



## **Gifted Courses Online Fall 2009**

### **Nature and Needs of the Gifted Learner**

Nature and Needs of the Gifted Student, 3 hours. This is the introductory course in the education of gifted students. The course provides an overview of the current and historical issues in the field. The intellectual, social, emotional, developmental, and educational characteristics of gifted students are introduced. Appropriate educational opportunities and programming are discussed. Issues in identification of the gifted, special gifted populations, and current research are reviewed.

### **Curriculum for the Gifted Learner**

This course is designed for all professional personnel who work with students who are gifted. This course focuses upon the development of appropriate curriculum, courses, and units for gifted students. This course is designed to provide participants with:

- An overview of those broad educational theories which support curriculum development;
- An overview of the major curriculum components such as: statements of philosophy, goals and objectives, student assessment, and scope and sequence.
- Information about the relationship between students' characteristics/needs and the development of differentiated curriculum for gifted learners;
- Information about the relationship between local and national educational standards and the development of differentiated curriculum for gifted learners;
- Information about the relationship between gifted learners' characteristics/needs and the development of differentiated curriculum for this population;
- Techniques for modifying traditional discipline-specific curriculum which make that discipline specific curriculum appropriate for gifted students
- Techniques for developing problem based units or modules

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