CPSE 606
Psycho-Educational Foundations
Winter Semester 2015

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If you need to meet with me outside of office hours, please call or email to set up an appointment.
606 Class time: Tuesday 12:00-2:50 pm 341 MCKB

REQUIRED READING & TEXT BOOKS:
- **Special Education Rules - Reach for the Stars** (BLACK BOOK)—This booklet is available online http://www.schools.utah.gov/sars/DOCS/law/utspedrules010614.aspx
- **Least Restrictive Behavioral Restrictions (LRBI)----NOTE: This is available online** http://www.schools.utah.gov/sars/DOCS/resources/lrbi07-09.aspx

SUPPLEMENTAL READING:

MAJOR WEBSITES:
- Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP) http://www.ed.gov/about/offices/list/osers/osep/index.html?src=mrr
  - National Center for Education Statistics http://nces.ed.gov/
  - Utah State Office of Education Special Education Services http://www.schools.utah.gov/sars/

Course Description
This course provides an overview of the expanding field of School Psychology, the advances in the role of the School Psychologist as a collaborative reflective decision-maker and data-oriented problem solver. This course reviews information and investigates numerous topics related to the profession of School Psychology including the historical development of the specialty; collaborative relationship with special education; graduate training and models of professional preparation; practical information related to licensure, certification, and accreditation; diversity of job settings and opportunities; diversity of client populations served; past and current publications related to education and pertinent research topics; internet resources and the growing role of technology with related school based intervention and practice; legal and ethical dilemmas facing school psychologists; and special education laws and policies relevant to the practice of school psychology. During this course, students investigate and discuss their observations of a variety of educational and psychological programs and practices. Additionally, this course investigates how the profession of School Psychology interfaces with organizations and systems, inclusive of the individual, family, school system, and community. Of particular importance, this course also focuses on how special
education guidelines, practice, and law impact the manner in which services are offered to meet the educational and social emotional needs of students. Practical applications of special education services in school settings are discussed: the process of identifying and tracking student needs, assessing for educational disabilities and the need for special education services, writing IEP goals, and identifying research-based interventions for individuals, groups, and systems.

Learning Objectives

Please refer to the chart (below) which lists course objectives, learning activities associated with those objectives, and method of assessing students’ skills. Although a variety of topics are covered, the major focus is on two domains, Domain V and Domain X.

**NASP Domain V** School-Wide Practices to Promote Learning:
- Demonstrates knowledge of school and systems structure, organization, and theory
- Demonstrates understanding of differences and similarities in general and special education procedures and practices
- Demonstrates and uses knowledge of evidence-based practices that promote learning and mental health
- Works effectively to develop policy and practice to create and maintain safe schools and effective learning environments

**NASP Domain X** Legal, Ethical, and Professional Practice:
- Demonstrates knowledge of the history and foundations of School Psychology profession
- Demonstrates knowledge of various service models and methods
- Demonstrates involvement in the profession of School Psychology
- Demonstrates knowledge of ethical, professional, and legal standards and uses this knowledge in practice
- Demonstrates knowledge and skills needed to acquire career-long professional development

**PORTFOLIO:** During the semester students will organize a group electronic portfolio of handouts and resources covered in the class. Additionally, a personal folder for each student will include the student’s assignments, notes, work samples, and reflections to demonstrate. The portfolio serves two purposes: (a) evidence of their knowledge and skills related to the learning objectives, and (b) a resource for future use.

