

## Comments taken from course evaluations between Fall 2009 and Fall 2010:

### EDUC 204: Educational Technology

I learned alot in this class and alot of things that I can do in the classroom with authentic instruction.
She is a very understanding teacher. She is always ready to help in any way possible. She is very caring.
the work load for this class is somewhat overwhelming. Having large projects due every week is not an easy pill to swallow in addition to all my other classes. This class requires a lot A LOT of outside preparation and really stressed me out. She is a proficient teacher and seems to care. The amount of information we had to teach ourselves in being "self-directed learners" really got annoying after a while considering i am paying several thousands of dollars to be TAUGHT.
I appreciated having a team of fellow students that shared in my struggles and accomplishments. I have learned a lot in this course and have grown as an educator. I appreciated the professor sharing her faith and struggles with us. It allowed us to connect with her more personally.
I believe that she knows what she is doing; however, I believe that this is a very difficult course and she sometimes is a very hard teacher.
Great course!

### EDUC 303/558: Foundations of Education

The group work was a great way to see how other people in the class thought about the philosophies and material we were going over. Perhaps a few more visual aids/movies might be implemented. Overall, a good introduction to working as a teacher. It opened my eyes up to many things.
I liked that this course was very accomodating for one's own personal opinion and that we were able to collaborate with others frequently.
I would like if we reviewed for test more because I didn't exactly know what to prepare for.
Great prof! Very knowledgable in her subject! I learned a lot.
Instructor did very well. Good course with good experience and knowledge gained.
This teacher ws willing to encourage me and others during the entire semester. I greatly appreciate her passion for students and her ability to make me feel that she cared not only about my education but about me as a
I loved the course it just helps me confirm that being a teacher is the right thing for me to do
Instructor was always willing to stay after class and answer any questions or concerns that students had. She seems very excited to be at CN and has an infectious personality that makes me laugh. I have enjoyed my time in this class and learned alot of information.
I really enjoyed the course content, and the professor is very passionate about what she teaches. She gets us involved in discussion. She showed fairness toward us when necessary. Sometimes it was difficult to reach her via email or phone, but when I did, she always showed fairness. She is actually a very good mentor for all of us as she shows a great deal of passion for education and she cares about each individual student. The content of the course inspired and motivated me in the area of my career. It made me think about the importance of teaching and education as I was able to see how it has impacted our society in positive and negative ways. I was able to get a good overall view of education in America.
She has opened my eyes to a new world in education. One that my upbringing did not expose me to.

**EDUC 314: Literacy Development through Language Arts**

I appreciate her willingness to help her students in any way possible. She obviously cares about each of us as individuals and challenges us each day to to be better students and teachers!

I think this course is a great course for education majors. The practicum that goes along with it is very helpful and gives us a sense of what it may be like when get into the classroom. The professor is caring and very fun. The only negative thing about the class would be the testing. I don't feel that the tests reflected the same sort of involvement we had in the class. Classroom activities were very hands-on whereas the tests were strickly memorization of everything in the textbook.

There was a great deal of work involved with this course which seemed overwhelming, but I did learn a great amount during this course.

**EDUC 342: Curriculum, Instruction and Management of the Middle Grades**

I loved how every aspect of the class was relatable to teaching a middle school class. The Field Trip plan was something that I was not prepared to do, and I am thankful that I had the opportunity to see how to plan one.

I thoroughly enjoyed this course. Not only did it open my eyes to issues that I hadn't previously thought about, but I feel that it gave me valuable experience in the classroom as well as in the field.

This class was great! I enjoyed our discussions and activities, and I feel that it helped prepare me for experiences in the classroom, as well as out in the field.

**EDUC 350: Diversity in Schools, Homes, and Communities**

He is a great teacher. He shows great respect to all students who want to enter the field of education. The way he speaks to us, you can tell he truly admires each and every student he teaches. He is God's gift to all students.

Great class.

great course... great content

I encourage the teacher not to change anything in his class.

I liked how all the notes were on powerpoint it really helped me in class where i didnt have to worry about writing everything down and i could listen to him talk also

I liked how there was an online portion to this class because I hadn't had much experience with that.

I really enjoyed this course, the professor was extremely helpful and showed respect towards all students!

I thought the course was very interesting. I think he shows a great passion for teaching and proves this to his students by giving real life examples of the different experiences he has had throughout his career. I thought the knowledge he shared was valuable in giving the students a taste of what to expect when they become teachers themselves.

I was able to get a good idea at how to deal with different students when i start teaching that i may be tactful and make an impact on their lives in a positive manner.

