San José State University
Lurie College of Education
Department of Special Education
Assessment of Students with Disabilities

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Classroom: This class will take place online.

Course Format

Online

This course will be provided online with lectures taking place in synchronously and asynchronously. The dates of synchronous and asycnhronous meetings are shown in the table at the end of the syllabus. Students are expected to access readings and materials online on Canvas to prepare for class or complete assignments. Students are also expected to work on assignments, readings, and assessments outside the course time.

Faculty Web Page and MYSJSU Messaging

Course materials such as the syllabus, handouts, notes, assignment instructions, and readings can be found on the Canvas learning management system course page for this course. You are responsible for regularly checking with the messaging system through Canvas. Additionally, be aware that all communications for this course should take place on either Canvas or through your university provided email (sjsu.edu).

Course Description

This course will cover formal and non-formal evaluation methods to assess students with mild/moderate disabilities and extensive support needs which include standardized and alternative assessment, RTI, IEP development, case studies, and a comprehensive understanding of evidenced-based practices in assessment.

Course Goals

This course is intended to assist students to meet the competencies specified in the Mild/Moderate Standards and Extensive Support Needs (ESN) specialty Teaching Performance Expectations (TPE) in assessment:

| CTC - Teacher Performance Expectations – Education Specialist – Universal, M/M, and ENS |
|-----------------------------------------------|------------------|----------------|
| Universal                                   | M/M              | ESN             |

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Course Learning Outcomes (CLO)

Upon successful completion of this course, students will be able to:

1. Plan, conduct, and interpret a comprehensive assessment used for individuals with disabilities using various assessment instruments, adaptive behavior scales, curriculum referenced instruments, ecological inventories, criterion-referenced tests, functional behavior assessments, and checklists.
2. Identify assessments that are valid for use when diagnosing or evaluating students with disabilities, including students who are English learners.
3. Describe and discuss the purpose of and processes related to databased decision-making at the classroom, school, and district level.
4. Describe the theory behind progress monitoring and the assessment of student’s academic, behavioral, social, and functional skills.
5. Adapt and modify existing assessment tools and methods to accommodate the unique needs of students with disabilities and English language learners.
6. Articulate the steps in the assessment process, including how students are referred for assessment in special education.
7. Utilize both formal and informal assessment methods and demonstrate the ability to carry out assessments in school settings to develop IEP goals and objectives.
8. Demonstrate competency with the interpretation of assessment data to write components of an IEP, including present levels, goals, specially designed instruction, and accommodations/modifications.
9. Demonstrate an understanding and a competency to carry out person-centered/family centered planning and strength-based functional/ecological assessments, including assessments of social integration and social functioning.
10. Understand the role of assessment within the core curriculum/state standards in developing instructional programs for students with disabilities and English learners.

Required Texts/Readings

Textbook


Other Readings/Resources


**Other technology requirements / equipment / material**

Students will need access to Microsoft or Google Application Suites that include word processing and spreadsheets.

**Course Requirements and Assignments**

Success in this course is based on the expectation that students will spend, for each unit of credit, a minimum of 45 hours over the length of the course (normally three hours per unit per week) for instruction, preparation/studying, or course related activities, including but not limited to internships, labs, and clinical practicum. Other course structures will have equivalent workload expectations as described in the syllabus.

**Recording Zoom Classes**

This course or portions of this course (i.e., lectures, discussions, student presentations) will be recorded for instructional or educational purposes. The recordings will only be shared with students enrolled in the class through Canvas. The recordings will be deleted at the end of the semester. If, however, you would prefer to remain anonymous during these recordings, then please speak with the instructor about possible accommodations (e.g., temporarily turning off identifying information from the Zoom session, including student name and picture, prior to recording).

