

# Texarkana College

**Syllabus:** Introduction to the Teaching Profession

**Course Number:** EDUC 1301

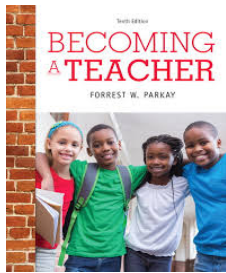
**Semester & Year:**

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## **Textbook Information**

Required: Becoming a Teacher; Parkay; 10<sup>th</sup> Edition



## **Student Learning Outcomes for the Course**

- (1). Students will learn about various philosophies of education.
- (2). Students will discuss today's teachers vs. teachers of recent years.
- (3). Students will learn about changes in today's schools and society.
- (4). Students will learn about historical foundations of US education.
- (5). Students will learn about and discuss educational politics.
- (6). Students will learn about and discuss ethical/legal issues in US education.
- (7). Students will learn about working with diverse/special needs populations.
- (8). Students will discuss and demonstrate innovative/technological aspects of education.
- (9). Students will learn about and discuss characteristics of professionalism in education.

This is a **HYBRID** course; meaning you will be responsible for mastering at least half of the course content independently, outside of class. Please ensure that you have the proper technology to access Moodle and complete the online assignments each week. I will be communicating with you via your TC email as well as the "announcements" section on Moodle. Please check these daily!

## Student Assessment/Requirements

You have the following possibilities for earning points:

<b>Chapter Quizzes</b>	<b>200 TOTAL (11 quizzes-drop lowest grade)</b>
<b>1 Final Exam</b>	<b>100 points</b>
<b>Technology Assignment</b>	<b>200 points</b>
<b>Classroom Observation</b>	<b>200 points</b>
<b>Online Forum Posts and activities</b>	<b>150 points (total)</b>
<b>Teacher Interview</b>	<b>50 points</b>
<b>Participation</b>	<b>100 points</b>

-Assignments and due dates will be explained in detail as the course progresses.

-Any exam or assignment that does not contain a student's name will have an automatic 25 points deducted.

### Grading Scale:

Grade	
<b>A</b>	90-100
<b>B</b>	80-89
<b>C</b>	70-79
<b>D</b>	60-69
<b>F</b>	59-below

### Class Schedule

A detailed class schedule will be given out and reviewed on the first day of class. Students should be responsible for keeping up with the schedule and noting when exams will be given and assignments are due. IT IS THE STUDENT'S RESPONSIBILITY to find out what was missed on a day that he/she is absent. The schedule is subject to change at any time, and the student is responsible and accountable for noting any changes made. When returning from an absence, students will still be required to have all assignments completed and ready to hand in.

### Participation

Each student in this course begins their Participation Grade with a 100%. This ongoing grade depends on classroom/online etiquette/behavior. Students in this course are expected to act in a respectful manner AT ALL TIMES! For each disrespectful occurrence – deemed so by the Professor – a minus 20 points will be deducted. Such occurrences might include, but are not limited to, arriving late, leaving early, texting or **using a cellphone** in any way during class, talking excessively, allowing a cellphone to ring or a text alert to sound, completing other assignments during class, sleeping, etc. Students are expected to address one another and their Professor respectfully both in person and online. Inappropriate or foul language will NOT be tolerated. This is grounds for removal from the course.

### **Absentee Policy**

Texarkana College's absentee policy allows instructors to withdraw a student from a course due to excessive absences. If a student leaves and returns during class or leaves the class before the class is over, he/she **may** be considered absent. Three tardies constitute one absence. It is the student's responsibility to check the syllabus for each instructor's tardy policy.

Faculty members **are not** obligated to provide opportunities for students to make-up missed assignments and tests as a result of a student's absence from class. The institution is not required to take attendance with the exception of workforce/vocational areas, where certification requirements require taking attendance. However, experience demonstrates that regular attendance enhances academic success. As such, students are expected to attend each meeting of their registered courses.

