



Welcome to Principles of Education and Training!

Bishop High School 2026-2027

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Course Description: Education and Training Career Cluster

The Education and Training career cluster encompasses a wide range of professions dedicated to fostering learning and development across diverse settings. This cluster includes roles such as teachers, administrators, curriculum developers, trainers, counselors, and support staff. Professionals in this field are crucial for imparting knowledge, skills, and values to individuals of all ages, from early childhood to adult learners. The curriculum will delve into the foundational principles, practical skills, and historical context that underpin effective education and training, with a strong emphasis on Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS) relevant to this career pathway.

Classroom Guidelines

To foster a positive and productive learning environment, the following guidelines will be strictly followed:

- **Respect:** Treat yourself, your peers, and your instructor with respect at all times.
- **Safety:** Adhere to all safety procedures and maintain a secure classroom.
- **Punctuality:** Arrive on time, ready to learn.
- **Preparation:** Come to class with all necessary materials and completed assignments.
- **Appropriate Language:** Use respectful and professional language.
- **Active Involvement:** Participate actively in discussions and activities.

- **No Electronic Devices:** Electronic devices must be put away on silent and out of sight.
- **Restroom:** Each student will be given 6 passes per nine weeks.

Consequences for Inappropriate Behavior

Disruptions to the learning environment will be addressed through a progressive system:

1. **Warning:** A verbal or non-verbal reminder of the guideline.
2. **Seat Change and Parent Call:** For repeated or more significant infractions.
3. **Counselor Visit and Parent Conference:** For persistent issues requiring further intervention.
4. **Discipline Referral to front office and parent call:** For severe or unresolvable behavioral concerns.

Required Materials

Please come to class prepared each day with the following:

- Folder for organizing papers
- Notebook paper
- Pencils
- Pens

Grading Policy

Your final grade will be calculated as follows:

- **40% Field Experience/Practicum/Tests:** Demonstrating practical application and knowledge retention.
- **20% Projects and Portfolios:** Showcasing in-depth understanding and creative work.
- **40% Daily Work and Professionalism:** Including assignments, participation, and adherence to class guidelines.

Late Work: Late assignments will lose 10 points per day and will not be accepted after 3 days past the due date. It is crucial to submit your work on time!

Semester 1 Units

Unit 1: Introduction to Education & Training Career Cluster

- **Focus:** Discovering K-12 classrooms, corporate training, administration, and support services.
- **Topics:** Career exploration, professional attributes, self-assessments.
- **TEKS:** 1A (Investigate roles and responsibilities), 1B (Analyze career pipelines and certifications).

Unit 2: Employability Skills & Professional Communication

- **Focus:** Workplace dynamics and digital presence.
- **Topics:** Public speaking, workplace boundaries, professional tech tools, digital footprint.
- **TEKS:** 2A (Demonstrate professional oral, written, and listening skills), 2B (Practice punctuality and time management).

Unit 3: Personal Life Planning & Earning Potential

- **Focus:** Personal finance and academic milestones.
- **Topics:** Teacher salary schedules, district stipends, health benefits, work-life balance.
- **TEKS:** 1D (Discuss earning potential factors), 7A (Develop a 4-year graduation plan).

Unit 4: History & Governance of American Education

- **Focus:** Legal shifts and government systems.
- **Topics:** Landmark legislation, school board structures, Texas school finance.
- **TEKS:** 3A (Trace historical developments), 3B (Explain federal, state, and local governance).

Semester 2 Units

Unit 5: Lifespan Human Growth & Learning Theories

- **Focus:** Cognitive and socio-emotional milestones.
- **Topics:** Piaget, Vygotsky, Erikson stages; matching milestones to instruction.
- **TEKS:** 5A (Describe physical, cognitive, social-emotional growth stages), 5B (Apply learning theories to student behavior).

Unit 6: Safe, Equitable, and Culturally Responsive Classrooms

- **Focus:** Inclusive classrooms and Texas safety mandates.
- **Topics:** Socio-economic variations, multicultural accommodation, safety laws, ethics.
- **TEKS:** 4A (Evaluate societal shifts and demographics), 4B (Analyze cultural diversity impacts), 5C/5D (Cultivate safe learning and master reporting laws).

Unit 7: Art of Instruction: Lesson Planning & Assessment

- **Focus:** Building lessons and testing mastery.
- **Topics:** Writing objectives, instructional manipulatives, student data tracking.
- **TEKS:** 6A (Align materials with curriculum benchmarks), 6B (Formulate feedback loops and data evaluation).

By signing below, you have read this syllabus and understand that you agree to all information provided.

BHS Student Signature

Date

Parent Signature

Date