Students are not allowed to record without instructor permission. Students are prohibited from recording class activities (including class lectures, office hours, advising sessions, etc.), distributing class recordings, or posting class recordings. Materials created by the instructor for the course (syllabi, lectures and lecture notes, presentations, etc.) are copyrighted by the instructor. This university policy (S12-7) is in place to protect the privacy of students in the course, as well as to maintain academic integrity through reducing the instances of
cheating. Students who record, distribute, or post these materials will be referred to the Student Conduct and Ethical Development office. Unauthorized recording may violate university and state law. It is the responsibility of students that require special accommodations or assistive technology due to a disability to notify the instructor.

Assignments

1. **Mental Measurements Yearbook Assignment (50 Points):** Students will use the Mental Measurements Yearbook to complete a review of a formal assessment currently in print used to identify students with disabilities and identify their present levels of academic and functional performance.

2. **Midterm Exam (50 Points):** To demonstrate understanding of key course concepts students will complete a mid-term examination.

3. **Goal Tracking System (100 Points):** Students will create a functioning tracking system to evaluate student progress made towards established IEP goals or standards. The submission of this tracking system must include a functioning digital copy from Excel that calculates student averages and graphs data. Students will also include a 1-2-page summary describing how data collected will be disseminated to members of an MDT, including parents, and students individually.

4. **Assessment Portfolio and Mock IEP Case Study Project (150 Points):** Students will create an assessment portfolio to help create a comprehensive, standards-based IEP. The portfolio will include an informal/anecdotal observation of behavioral, social, or functional skills, a task analysis of a behavior or functional skill (if appropriate), one adaptive behavior inventory (if appropriate), a progress monitoring measure, and one additional assessment that must include the WJ-IV, WIAT, or Brigance. The results of these assessments will then be used to create a comprehensive standards-based IEP. These activities can be completed with a student (with personal information de-identified) or an instructor provided case-study.

5. **Reading Reflections (30 Points):** Students will compose 5 reading reflections over the course of the semester. Reading reflections are each 6 points.

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| Mental Measurements Yearbook Assignment (50   | ▪ Identify characteristics of commonly available formal assessments.  
| Points)                                         | ▪ Identify the reliability and validity measures used to determine if an assessment is “formal”  
|                                                 | ▪ Determine if an assessment is able to serve as a formal measure on an IEP as deemed under IDEA (2004).  
|                                                 | ▪ Complete a review of an existing formal assessment.                                                                                                                                                   | M/M 5.1      |
|                                                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                          | M/M 5.3      |
|                                                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                          | ESN 5.1      |
|                                                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                          | ESN 5.4      |
| Midterm Examination (50 Points)                 | ▪ Describe the process defined under the law, IDEA (2004), for identifying a students for referring students for assessment and qualifying them for special education.  
|                                                 | ▪ Apply portions of IDEA (i.e., FAPE, LRE) to the assessment process.                                                                                                                                 | M/M 5.1      |
|                                                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                          | M/M 5.3      |
|                                                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                          | ESN 5.2      |
|                                                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                          | ESN 5.4      |
| Goal Tracking System (100 Points)              | ▪ Utilize progress monitoring (formal and informal) to track student progress toward IEP Goals and Academic Content Standards.  
|                                                 | ▪ Utilize progress monitoring data to create person centered plans and individualized instructional decisions for students.  
|                                                 | ▪ Create teacher made (informal) progress monitoring tools.  
|                                                 | ▪ Utilize task analyses for tracking behavioral and social skill goals on students IEPs.                                                                                                                                 | M/M 5.1      |
|                                                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                          | ESN 5.1      |
|                                                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                          | ESN 5.2      |
Create multiple digital data tracking systems (spreadsheets)

- Create tools to communicate the assessment and progress monitoring stages to parents.
- Define how parent and student input will be embedded in an IEP.
- Define how formal and informal assessments will be used to craft an IEP.
- Deliver formal assessments and interpret scores to craft components of an IEP.
- Utilize a variety of formal and informal assessments to craft a comprehensive IEP.
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Final Examination or Evaluation

In place of a final examination, this course will include a final culminating project where students will produce a final assessment portfolio.