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<td>(1) HISTORY: Students will demonstrate knowledge of history regarding important events related to education and school psychology, including important events and key individuals who were critical in developing the American educational system and the profession of School Psychology.</td>
<td>Assigned readings and in-class activities and discussion; activity that problem solves with the steps provided in resolving an ethical dilemma</td>
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<td>(2) EDUCATIONAL LAW AND ETHICAL STANDARDS: Students will Identify the major special education laws and ethical codes guiding the practice of School Psychology, in addition to understanding the common ethical and legal dilemmas in school settings.</td>
<td>In-class review of state and federal education law; review of NASP ethical guidelines; assigned readings; review of steps for resolving ethical dilemmas; discussing ethical and legal scenarios; and in class activities and discussion; in-class review of special education; guest lecture by professor who teaches special education law</td>
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<td><strong>NASP Domain V</strong></td>
<td><strong>School-Wide Practices to Promote Learning</strong> (4) DISCIPLINE, LRE, and PBS (PREVENTION): Students will learn strategies to prevent and manage student behavior problems.</td>
<td>Readings, learning activities, and group discussion associated with investigating SWPBS, the effectiveness of discipline strategies, and the impact of alternative educational settings and programs in meeting extreme student behavioral challenges. Class discussion on Behavioral Intervention Plans for students in special education who have challenging behaviors. Guest lecture on school discipline and principles of PBS.</td>
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<td>(5) DIVERSITY: Students will describe the diversity represented in today’s schools, including students and families served and the staff and professionals serving children (ethnic, linguistic, religious, special education needs and numbers of students and staff). Students will explain the implications of how diversity impacts communication and service delivery.</td>
<td>Assigned readings and in-class discussion regarding the sensitivity and skills needed to effectively communicate and collaborate with individuals from diverse backgrounds; role plays and scenarios to demonstrate the consultative skills required to communicate effectively with parents, teachers, and school administrators across a variety of backgrounds.</td>
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<td><strong>School-Wide Practices to Promote Learning</strong> (6) RESOURCES FOR TEACHERS AND PARENTS---HANDOUTS: Students will identify and assess a list of research-based internet resources (websites and handouts) which address a variety of academic and social-emotional challenges.</td>
<td>Gathering and sharing handouts in class (hot topics; discussion of class handouts and Internet resources for parents and teachers). Topics will include behavioral interventions, academic interventions, strategies for improving social skills, etc.</td>
<td>Student will include the following elements in the portfolio: Internet links (and brief description of resources) and organized handouts for parents and teachers on specific topics.</td>
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<td><strong>School-Wide Practices to Promote Learning</strong> (7) PERSONAL IEP: Students will expand their understanding of schools, the education system and organization, special education services, educational practices, and mental health services in schools</td>
<td>Students will develop a personal “IEP” to identify areas of weakness in their initial knowledge base concerning their understanding of school organization, special education services, responsibilities and roles of staff and administration, and school policy. Students will identify experiences that they will participate in to address these areas of weakness. These experiences will be discussed in class (group learning activity).</td>
<td>Objectives and associated activities (addressed in the personal IEP) will be described and included in the portfolio.</td>
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<td>Readings, class discussion, acronym game</td>
<td>Quizzes; midterm and final; and students will include a list of terminology in their portfolio.</td>
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Course Requirements

**Reading:** Students are required to read weekly assigned readings and explore related topics on the internet (state and national education websites) --aligned with course topics/objectives. Each week, students will list their experiences that align with their personal goals for the class (the personal IEP). Experiences will include a variety of pre-planned activities, including observing school psychologists and other professionals in public school/educational settings. For each class period (identified by date and lecture topic), students will take notes (minimally a one-page summary) and will include these notes in their personal folder in the 606 PORTFOLIO. Information presented in bullet point format is acceptable.

Daily quizzes and an in-class exam (final exam) will assess students’ knowledge gained from reading assigned readings and participating in class discussions and learning activities.

**ELECTRONIC Portfolio:** Students will collect and organize class assignments: class notes summarizing key information and handouts and resources reviewed in lectures and presentations. Portfolio content must address the 8 major objectives listed in chart (learning objectives). The portfolio is due on the date/time of the final exam. The portfolio must be in an electronic format.

**Weekly School-Based Experiences:** Students will select, carry out, and then briefly describe their weekly school based experience (personal IEP). A summary of these learning activities will be included in the portfolio. This information will also strengthen students’ learning by summarizing specific topics, concerns, and insights.

**2 Class Presentations:** During the semester each student is responsible for one week’s topic from the course lecture topics (Best Practices Readings) and one historical person (Historical Reading). These are not necessarily on the same day. Students will prepare a 20-minute class presentation summarizing the Best Practices Readings. Students will prepare a 15-minute presentation on the Historical Reading. For each of the presentations, the presenting student is responsible for submitting a summary: (a) 1-2 page summary of the Best Practices Readings (may include Websites and additional information if desired) and (b) 1 page summary of the Historical Reading. For each presentation classmates and professor will offer supportive feedback to presenters. (Grading rubric is included in syllabus.)