### **EDUC 403/531: Assessment and Evaluation**

I think that this course will be very helpful as a teacher as I work to create effective assessments.
If any other professor taught this class, I don't believe it would have been as benefiting nor would I have been able to grasp the content.
I really wish I had taken this class earlier in my education program. It is on the schedule to take during Block. This is a bad idea! By the time you get to block you should already know all Assessment teaches and have practiced it. Also, block students shouldn't take anymore classes other than Block. However, she is a wonderful professor. She is patient, fair, engaging, and really understands the content.
Less assignments with more time to complete them. Although I was extremely happy to have a second try as most professors seem to believe perfection can be achieved in one try.
I liked learning about the different types of assessments. I will definitely use these in my future classroom to assess students. Even though I liked class discussions because we were introduced to real-life experiences and were able to hear others' opinions, I thought that class time could have consisted of more than just discussions. I love the specific feedback that was giving on assignments. I feel like I never get that kind of feedback in any of the courses I have taken.
This course is excellent preparation for teaching, and I cannot conceive of a more suitable instructor for it. She is the consummate professional and exemplifies all the Carson-Newman ideals. I wouldn't recommend changing anything about EDUC 531 at all, except perhaps to make it worth 4 credit hours. It's an awful lot of work, but very worthwhile.

### **EDUC 414: Reading Instruction and Assessment**

I've never had a more student-focused teacher ever before and she has become my role model as a future teacher. She respects her students, especially in regards to their needs, and genuinely cares about us. This professor is not only my teacher, but has become a mentor and friend. I know I can talk to her about anything school-related or anything else going on.
Loved this class! The teacher was engaging and on the student's level. She was understanding and available to help when students needed it. It would be helpful if she was at the school more often, but she is pursuing her doctorate at UT, so that is totally understandable. She was the only methods professor that offered bonus points which was helpful. I never really understood why this class is longer than the rest of the methods classes, maybe the time could be cut shorter? I didn't like pairing with the PDP partner because they [not necessarily mine] became agitated when we didn't inform them about what was going on in our other courses (when in reality we didn't know). It seemed like our PDP partners relied TOO heavily on us and we had other methods projects and assignments to concern ourselves with. It was a good idea, but some of the other students didn't seem to understand our schedule.
She made learning this material so enjoyable. she has effectively modeled what it looks like to be a good teacher of literacy, especially as she reads to our class aloud every day. I have enjoyed the variety of literature she has exposed us to, and the way she schedules things. She has always been flexible with us and understanding about what is demanded from us as students. Out of all the teachers we have had in block this semester, she has consistently been the teacher we have felt comfortable confiding in and discussing how things are going with our semester in general. I have appreciated her being so open and honest with our class, and I have enjoyed her class the most this semester. I hope she continues to be understanding and flexible with future students as she helped to relieve our stress knowing she would listen to us.
This has been one of the most beneficial courses I've taken in the education department. Mrs. Hawkin's love for literacy and reading is evidenced in everything she teaches, and the enthusiasm she exhibits is exactly the kind we as future educators need to have for our content area(s). She is an OUTSTANDING professor, and I believe that we all will be better teachers because of her influence on us.

**EDUC 444/446/606: K-6/Middle Grades Science Methods**

I know the assignments we were required to do will help me in the future. I enjoyed the inquiry project assignment as well.

I appreciated having dates for rough drafts- this kept me working on projects all semester long and it is not too overwhelming to think about the final draft being due. I was also able to receive feedback about what I still needed to do and what I needed to fix. Classes were very spastic though, and dates were hard to keep up with. I also wish that I could have known exactly what I was going to be graded on so that I could have been more in-depth, or more vague as it was appropriate.

Given that this was her first time teaching a Block class, I feel that she did a wonderful job. I liked the hands-on activities she had planned, as well as the activities that let us use the new Promethean boards. I am grateful for the Work Sample she gave us because it will help me to prepare for observations in the future. Overall, I thoroughly enjoyed this class and professor!

All of the analysis for the work sample seems like busy work. I did not feel as if this helped me very much.

I really enjoyed the course. I would change nothing and the professor was wonderful.

She did a wonderful job of making the class interesting and seems to really have a passion for teaching science.

**SPED 313/508: Survey of Persons with Exceptionalities**

I enjoyed the knowledge i received from this class. She expects you to know a lot for exams which i feel might be slightly out of reach. the challenging aspect is nice, i suppose. but if the tests where more on level, it would have reduced stressed and made the experience a lot more positive

This was a very interesting course and a I learned alot. She knew so much about special education and always had good stories to apply what we learned to real life. You could tell she was passionate about the material she taught and her job.

She really knows what she is teaching. She keeps updated on the new laws and court cases presently. She is a Professor that really cares about her students and will do anything to help them succeed and learn. She is a challenging teacher. I thoroughly enjoyed her class.

This is a great class for education majors because it offers a comprehensive view of exceptional persons that will, in turn, allow us to be not only more effective teachers, but also more aware.

I really enjoyed this class. This is my major and I feel like I learned a lot of necessary information about the topic. There was a lot of information and I will definitely have to review it and continue refreshing myself on the information or I might forget it. I enjoyed the class activities and especially the autism videos.

I loved this course and really learned a lot. I feel as if "*instructor*" really loves to teach and feels strongly about what she does teach. She shares field experiences with us that really make the course come alive. She does not just open the book and teach straight from it. She goes beyond the textbook and really makes us think and develop our knowledge about special education. She is a great teacher, and I feel that she will always be available if I have a question, even when this course is over.