Grading Information

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Summary of Assignments

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Goal Tracking System | 100 Points | 25% | M/M TPE 5 ESN TPE 5 CLO 4, 8, 10
Assessment Portfolio and IEP Project | 150 Points | 37.5% | M/M TPE 5 ESN TPE 5 CLO 1, 2, 5, 7, 8
Reading Reflections | 50 Points | 12.5% | M/M TPE 5 ESN TPE 5 CLO 2, 3, 4, 6, 8

Course Zoom Etiquette
- Mute Your Microphone: To help keep background noise to a minimum, make sure you mute your microphone when you are not speaking.
- Be Mindful of Background Noise and Distractions: Find a quiet place to “attend” class, to the greatest extent possible.
  - Avoid video setups where people may be walking behind you, people talking/making noise, etc.
  - Avoid activities that could create additional noise, such as shuffling papers, listening to music in the background, etc.
- Position Your Camera Properly: Be sure your webcam is in a stable position and focused at eye level.
- Limit Your Distractions/Avoid Multitasking: You can make it easier to focus on the meeting by turning off notifications, closing or minimizing running apps, and putting your smartphone away (unless you are using it to access Zoom).
- Use Appropriate Virtual Backgrounds: If using a virtual background, it should be appropriate and professional and should NOT suggest or include content that is objectively offensive or demeaning.

University Policies (Required)
Per University Policy S16-9 ([http://www.sjsu.edu/senate/docs/S16-9.pdf](http://www.sjsu.edu/senate/docs/S16-9.pdf)), relevant information to all courses, such as academic integrity, accommodations, dropping and adding, consent for recording of class, etc., is available on Office of Graduate and Undergraduate Programs’ Syllabus Information web page at [http://www.sjsu.edu/gup/syllabusinfo/”](http://www.sjsu.edu/gup/syllabusinfo/”). Make sure to review these university policies and resources with students.

General Expectations, Rights and Responsibilities of the Student
As members of the academic community, students accept both the rights and responsibilities incumbent upon all members of the institution. Students are encouraged to familiarize themselves with SJSU’s policies and practices pertaining to the procedures to follow if and when questions or concerns about a class arises. See University Policy S90–5 at [http://www.sjsu.edu/senate/docs/S90-5.pdf](http://www.sjsu.edu/senate/docs/S90-5.pdf). More detailed information on a variety of related topics is available in the SJSU catalog, at [http://info.sjsu.edu/web-dbgen/narr/catalog/rec12234.12506.html](http://info.sjsu.edu/web-dbgen/narr/catalog/rec12234.12506.html). In general, it is recommended that students begin by seeking clarification or discussing concerns with their instructor. If such conversation is not possible, or if it does not serve to address the issue, it is recommended that the student contact the Department Chair as a next step.

Dropping and Adding
Students are responsible for understanding the policies and procedures about add/drop, grade forgiveness, etc. Refer to the current semester’s Catalog Policies section at [http://info.sjsu.edu/static/catalog/policies.html](http://info.sjsu.edu/static/catalog/policies.html). Add/drop deadlines can be found on the current academic year calendars document on the Academic Calendars.
webpage at http://www.sjsu.edu/provost/services/academic_calendars/. The Late Drop Policy is available at http://www.sjsu.edu/aars/policies/latdrops/policy/. Students should be aware of the current deadlines and penalties for dropping classes. Information about the latest changes and news is available at the Advising Hub at http://www.sjsu.edu/advising/.

**Consent for Recording of Class and Public Sharing of Instructor Material**

University Policy S12-7, http://www.sjsu.edu/senate/docs/S12-7.pdf, requires students to obtain instructor’s permission to record the course and the following items to be included in the syllabus:

- “Common courtesy and professional behavior dictate that you notify someone when you are recording him/her. You must obtain the instructor’s permission to make audio or video recordings in this class. Such permission allows the recordings to be used for your private, study purposes only. The recordings are the intellectual property of the instructor; you have not been given any rights to reproduce or distribute the material.”
  - It is suggested that the greensheet include the instructor’s process for granting permission, whether in writing or orally and whether for the whole semester or on a class by class basis.
  - In classes where active participation of students or guests may be on the recording, permission of those students or guests should be obtained as well.