**Final Exam:** Students are also required to complete a final examination. The exam covers topics addressed in readings and class discussions. The exam will consist of 6 short essay questions that require the student to draw upon basic concepts and information reviewed during the semester. A study guide will be provided.

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<td>Portfolio/file of work samples/handouts &amp; weekly notes, each week’s lecture notes are summarized in a one-page paper (across the semester, 12 total pages of summary notes). Information should address the 8 course objectives</td>
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**Evaluation of knowledge, skills, and disposition:**

Student performance, specifically in the areas of knowledge, skills, and professional disposition, will be assessed during the course. This information will be formally reviewed during the end-of-semester faculty evaluations of student progress. Additionally, students will receive feedback regarding their standing midway through the course and also at the end of the semester after all course assignments are graded. If a student’s performance is unsatisfactory in any of these three major areas (knowledge, skills, and disposition), the professor will set up an interview with the student to discuss a remediation plan.

(1) Knowledge base: Students earning a semester total of less than 80% on their assigned readings, presentations, and reaction papers, and below 80% on their final exam score will be considered unsatisfactory in their knowledge base. Marginal performance will be designated to students earning 80%-86% on the average score of their assignments or 80-86% on their final exam.

(2) In order to assess skills, students will be provided with both peer and professor’s feedback on class presentations. Students will also self-evaluate their own work, noting strengths and weaknesses and setting goals for improvement.

NOTE: During practicum and internship, students’ developing professional skills will continue to be evaluated.

(3) Professional disposition will be assessed in terms of promptness to class; quality of preparation for class (completing readings and contributing to class discussion); sensitivity and responsiveness to ethical and legal matters; sensitivity to multicultural considerations and individual diversity; consistency of attention and interpersonal involvement in class; openness/responsiveness to professor and peer feedback regarding professional disposition; and cooperation and collaboration in group learning activities.

Note: Attending class and arriving on time reflects professional disposition. Those who miss class and/or are consistently late (late is defined as arriving 6 or more minutes late; consistently is defined as 3 or more times of being late) will receive an unsatisfactory review during semester student evaluations. In-class behavior considered to be unprofessional includes surfing the web, responding to or making
cell phone calls—except for emergency calls, e-mailing, texting, reading the newspaper, sleeping, and engaging in distracting or off-task behaviors.

**Students missing more than 2 classes will receive one full grade deduction for each additional class missed** (except for extraordinary circumstances or illness. If a class is missed, the student is responsible for make-up work and for contacting the professor to discuss options to address missed class participation.

**Feedback to Students:**
Students will be apprised of their progress throughout the semester (weekly quizzes, feedback on readings, presentations, and short papers, etc.) and will receive written feedback from the professor midway through the course and upon completing course assignments/requirements. Regarding their performance in this class, students will receive a written summary of information to be shared in faculty meeting at the end of the semester.

**Summary of Information Regarding Student Semester Evaluations:**
Students earning a grade below 80% on the final for the entire course (total points) will receive an “unsatisfactory” rating for the semester student evaluation of “knowledge.” Students receiving a grade below 86% on the final or the average of class assignments (total points) will receive a “marginal” rating in the area of “knowledge.”

Students arriving late to class (6 or more minutes late) more than 2 times will receive a marginal rating on their faculty evaluation in the area of professional disposition.

**POLICY:**

**Late work**
Assignments turned in after the due date will receive a maximum of 70% of the possible points for the assignment. However, in situations involving a personal emergency, circumstances will be considered and appropriate accommodations made.

**Respecting Others**
Respecting individual and group differences is not only a professional issue, it is a basic tenet of Brigham Young University’s honor code. Disrespect or discrimination will not be tolerated.

**Preventing Sexual Harassment**
Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 prohibits sex discrimination against any participant in an educational program or activity that receives federal funds. The act is intended to eliminate sex discrimination in education. Title IX covers discrimination in programs, admissions, activities, and student-to-student sexual harassment. BYU’s policy against sexual harassment extends not only to employees of the university but to students as well. If you encounter unlawful sexual harassment or gender based discrimination, please talk to your professor; contact BYU’s Equal Opportunity Manager at 801-422-5895 or email [sue_demartini@byu.edu]; or contact BYU’s Honor Code Office at 801-422-2847. The Honor Code Office is located in 4440 WSC.

