INTEGRATING VIRTUE/CHARACTER EDUCATION INTO THE EVERY CHILD SUCCEEDS CURRICULUM

Course Number: EDU 524 Section 16
(3 graduate credits or 2 in-service credits)
July 5 - 8 ; T-F; 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m., RVC campus
Tuition and Fees: Graduate: $900 or In-Service: $495

This course is for elementary, middle school, high school, general, and all special education teachers. It is designed to promote the practice of social emotional literacy (SEL) skills into daily lesson planning. Through use of the media, the arts, and experiential learning, teachers will develop a personal character education resource library to complement instruction. Guidance is provided for individualized whole child instruction to meet legislative initiatives of the Every Child Succeeds Act (December, 2015).

Topics covered will include: exploration of consciousness research, mindfulness, fixed and growth mindsets, divergent thinking, creativity, and fostering positive student ethics/virtue skills for use in the classroom and the community. Special attention will be devoted to examining traditional industrial teaching models as contrasted to agrarian teaching models espoused by Sir Kenneth Robinson. Agrarian teaching models embrace multiple intelligences, create holistic teaching environments, and create equitable learning environments where all students can flourish.

Participants will create age appropriate You- Tube virtues-based libraries, ‘Character Speaks’ lesson plans, Photo/Quote ‘Multi-Medias,’ Native American Power Wheels, and Interactive Ethics Worksheets. Educators should bring a zip drive and three classroom lesson plans for self-editing to integrate the ideals, goals, and objectives of character/virtue education.

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