She presents all the material we need to know in a creative way. She gets all of our papers back to us promptly and is there if we need any sort of help. I feel like I really learned a lot in her class.

I feel that this professor is very, very competent. However, I also feel that the tests are on the extreme side of the spectrum. The tests are counter productive due to the extreme amount of stress that they cause. In the end, the tests end up making me feel incompetent and worthless. I think that if the tests were not as intense, perhaps more often and in a slightly different format, then there would be more positive reinforcement to our knowledge.

**SPED 315/521: Language Development**

She was very knowledgeable on course content.

This class helped me connect the dots and really understand some of the material I have learned before. It made sense to me, and I feel like I have a better grasp on how to actually help a child with a disability now.

I really enjoyed taking her class. She was very passionate about language and it showed in her presentation of the material. I enjoyed that her class was interactive and not completely lecture and listen. The only feedback that I would suggest to make the class a little better was the fact that for half of the semester one chapter was assigned with assignments, which I thought was manageable. However, towards the middle of the semester it was evident we were a bit behind, so (2) chapters a week were assigned, which was very time consuming to read and complete the assignments each week, especially when you were used to doing (1) for several weeks. Overall, a great class and a wonderful professor!

It was a good class, any class is going to be hard to sit through at night for 3 hours.

**SPED 416/616: Characteristics/Needs of Mild/Moderately Disabled**

The course is vital to my personal career so I'm glad I had her as my mentor. She knows what's going on and she puts a real-life outlook into everything which makes the class much easier to follow. She's a great teacher.

I feel like I actually learned in this class. I enjoy having classes in my major now, because I feel like the information is relevant to me. Even so, I feel like this class helped me connect new material and strategies to information I already knew.

**EDUC 561: Effective Home, School Community Relations**

I enjoyed the class, I never liked on-line classes before. I would recommend to friends needing the class.

The wide variety of assignments and discussion topics helped me learn more about school and community relations - the assignments helped me realize there is so much that goes on in the world of education than I thought. Great class.

I loved this class. The discussion board topics were never boring and were always different from week to week. There was never one topic that was like another one.

This was my first online course and I really believe it was just as beneficial to me as a face-to-face class. The assignments were very helpful and made me really think about what I believe and support as an educator. SHE was very quick to give me feedback about my assignments. The directions were clear and it is obvious that she is super organized. Thank you! Even though we only had two face-to-face classes, I feel like I know her and I plan to take another class with her in the summer!

She is excellent. She gives prompt feedback. She makes the the material very manageable. I love how she involves the class discussions and you are able to view everyone's opinion. Definately wouldn't change anything. Would love it if she taught every class I took!

The course was very practical in terms of relating content to classroom experiences.

She always provides the students in her classroom generalizable curriculum that is informative and interesting. Her creative approach to the material allows each student the opportunity to work and think outside of the box and better develop their imagination in preparation for classroom instruction.

**EDUC 571: Change Theory and Practice**

He is a very kind, caring, and knowledgeable professor. I have learned a lot and really enjoyed his classes.
The work required for this class has equipped me to become a better teacher with greater appreciation for principals.
He really cares about us and wants to make sure that we are doing well. I like that we present the chapters and have plenty of opportunities to have discussions rather than strictly lecture.
I enjoyed being in his class because of his many accomplishments. When he speaks, I listen, because I respect him. I feel that he is very knowledgeable and caring.
I learned much from him about how to respect and be sensitive to my students. He is an excellent role model for teachers and principals.

**TESL 560: Advanced Speaking Skills I**

We learned a lot in the class.
I like this class
I liked this course very much!
I love this course, and he always gives motivation for studying.
It was a big challenge especially making presentation for.
My pronunciation wasn't good at beginning, but I learn how to practice and becoming better now. Speaking on stage makes me very nervous, but you always give me positive feedback, and I have great progress.
Excellent class! If professor give more specific suggestion for each student and each speech, it would be better.
sure, I like the course. It is a really good course to improve my speaking. He always makes the lesson fun and interesting, we never felt boring. The most important is that I also learned some speech skills in the course. It helps me in other courses' presentation.

**TESL 565: Language and Culture**

This course helped me better understand culture differences and the importance of awareness. As a teacher, being aware of the necessity of teaching culture with language is very important, and this course and instructor just gave me the knowledge on this point. I like this course and him very much.
sure, I like this course, because I have learned some culture awareness from this course. Before I didn't take this course, I never thought of some different behaviours caused by culture differences, and I didn't know that the same gesture might be not different meaning from different country, and that might make some misunderstand to each other. He always brings some interesting videos to watch, make the class more relaxed and fun. The professor made powerpoint for the lesson, and powerpoints are really organized so I can easier understand what the subject is. I like it.
I like to discuss in the course. It could help me involved in this course and learn faster. we often exchanged our thoughts better than individual work. And my English listening wasn't pretty well. Sometimes groupwork can release my stress.
I enjoyed the course greatly. The professor did a great job of asking for student interaction and involvement.
I had a good experience and knowledge about cultural awareness through this course. Thanks.