**Students with Disabilities**
Brigham Young University and I are personally committed to providing a working and learning atmosphere which reasonably accommodates qualified persons with disabilities. If you have any disability which may impair your ability to complete this course successfully, please contact me at the beginning of the semester, as early as possible, to ensure adequate prevention and intervention efforts to ensure a positive learning experience. You may also contact the University Accessibility Center (UAC; 801-422-2767). They have an Internet site describing their services and contact information [https://uac.byu.edu/]. Reasonable academic accommodations are reviewed for all students who have qualified documented disabilities. Services are coordinated with the student and instructor by the UAC Office. If you need assistance or if you feel you have been unlawfully discriminated against on the basis of disability, you may seek resolution through established grievance policy and procedures. You may contact the Equal Employment Office in the ASB. They can be reached phone at 801-422-6878 or you can visit their offices in the ASB: D-282, D-292, D-240C.

**READING, LEARNING ACTIVITY, & 1-page PAPER DESCRIBING CRITICAL POINTS**

**NOTE: All students participate in class discussions.** For each class period students summarize major points, terminology, and basic information (maximum 1 page single spaced). Please place these summaries in your class portfolio.

1. Read assigned reading and also explore additional information on the topic. Participate in an activity related to the topics presented in weekly reading or related to the 8 learning objectives (listed previously in the syllabus). Prior to participating in your learning experience, I recommend listing key questions or goals. What are you curious about or what you want to learn?
2. Participate in class discussion regarding your experience and assigned readings.

**SUGGESTED LEARNING EXPERIENCES**

**Roles and Functions of School Professionals**
___Observe a few hours of a school psychologist’s working day. Conduct an interview with him/her regarding his/her roles and functions in regard to special education and identifying educational disabilities.
___Review NASP website information or information about the roles of school psychologists in both regular and special education.
Interview one of the following professionals regarding his/her professional roles and functions as well as working relationships with school psychologists: Special Education Teacher; Child Guidance Specialist; Speech Pathologist; School Social Worker; School Nurse; Principal/Assistant Principal; and Other School Staff Member

Ethics and Law in Public Schools

Discuss an ethical dilemma with a school-based professional. Review the 9-step format (used in pract & internship) to assist in evaluating the dilemma.

Set an appointment with a person responsible for the official paperwork for Special Education and discuss “Why all the paperwork?”

Discuss IDEA with a school counselor or a school psychologist; teacher or special educator, and/or school administrator.

Review special education paperwork and assessment requirements on the UT state site or federal government website.

Power in public schools: Who is in control of school policy?

Attend a school board meeting in a public school system.

Attend a meeting involving a School-Based Decision-Making team (IEP team)

Interview the school secretary and school custodian. How do they fit into the puzzle of power and control?

Review the website for the Utah State Board of Education, their licensing policies, etc.

Accommodations for Students in Public Schools: IDEA

Summarize the major points of IDEA

Review teachers’ feedback on IDEA—strengths and weaknesses

Review the US Department of Education’s website and list major points of IDEA

What matters most in public schools?

Interview a high school principal who has been involved in public education for more than 20 years. Ask them about their views on what really matters most in public schools.

Interview a middle school Principal who has been involved in public education for more than 20 years. Ask them about their views on what really matters most in public schools.

Interview an Elementary School Principal who has been involved in public education for more than 20 years. Ask them about their views on what really matters most in public schools.

Interview a parent with high school aged children. Ask them about their views on what really matters most in public schools.

Interview a teacher with more than 20 years experience. Ask them about their views on what really matters most in public schools.

Interview a grandparent with school-aged grandchildren. Ask them about their views on what really matters most in public schools.

Interview a parent with children identified with special needs. Ask them about their views on what really matters most in public schools.

Interview a high school principal who has been involved in public education for more than 20 years. Ask them about their views on what really matters most in public schools.