- “Course material developed by the instructor is the intellectual property of the instructor and cannot be shared publicly without his/her approval. You may not publicly share or upload instructor generated material for this course such as exam questions, lecture notes, or homework solutions without instructor consent.”

**Academic Integrity**

Your commitment, as a student, to learning is evidenced by your enrollment at San Jose State University. The University Academic Integrity Policy S07-2 at http://www.sjsu.edu/senate/docs/S07-2.pdf requires you to be honest in all your academic course work. Faculty members are required to report all infractions to the office of Student Conduct and Ethical Development. The Student Conduct and Ethical Development website is available at http://www.sjsu.edu/studentconduct/.

**Campus Policy in Compliance with the American Disabilities Act**

If you need course adaptations or accommodations because of a disability, or if you need to make special arrangements in case the building must be evacuated, please make an appointment with me as soon as possible, or see me during office hours. Presidential Directive 97-03 at http://www.sjsu.edu/president/docs/directives/PD_1997-03.pdf requires that students with disabilities requesting accommodations must register with the Accessible Education Center (AEC) at http://www.sjsu.edu/aec to establish a record of their disability.

**Accommodation to Students’ Religious Holidays**

San José State University shall provide accommodation on any graded class work or activities for students wishing to observe religious holidays when such observances require students to be absent from class. It is the responsibility of the student to inform the instructor, in writing, about such holidays before the add deadline at the start of each semester. If such holidays occur before the add deadline, the student must notify the instructor, in writing, at least three days before the date that he/she will be absent. It is the responsibility of the instructor to make every reasonable effort to honor the student request without penalty, and of the student to make up the work missed. See University Policy S14-7 at http://www.sjsu.edu/senate/docs/S14-7.pdf.

**Student Technology Resources**
Computer labs for student use are available in the Academic Success Center at http://www.sjsu.edu/at/asc/ located on the 1st floor of Clark Hall and in the Associated Students Lab on the 2nd floor of the Student Union. Additional computer labs may be available in your department/college. Computers are also available in the Martin Luther King Library. A wide variety of audio-visual equipment is available for student checkout from Media Services located in IRC 112. These items include DV and HD digital camcorders; digital still cameras; video, slide and overhead projectors; DVD, CD, and audiotape players; sound systems, wireless microphones, projection screens and monitors.

**SJSU Peer Connections**
Peer Connections, a campus-wide resource for mentoring and tutoring, strives to inspire students to develop their potential as independent learners while they learn to successfully navigate through their university experience. You are encouraged to take advantage of their services which include course-content based tutoring, enhanced study and time management skills, more effective critical thinking strategies, decision making and problem-solving abilities, and campus resource referrals. In addition to offering small group, individual, and drop-in tutoring for a number of undergraduate courses, consultation with mentors is available on a drop-in or by appointment basis. Workshops are offered on a wide variety of topics including preparing for the Writing Skills Test (WST), improving your learning and memory, alleviating procrastination, surviving your first semester at SJSU, and other related topics. A computer lab and study space are also available for student use in Room 600 of Student Services Center (SSC). Peer Connections is located in three locations: SSC, Room 600 (10th Street Garage on the corner of 10th and San Fernando Street), at the 1st floor entrance of Clark Hall, and in the Living Learning Center (LLC) in Campus Village Housing Building B. Visit Peer Connections website at http://peerconnections.sjsu.edu for more information.

**SJSU Counseling Services**
The SJSU Counseling Services is located on the corner of 7th Street and San Fernando Street, in Room 201, Administration Building. Professional psychologists, social workers, and counselors are available to provide consultations on issues of student mental health, campus climate or psychological and academic issues on an individual, couple, or group basis. To schedule an appointment or learn more information, visit Counseling Services website at http://www.sjsu.edu/counseling.

