

SCIENCE EDUCATION (SCED)

SCED262. K-12 FIELD EXPERIENCE AND BUILDING STUDENT RELATIONSHIPS. 1-3 Semester Hr.

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SCED333. EDUCATIONAL PSYCHOLOGY AND ASSESSMENT. 3.0 Semester Hrs.

An explosive growth in research on how people learn has revealed many ways to improve teaching and catalyze learning at all ages. The purpose of this course is to present this new science of learning so that educators can creatively translate the science into exceptional practice. This course covers field-defining learning theories ranging from behaviorism to cognitive psychology to social psychology and some lesser-known theories exceptionally relevant to practice, such as arousal theory. Together the theories, evidence, and strategies can be combined endlessly to create original and effective learning plans and the means to know if they succeed.

SCED363. DYNAMIC TEACHING: MOTIVATION, CLASSROOM MANAGEMENT, AND DIFFERENTIATION OF INSTRUCTION. 3.0 Semester Hrs.

Effective teaching is a dynamic process that requires the instructor to motivate, manage, and vary instruction for all learners in the classroom. The purpose of this course is to prepare future educators to be able to motivate students, manage classroom behavior, and differentiate their instruction so that all students can learn. This course will cover the field-defining theories of motivation, classroom management, and differentiation. Additionally, this course will introduce research-based practices that can be used to create learning environments where students are motivated and given the tools to be successful in their individual learning.

SCED398. SPECIAL TOPICS. 6.0 Semester Hrs.

Pilot course or special topics course. Topics chosen from special interests of instructor(s) and student(s). Usually the course is offered only once, but no more than twice for the same course content. Variable credit: 0 to 6 credit hours. Repeatable for credit under different titles.

SCED415. SCIENTIFIC PRACTICES VS ENGINEERING DESIGN AND THE NATURE OF SCIENCE. 3.0 Semester Hrs.

The goal of this course is to prepare students to integrate knowledge of scientific and engineering practices into their teaching as articulated in the Colorado Academic Standards and the Next Generation Science Standards, including asking questions, defining problems, developing and using models, planning and carrying out investigations, analyzing and interpreting data, constructing explanations and designing solutions, engaging in argument from evidence, obtaining, evaluating and communicating information. These skills will be modeled, practiced and mastered in the context of science, specifically: 1) earthquakes and waves, 2) mitosis, meiosis, and reproduction, 4) periodic table of the elements, 5) energy conservation, and 6) forces in static equilibrium. In addition this course will prepare students to be able to communicate effectively in a variety of mediums (written, oral, and digital) as educators about scientific and engineering practices.

SCED445. PHYSICS AND CHEMISTRY TEACHING TECHNIQUES. 3.0 Semester Hrs.

In this course students will engage as learners of physics and chemistry through evidence-based teaching strategies. After each unit of instruction, students will reflect on the practices used during the unit and why these practices are effective techniques for teaching science. The goal of this course is for teacher candidates to develop an awareness of 1) the common misconceptions and learning progressions associated with physics and chemistry; 2) evidence-based teaching strategies for physics and chemistry; and 3) the importance of and techniques for placing all content within a context that is familiar to and interesting to your specific student body. Students will leave this course with a minimum of a full month of curriculum annotated and ready to deliver to middle or high school physical science and high school physics courses.

SCED464. CAPSTONE CURRICULUM DESIGN I. 3.0 Semester Hrs.

This course provides Mines students an intensive teaching experience in a K-12 science, engineering, or STEM classroom. The goal of this course is for the student to develop and demonstrate competencies in the areas of planning, instructional methods, assessments, creating effective learning environments for all learners, classroom management and organization, content knowledge, and professionalism. In addition to a total of 15 hours of seminars (on campus and teacher professional development), there is a 100-hour field experience requirement in the students assigned partner school. During this semester, the student will be responsible for planning and teaching at least five periods of classroom instruction as well as participate in other school related professional roles and will develop a mini-work sample (min-unit of instruction including: description of setting, learning objectives, three class periods or more of standards-based lesson plans, pre/post assessment, and reflection). Prerequisite: Completed/concurrent 3 credits of SCED 262. Completed/concurrent with SCED 415 or SCED 445. Co-requisite: Completed/concurrent 3 credits of SCED 262. Completed/concurrent with SCED 415 or SCED 445.