Diversity: The big picture of schools: Who are the kids we serve?

Review the website for the National Center for Educational Statistics

Review the statistics for Utah schools and local districts: How do we compare?

Review NASP website information on multicultural issues in schools

Review NASP website information on language issues in schools

REVIEW IEP paperwork (not filled in with info—blank)

How does a special ed teacher assist in filing out this paperwork (interview)

Interview a Special Education teacher and ask about the major points to remember when creating an IEP

Interview a School Psychologist about their role in and IEP meeting

What types of goals are set in an IEP? Ask a teacher or a SP

LRE—Least Restrictive Environment

Visit the US Department of education and review the major information about LRE

Interview a principal about their views related to LRE

Interview a Special Ed director or Special Ed teacher about LRE

Procedural Safeguards

Review procedural safeguard paperwork from a local school

Discuss this paperwork with a Special Education Director or Special Education Teacher

Discuss this paperwork with a parent of school age children

Discipline and supervision of students with challenging behaviors

Visit a self-contained classroom

Visit an alternative school setting

Visit a Youth Detention Center (Slate Canyon)

Interview a bus driver and discuss the challenges of controlling student behavior in settings with limited adult monitoring

Visit a school during limited adult supervision times: before or after school. Observe adult monitoring of student behavior. In particular, observe students’ bullying and harassing behaviors.

Interview a school board member about difficulties they are facing in their school district

Community Resources

Interview a community mental health worker
Interview a case worker from the Department of Child and Family Services (DCFS) about their relationship with schools and reports of child abuse
Interview a psychologist or social worker from the Children’s Justice Center
Interview a police officer involved with the Dare Program or who serves as a liaison to the public schools
Visit a Family Resource Center, Community Mental Health Center, or Youth Services Center
Interview an individual who volunteers in schools (tutoring, big brothers/sisters, etc)
Interview the State Mental Hospital director of youth services or one of their child/adolescent psychologists. How do they assist students in fitting back into their school system? How do they coordinate communication with schools and mental health services in schools?
Make a list of community resources and internet resources schools may tap into when assisting children with mental health issues

Alternative School Programs
Select and review a current article (dated 2010-2014) explaining alternative school settings for students who are expelled from the mainstream school setting
Visit an alternative school setting
Interview a teacher involved with an alternative school setting
Interview a police officer who works with adjudicated youth or a youth detention program
Review the TOOL BOX for alternatives to traditional discipline and school expulsions (Melissa will provide this handout)
Interview a case worker or social worker who works for the Utah State Hospital and serves in the Youth Programs
Interview a school district leader who helps coordinate services with adjudicated youth
Visit a drug treatment center that provides treatment services for youth

Each student is responsible for 2 Class Presentations
- (a) ONE BEST PRACTICE READINGS
  ➢ prepare a 20 minute presentation & 1-2 pg handout
- (b) ONE HISTORY READING
  ➢ Prepare a 10 to 15 minute presentation & 1 pg handout

Class Readings & extra reading:
In addition to assigned reading, students must also read the following UT State resources:

(1) Special Education Rules --Reach for the Stars (BLACK BOOK)—This booklet is available online

(2) Least Restrictive Behavioral Restrictions (LRBI)----NOTE: This is available online

HISTORY READING LIST
Each student reviews the historical background of their assigned person:
Historical Timeline of Psychology:
http://www.learner.org/discoveringpsychology/history/history_nonflash.html
Pioneers in psychology:
http://www.learner.org/discoveringpsychology/pioneers.html
Classics in the history of psychology
http://psychclassics.yorku.ca/

Jan 13 (1) Lightner Witmer Classics in the History of Psychology -- Witmer (1907) Clinical psychology. Psychological Clinic, 1, 1-9. [The source of the phrase "clinical psychology."]
http://psychclassics.yorku.ca/Witmer/clinical.htm

By William James (1904).
http://psychclassics.yorku.ca/James/chicago.htm

http://psychclassics.yorku.ca/Binet/binet1.htm
Feb 3  (4) James McKeen Cattell (1890)  Mental tests and measurements. *Mind, 15*, 373-381. [An account of one of the first attempts at what we would now call intelligence testing.]
http://psychclassics.yorku.ca/Cattell/mental.htm