A student should not stop attending a class without formally withdrawing from the course by the institutions published Last Day for Students to Drop. If a student stops attending class after the published Last Day for Students to Drop, the student **may** receive a grade of "F" in the class. The instructor will submit the last date of attendance for students receiving a grade of "F" or "W".

Withdrawal from a course(s) **may** affect a student's current or future financial aid eligibility. Students should consult the Financial Aid Office to learn both short and long term consequences of a withdrawal.

### **Online/Hybrid Course Absences**

Absence in an online course is defined as the lack of an active post or submission within the course, including discussion board posts, written assignments, and tests. This standard will be used to determine all absentee issues, including but not limited to 12<sup>th</sup> Day Census reports, last date of attendance, and involuntary withdrawal from a course due to absences. All online students must complete an Enrollment Verification Activity within the first week of class (activity depends upon the professor); otherwise the professor may drop the student for not having attended. Students must complete at least one activity in their online class per week. Each week in which a student does not complete an activity will be counted as an absence.

### **Excused Absences**

A student's absence due to school trips and/or school business will not be counted against a student's allowable number of absences. Military duty and absences for Holy Days (FBD LEGAL) are covered in a separate section of the catalog and the student handbook. These are the only excused absences that are considered by Texarkana College. Responsibility for work missed for any absence is placed on the student. Instructors are required to allow students to make up work missed if the absence is due to military duty\* or religious holy days when students follow the correct notification procedures.

### **Maximum Allowable Absences**

Students in a course that meets once per week are allowed 2 absences. Students in this EDUC 1301 course will be allowed TWO TOTAL ABSENCES before being dropped. The professor is NOT required to contact or warn the student before he/she is dropped. Although a student does not owe the Professor an explanation for missing class, if the total number of allowed absences is exceeded it is recommended that the student KEEP IN CONTACT with the Professor and assess the situation together. If a student exceeds the maximum number of absences and is not dropped from the course (The professor is attempting to work with the student or the drop date has passed, for example) a minus 20 points per additional absence will be deducted from the student's participation grade.

### **Make-up Policy**

Faculty members **are not** obligated to provide opportunities for students to make-up missed assignments and tests as a result of a student's absence from class.

Policy for EDUC 1301: For every class day that a student is present but their assignment is not, there will be a minus 10 points deducted. If a student misses an exam, he/she has ONE WEEK from the originally scheduled test to make up the exam.

### **Observation Hours**

Each student must complete 16 hours of classroom observation during the semester. This is mandated by the state of Texas. If this requirement is not met, the student will be given an "F" in the course regardless of his/her current average.

### **Academic Dishonesty Policy**

Scholastic dishonesty, involving but not limited to cheating on a test, plagiarism, collusion, or falsification of records will make the student liable for disciplinary action after being investigated by the Dean of Students. Proven violations of this nature will result in the student being dropped from the class with an "F."

This policy applies campus wide, including TC Testing Center, as well as off-campus classroom or lab sites, including dual credit campuses. This information can be found in the Student Handbook at

<https://texarkanacollege.edu/PDFFiles/CurrentStudents/studenthandbook.pdf>.

A student in this Education Course is NOT ALLOWED to use ANY PART of past assignments. This includes assignments from CDEC/TECA courses and especially if this course is being repeated. An attempt to do so will result in NO CREDIT for that assignment with NO opportunity to redo the assignment.

### **Disability Act Statement:**

Texarkana College complies with all provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act and makes reasonable accommodations upon request. Please contact Tonja Blase at 903.823.3283, or go by the Recruitment, Advisement, and Retention Department located in the Administration building for personal assistance.

If you have an accommodation letter from their office indicating that you have a disability which requires academic accommodations, please present it to me so we can discuss the accommodations that you might need for this class. *It is best to request these changes at the beginning if not before the start of class* so there is ample time to make the accommodations.

**Financial Aid:**

**Attention!** Dropping this class may affect your funding in a negative way! You could owe money to the college and/or federal government. Please check with the Financial Aid office before making a decision.