3-5 pages. APA format. Cite any sources.

Week 5 –

- Read Chapter 9(*Generating and Testing Hypothesis*) and 10 (*Instructional Planning Using the Nine Categories of 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)

Review one of your curriculum units for your class. Reflect on the strategies that you already use in the curriculum unit, how these strategies have worked in the past, and how you can adjust these strategies to better reach all of your students. Then incorporate at least 2 new strategies from the text. Once you have taught the unit, evaluate the overall experience. Summarize your experience in 3-5 pages.

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.

Academic Honesty

Academic dishonesty is any form of cheating which results in students giving or receiving unauthorized assistance in an academic exercise or receiving credit for work which is not their own. Any academic dishonesty is grounds for dismissal. Any student judged to be engaged in cheating may receive a failing grade for the course, or any other penalty, which the instructor finds appropriate. Academic dishonesty is a behavioral issue, not an issue of academic performance. As such, it is considered an act of misconduct and is also subject to the University disciplinary process as defined in the Student Code of Conduct.

Acts of Dishonesty Include:

- Cheating—intentionally using or attempting to use unauthorized materials, information, or study aids in any academic exercise. The term academic exercise includes all forms of work submitted for credit or hours.
- Fabrication—intentional and unauthorized falsification or invention of information or citation in an academic exercise.
- Facilitating Academic Dishonesty—intentionally or knowingly helping or attempting to help another to violate a provision of the institutional code of academic integrity.
- Plagiarism—the deliberate adoption or reproduction of ideas, words, or statements of another person as one's own without acknowledgement.

Unauthorized Collaboration—intentionally sharing information or working together in an academic exercise when the course instructor does not approve such actions.

ADA Statement

The University abides by the Americans with Disability Act and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, which stipulates that no student shall be denied the benefits of an education “solely by reason of a handicap.” If you have a documented disability that may affect your work in this class and for which you may require accommodations, please contact the Disability Resource Coordinator as soon as possible to arrange accommodations. In order to receive accommodations, you must be registered with and provide documentation of your disability to the Disability Resource Office.

The Disability Resource office will provide Extended Studies with documentation of the disability and any accommodations that are needed.

InTASC Principles

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.