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MTI 585-The Effects of Poverty on 21st Century Education

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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):	<p>This is an Online Course</p> <p>The LMS (learning management software) 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.</p> <p>Approximately 45 hours of instructional time is devoted to this course.</p>

	<p>We recommend that you take an introduction to Canvas tutorial course (10 minutes long) as well to become more comfortable with our LMS. This can be done by clicking on the <i>help</i> tab, then Canvas 101.</p> <p>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>
<p>Prerequisites and Credit Limits</p>	<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. All courses are for 3 graduate semester hours/credits. You may not schedule more than 15 semester credits for fall, 15 semester credits for spring or more than 12 semester credits for summer term.</p>
<p>Accrediting Partners</p>	<p>For information about our accrediting partners, please visit our website at www.midwestteachersinstitute.org and click on partners to learn more about the choices available for you.</p>
<p>Required Text and Materials</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Textbook-“A Framework for Understanding Poverty,” by Dr. Ruby Payne. <i>*Above texts are included with MTI registration costs and will be shipped directly to students upon registration.</i> ● Internet Access ● LMS- Canvas Account and Login ● Your Lesson Plans and Unit plans ● Online literature
<p>Course Description: The Effects of Poverty on 21st Century Education will provide teachers and administrators the strategies, knowledge and skills required to understand and overcome the barriers of poverty. To achieve this, the course and content will draw upon the course textbook, “A Framework for Understanding Poverty,” by Dr. Ruby Payne. We may provide as educators many innovative and effective strategies to advance student reforms, but until we address and understand the impact of school sociology on academic achievement, school reform will not succeed. The creative feature of this course is bringing together the framework for understanding poverty in today’s education and the social context that traps so many intelligent and capable students in a self-fulfilling dead-end. By combining these two aspects of poverty, teachers and administrators will have the skill and knowledge base to effectively challenge the barriers of impoverishment.</p>	
<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 poverty, identification of the poor, and a research review on poverty. InTASC 2,3,5,6 ● Develop a framework for understanding impoverished students. InTASC 4,6,7,8 ● Analyze pedagogical approaches for teaching students enduring impoverishment. InTASC 1,3,5 ● Develop a strategy for building relationships with students enduring poverty. InTASC 2,5, 9,10 ● Identify racial and ethnic influences that impact academic achievement. InTASC 1,3,9,10 	

- Design a plan of action to remove the barriers of impoverishment. InTASC 7,8,9,10

Learning Strategies: Compare case studies, review poverty diagrams, professional literature analysis, whole group discussions, professional collaboration, personal reflection, individual assignments (produce a plan-of-action, application assignments, research project and evaluation essay).

Experiential Learning Opportunities: Educators, based on course content, chapter 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.

Format of the Course and Submitting Work

This course has a total of 5 individual assessments/assignments. You are required to complete all of the pieces 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	
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 each)	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</i>		

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<p>grade of F.</p> <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>	
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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 Rubric- 2 applications @ 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.

<i>Accuracy</i> ____/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.
<i>Grammar and Spelling</i> ____/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.

Research Project Rubric- 100 points			
Category	Superior (20-18 pts)	Sufficient (17-16 pts)	Minimal (15-14pts)
<i>Understanding of web tool</i> ____/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.
<i>Practical evidence</i> ____/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.
<i>Completion</i> ____/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.
<i>Grammar and Spelling</i> ____/20	Includes no mistakes in grammar or spelling.	Includes few grammar and spelling mistakes.	Includes numerous grammar and spelling mistakes.
<i>Sequencing</i> ____/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)
<i>Supporting Evidence in Practice</i> ____/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.
<i>Accuracy</i> ____/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	
<u>Week 1 – Introduction to Course and LMS-Canvas Tutorial</u>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Syllabi/Assignment Review ● Read Chapters 1(<i>Definitions and Resources</i>) and 2 (<i>The Role of Language and Story</i>) 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. ● Dr. Ruby Payne’s definition of poverty and the seven resources. 	
<u>Week 2 – Hidden Rules and The Three Classes of Poverty</u>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Read Chapters 3(<i>Hidden Rules Among Classes</i>) and 4 (<i>Characteristics of Generational Poverty</i>) in your textbook. ● What Are The Hidden Rules, What Role Do They Play in Your Lessons/Class/School. ● 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)	
Students, based on course content, chapters 1 thru 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 –Case Studies and Support Systems

- Read Chapters 5 (*Role Models and Emotional Resources*) and 6 (*Support Systems*) in your textbook.
- Breaking Down Each Case Study. What Support Systems Can Be Used?
- 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 cases discussed 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 –Could You Survive in Poverty, Middle Class or Wealthy

- Read Chapter 7 (*Discipline*) in your textbook.
- Take The Poverty Quiz. How Do Your Answers Affect Lessons/Class/School?
- 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 **two** articles on poverty and its effects on school children. Compare the thoughts of Ruby Payne(from your textbook) and those of your researched articles. 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 3 to 5 page research paper following APA format.

To complete this assignment, you must find at least **2 resources** related to the content of this course. The resources should be:

- Recent, having been published within the last 5 to 7 years.
- Cited, you must provide the web address or other identification for the research you conducted. Include the date that it was published/retrieved, as well as the author(s).

Week 5 –Improving Instruction and Achievement Through Relationships

- Read Chapter 8(*Instruction and Improving Achievement*) and 9 (*Creating Relationships*) in your textbook
- Cognitive Strategies(input, elaboration, output) and Building Relationships

- 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)

Being Persuasive:

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 to 5 pages APA format.

End of Course Survey/Evaluation

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.

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- 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.