Feb 10  (5) G. Stanley Hall (1904)  Adolescent girls and their education. From *Adolescence: Its psychology and its relations to physiology, anthropology, sociology, sex, crime, religion, and education* (Vol. 2, Chapter 17).
http://psychclassics.yorku.ca/Hall/Adolescence/chap17.htm

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Feb 24  (6) Edward L. Thorndike (1910)  The contribution of psychology to education. *Journal of Educational Psychology, 1*, 5-12. [Early contribution to educational psychology.]
http://psychclassics.yorku.ca/Thorndike/education.htm

Mar 3  (7) Henry Goddard (1912). *The Kallikak Family*  Retrospective versus prospective research
http://psychclassics.yorku.ca/Goddard/

http://psychclassics.yorku.ca/Watson/views.htm

http://psychclassics.yorku.ca/Terman/murchison.htm

http://psychclassics.yorku.ca/Maslow/motivation.htm

http://psychclassics.yorku.ca/Skinner/Theories/
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Portfolio (see description below) 4/21

FINAL EXAM 4/21

NOTE: Students do not earn participation points unless present in class.

**Points may be deducted from your total**

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**Class Readings & extra reading:**

In addition to assigned reading, students must read the following UT State resources:

1. Special Education Rules Reach for the Stars (BLACK BOOK)—This booklet is available online

2. Least Restrictive Behavioral Restrictions (LRBI)---NOTE: This is available online

Note: Attending class and arriving on time reflects professional disposition. Those who miss class and/or are consistently late (late is defined as arriving 6 or more minutes late; consistently is defined as 3 or more times of being late) will receive an unsatisfactory review.
during semester student evaluations. In-class behavior considered to be unprofessional includes responding to or making cell phone calls—except for emergency calls, e-mailing, texting, reading the newspaper, sleeping, and engaging in distracting or off-task behaviors.

Feedback to Students:
Students will be apprised of their progress throughout the semester (grades on readings, presentations, and short papers, etc.) and will receive written feedback from the professor midway through the course and upon completing course assignments/requirements. Regarding their performance in this class, students will receive a written summary of information to be shared in faculty meeting at the end of the semester.

EVALUATION OF KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, AND DISPOSITION:
Student performance, specifically in the areas of knowledge, skills, and professional disposition, will be assessed during the course. This information will be formally reviewed during the end-of-semester faculty evaluations of student progress. Additionally, students will receive feedback regarding their standing midway through the course and also at the end of the semester after all course assignments are graded. If a student’s performance is unsatisfactory in any of these three major areas (knowledge, skills, and disposition), the professor will set up an interview with the student to discuss a remediation plan.

(1) Knowledge base: Students earning a semester total of less than 80% on their assigned readings, presentations, and reaction papers, and below 80% on their final exam score will be considered unsatisfactory in their knowledge base. Marginal performance will be designated to students earning 80-85% on the averaged score of their assignments or 80-85% on their final exam.

(2) In order to assess skills, students will be provided with both peer and professor’s feedback on class presentations. Students will also self-evaluate their own work, noting strengths and weaknesses and setting goals for improvement.

NOTE: During practicum and internship, students’ developing professional skills will continue to be evaluated.

(3) Professional disposition will be assessed in terms of promptness to class; quality of preparation for class (completing readings and contributing to class discussion); sensitivity and responsiveness to ethical and legal matters; sensitivity to multicultural considerations and individual diversity; consistency of attention and interpersonal involvement in class; openness/responsiveness to professor and peer-feedback regarding professional disposition; and cooperation and collaboration in group learning activities.

Summary of Information Regarding Student Semester Evaluations:
Students earning a grade below 80% on the final for the entire course (total points) will receive an “unsatisfactory” rating for the semester student evaluation of “knowledge.” Students receiving a grade 80-85% on the final or the average of class assignments (total points) will receive a “marginal” rating in the area of “knowledge.”

Students arriving late to class (6 or more minutes late) more than 2 times will receive a marginal rating on their faculty evaluation in the area of disposition.
## Best Practices PRESENTATION & HANDOUT

15 points for presentation and handout

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**Feedback:**

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