SCED465. CAPSTONE CURRICULUM DESIGN II. 6-12 Semester Hr.

This course provides Mines students an immersive student teaching experience in a K-12 science, engineering, or STEM classroom. The goal of this course is for the student to develop and demonstrate competencies in the areas of planning, instructional methods, assessments, creating effective learning environments for all learners, classroom management and organization, content knowledge, and professionalism. In addition to a total of 15 hours of seminars (on campus and teacher professional development), there is a 32-hour per credit hour enrolled field experience requirement in the students assigned partner school. During this semester, the student will be responsible for planning and teaching at least five periods of classroom instruction for each 3 credit hours enrolled as well as participate in other school related professional roles and will develop a work sample (unit of instruction including: description of setting, learning objectives, three class periods or more of standards-based lesson plans, pre/post assessment, and reflection). Prerequisite: Completed SCED 464. Completed/concurrent with SCED 333, SCED 363, SCED 415, and SCED 445. Corequisites: Completed/concurrent with SCED 333, SCED 363, SCED 415, and SCED 445.

SCED515. SCIENTIFIC PRACTICES VS ENGINEERING DESIGN AND THE NATURE OF SCIENTIFIC KNOWLEDGE. 3.0 Semester Hrs.

The goal of this course is to prepare students to integrate knowledge of scientific and engineering practices into their teaching as articulated in the Colorado Academic Standards and the Next Generation Science Standards, including asking questions, defining problems, developing and using models, planning and carrying out investigations, analyzing and interpreting data, constructing explanations and designing solutions, engaging in argument from evidence, obtaining, evaluating and communicating information. These skills will be modeled, practiced and mastered in the context of science, specifically: 1) earthquakes and waves, 2) mitosis, meiosis, and reproduction, 4) periodic table of the elements, 5) energy conservation, and 6) forces in static equilibrium. In addition this course will prepare students to be able to communicate effectively in a variety of mediums (written, oral, and digital) as educators about scientific and engineering practices.

SCED533. EDUCATIONAL PSYCHOLOGY AND ASSESSMENT. 3.0 Semester Hrs.

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SCED545. PHYSICS AND CHEMISTRY TEACHING TECHNIQUES. 3.0 Semester Hrs.

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SCED563. DYNAMIC TEACHING: MOTIVATION, CLASSROOM MANAGEMENT, AND DIFFERENTIATION OF INSTRUCTION. 3.0 Semester Hrs.

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SCED564. CAPSTONE CURRICULUM DESIGN I. 3.0 Semester Hrs.

This course provides Mines students an intensive teaching experience in a K-12 science, engineering, or STEM classroom. The goal of this course is for the student to develop and demonstrate competencies in the areas of planning, instructional methods, assessments, creating effective learning environments for all learners, classroom management and organization, content knowledge, and professionalism. In addition to a total of 15 hours of seminars (on campus and teacher professional development), there is an approximately 6 hours per week (100-hours total) field experience requirement in the student's assigned partner school. During this semester, the student will be responsible for planning and teaching at least five periods of classroom instruction as well as participate in other school related professional roles and will develop a mini-work sample (min-unit of instruction including: description of setting, learning objectives, three class periods or more of standards-based lesson plans, pre/post assessment, and reflection). Prerequisite: Completed/concurrent 3 credits of SCED 562. Completed/concurrent with SCED 515 or SCED 545. Co-requisite: Completed/concurrent 3 credits of SCED 562. Completed/concurrent with SCED 515 or SCED 545.

SCED565. CAPSTONE CURRICULUM DESIGN II. 6-12 Semester Hr.

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