

Characteristics of Gifted Learners

Course Description:

This course introduces the candidate to the characteristics and needs of gifted learners and how those needs might be met. The definitions of gifted from a current and a historical perspective are examined. Special sub-groups of gifted children including females, minorities, and underachievers are also studied. Finally, the characteristics, skills, and knowledge, which are necessary for a teacher who teaches gifted and talented students, to obtain are identified and evaluated using a pre-assessment.

Course Goals:

Participants in this course will increase knowledge and develop skills to:

- Identify characteristics of gifted learners as distinguished from other populations;
- Provide an extended description of each characteristic of gifted learners with examples of behaviors and functions that distinguish gifted learners;
- Incorporate knowledge of the characteristics of gifted children into appropriate selection, use, and implementation of measurement instruments and assessment activities; and
- Demonstrate knowledge of delivery models as related to characteristics of gifted children.
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