**EDSE 215 / Assessment of Students with Disabilities, Fall 2020, Course Schedule**

Please note that the schedule is subject to change and information will be posted on CANVAS. All readings for the following week will be posted on CANVAS.
## Course Schedule

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- Course Introduction and Overview
- The Role of Assessment and Data in Education  
  - *Students will become familiar with the reasons teachers assess students. This includes the classroom assessment cycle and the special education assessment cycle.*
  - *Students will also be introduced to the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA, 2004) and who qualifies for special education.*

**Readings:** Cohen and Spenciner Chapter 1  
**Watch:** Dan Habib *Intelligent Lives*

| 2 Asy | 9/1 |  
- Legal Considerations of Assessment in Special Education  
  - *Students will review updates to Free and Appropriate Public Education (FAPE)*
  - *Students will become familiar with the assessment process and timelines outlined by federal and state legislation, including the documentation needs of the disability categories outlined by IDEA, and the special considerations that need to be made for English language learners being assessed.*

- Working with Families in the Assessment Process  
  - *Students will be introduced to family members roles as part of the multidisciplinary team as well as parents ’ rights in the educational planning process guaranteed under IDEA.*

**Readings:** Cohen and Spenciner Ch 3  

| 3 Asy | 9/8 |  
- Foundations of Assessment  
  - *Students will be introduced to the concepts of reliability and validity of formal assessments. This includes understanding methods for establishing validity and reliability of assessments.*
  - *Students will be introduced to the legal criteria for choosing assessments to qualify individuals for special education.*
  - *Students will use to the Mental Measurements Yearbook to conduct a review of available measures of intelligence, academic achievement, behavior, or social skills and report on the reliability and validity of their assigned assessment.*

**Readings:** Cohen and Spenciner Chapter 5
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| 4 Hy | 9/15 | • Referring Students for Assessment to Qualify for Special Education/RTI  
|      |      |   o Students will be introduced to RTI, including the concepts of universal  
|      |      |   screening, tiers of evidenced-based instruction, curriculum-based measures,  
|      |      |   and tracking progress in reading, writing, math, and behavior.  
|      |      |   o Students will identify progress monitoring tools and will create an evaluation  
|      |      |   timeline for monitoring student progress in RTI and other interventions.  
|      |      |   o Students will receive a hands-on walkthrough of a standardized curriculum-  
|      |      |   based measure used to monitor student progress.  
|      |      | • Referring Students who do not Respond to Intervention for Assessment  
|      |      |   o Students will become familiar with the models of evaluation in special  
|      |      |   education, including comparing the dual-discrepancy model to RTI and medical  
|      |      |   models.  
|      |      | **Readings:** Cohen and Spenciner Chapter 2  
|      |      | Hazelkorn, et al (2011)-Reading Reflection 2 |

**Module 2: Developing Technical Skills for Delivering and Interpreting Formal Assessments**

| 5 Asy | 9/22 | • Introduction to Intelligence Tests  
|       |      |   o Students will be introduced to intelligence quotients and what they represent.  
|       |      |   o Students will be introduced to the American Psychological Association’s (APA)  
|       |      |   requirements for delivering an intelligence test.  
|       |      |   o Students will become familiar with the role of qualifying individuals for special  
|       |      |   education, particularly under the category of intellectual disability.  
|       |      |   o Students will become familiar with the components of major intelligence tests  
|       |      |   (WISC-V, SB-5).  
|       |      | • Bias in Assessment  
|       |      |   o Students will discuss in large and small groups how bias can present itself in the  
|       |      |   diagnosis of students who are culturally and linguistically diverse, including  
|       |      |   English learners.  
|       |      | **Readings:** Cohen and Spenciner Chapter 6  
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| 6 Synch | 9/29  | - Tests of Academic Achievement: Woodcock-Johnson and the Wechsler Individual Achievement Test  
  o Students will be introduced to the WJ-IV and shown how to deliver it. Students will also participate in hands-on activities for delivering the WJ-IV. This includes setting up the testing environment, keeping the assessment record, following the standardized procedures, adhering to the scoring procedures.  
  o Students will be shown how to interpret scores form the WJ-IV and use them to craft present levels of academic performance.  
  - **Readings:** Cappizzi (2008)-Reading Reflection 4 |
| 7 Synch | 10/6  | - Tests of Academic Achievement: Wechsler Individual Achievement Test  
  o Students will be introduced to the WIAT and shown how to deliver it. Students will also participate in hands-on activities for delivering the WIAT. This includes setting up the testing environment, keeping the assessment record, following the standardized procedures, adhering to the scoring procedures.  
  o Students will be shown how to interpret scores form the WIAT and use them to craft present levels of academic performance. |
| 8 Synch | 10/13 | - Tests of Academic Achievement: Brigance and Student’s Annual Needs Development Inventory (SANDI)  
  o Students will be introduced to the Brigance and shown how to deliver it. Students will also participate in hands-on activities for delivering the Brigance. This includes setting up the testing environment, keeping the assessment record, following the standardized procedures, adhering to the scoring procedures.  
  o Students will be shown how to interpret scores form the Brigance and use them to craft present levels of academic performance.  
  o Students will also plan strategies and approaches for validly assessing ELs with the Brigance and SANDI.  
  - **Readings:** Cohen and Spenciner Chapter 7 |
| 9 Asy | 10/20 | MIDTERM  
Students will complete a midterm examination that includes multiple choice questions, short answer questions, fill in the blank, and responses to case studies that measure student knowledge if the IEP process, reliability and validity of assessments, and foundational laws relating to assessment in special education.  

**Module 3: Rating Scales and Informal Assessments**
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| 10   | 10/27 | **Behavioral Assessments and Rating Scales**  
|      |       | - Students will be introduced to formal behavioral scales (Vineland, GARS, ABAS) and how to administer them.  
|      |       | - Students will also review how to utilize observations, conferences/interviews, ecological assessments, and documentation to assess and track behavior.  
|      |       | - Student will develop plans for how to use observations, conferences/interviews, ecological assessments, and documentation to assess behavior.  
|      |       | - Students will create indirect observation tools (checklists, interviews) to gain other teacher insights to include in present levels.  
|      |       | - Students will also review and create task analyses as a means of tracking and teaching behaviors. This includes hands-on activities for using a task analysis to track behavior.  
|      |       | **Readings:** Cohen and Spenciner Chapter 8 |
| 11   | 11/3  | **Informal Assessment**  
|      |       | - Students will become familiar with the creation and uses of teacher-made tests.  
|      |       | - Students will be introduced to the uses of portfolio-based assessments, performance-based assessments, rubrics, and authentic assessments.  
|      |       | - Students will create informal assessments that can be used to supplement findings from formal assessments to create a comprehensive understanding of students functional and academic performance.  
|      |       | - Students will be shown how to create data collection tools to track student progress toward IEP goals and academic standards.  
|      |       | **Readings:** Cohen and Spenciner Chapter 15, Morgan et al (2014)-Reading Reflection 5 |

### Module 4: Person Centered Planning, Transition Assessment, and Writing/Evaluating IEPs

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| 12   | 11/10 | **Writing Standards-Based IEPs**  
|      |       | - Students will become familiar with how to align present levels of academic and functional performance to specially designed instruction, accommodations and modifications, IEP goals, and the decision of whether students will participate in alternative assessment.  
|      |       | - Students will also be shown best-practice methods for communicating the IEP to parents.  
|      |       | - In small groups students will write and deliver present levels in a mock-IEP setting.  
|      |       | - Students will have an opportunity to write present levels of academic and functional performance tied to a case study presenting information from a variety of assessments and observations in class. |
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