Course Description

This course is designed to develop an understanding of the nature of typical language development in young children and the ways that language later supports the development of literacy skills. Importantly, scholars will study the ways that hearing loss often interrupts the access of a robust language system that is needed to support the development of a range of literacy skills. It examines the components and nature of language, theoretical perspectives on language acquisition, the influence of lexical and phonological development, and the ways in which language facilitates cognitive development and Theory of Mind. Because scholars study, observe and interact within an interdisciplinary professional development school model, they are able to observe, record and analyze the differences in language and literacy development between children with typical hearing and children who are deaf or hard of hearing. Fieldwork opportunities provide additional observations of children and youth with hearing loss. Scholars study and discuss research on literacy development, with attention to the following questions: Is skill in the language domain a prerequisite to the trouble-free acquisition of literacy? Does variation in this domain relate to variation in literacy skills? Is the variation related to social, cultural, or cognitive factors? What implications does the variation have for practices in early childhood and educational settings, in initial literacy instruction, and reading comprehension? Students will be expected to: participate in discussions; analyze the utterances of a preschool deaf child vs. that of a child with typical hearing; to recognize the skills needed for youth to move from learning to read to reading to learn. Scholars will recognize the appropriate requisites needed to support the language and literacy of children and youth who are deaf or hard of hearing and identify assessment tools that can be used to identify the specific needs of students, then implement appropriate RTI strategies to support the robust development of language and literacy in children and youth who are D/HH.

Field Work: Language Sample/MLEU: As a part of this course, you will be required to do a language analysis of a young child between the ages of 2;6 to 4 years. You will be responsible for identifying a
child, however, should you need assistance doing this inform the instructor of this course ASAP. **Field Trip to ASL Literacy in Action:** Observe language and literacy/translanguaging

### Course Purpose

To prepare candidates to become effective teachers of the deaf by understanding the ways in which language impacts literacy and the consequential impact that auditory deprivation has on the brain and the consequent influence this has on neurodevelopment, language and literacy development.

Initial Program: Meets part of the CCTC Preliminary – Education Specialist Credential for Deaf and Hard of Hearing and meets part of the requirement for the MSMC/JTC Master’s in Education, Deaf and Hard of Hearing.

Assessment of Student Learning Outcomes: Student learning is at the core of the MSMC mission. Faculty have developed a plan to assess the student learning outcomes that represent the knowledge, skills and attitudes expected of MSMC’s graduate students. In each class, one or more student learning outcomes will be assessed. Some of the class assignments may be used to evaluate overall student learning and to improve teaching and learning in each class, the Education Department, and throughout the College.

Course Outcomes Aligned with Standards: This course meets the standards for the following organizations in preparing teachers of children who are deaf or hard of hearing:

- MSMC Graduate Program Learning Goals and Student Learning Outcomes
- California Commission on Teacher Credentialing (CCTC) Standards:
  - Preliminary Credential: Education Specialist/Deaf & Hard of Hearing
- California Standards for the Teaching Profession (CSTPs)
- California Teaching Performance Expectations (TPEs)
- Council on Exceptional Children (CEC)
- Council on Education of the Deaf (CED)

### Commission of Teacher Credentialing Teacher Preparation Expectations (TPEs)

**Focus**

**TPE 1: Engaging and Supporting All Students in Learning:**

1.1 Provide and sustain a language rich environment in American Sign Language (ASL) and/or English for deaf students to foster social and academic discourse and comprehension, using multimodal instruction, skill training (signed/viewing, spoken/listening, and/or written language as a heritage language), research-based bilingual education methodology, translanguaging practices and current effective learning.

Introduced: Creating learning environments to meet the unique needs of learners via UDL

Practiced: In class group project – How UDL can be used to meet all students’ needs

1.4 Demonstrate knowledge of students’ language development across disabilities and the life span, including typical and atypical language development, communication skills, social pragmatics, the hierarchy of brain-based learning skills (e.g. executive functioning) and vocabulary/semantic development as they relate to the acquisition of academic knowledge and skills.

Introduced: The impact of language deprivation early in life – neuroplasticity, the critical window, semantic and syntactic development. Practiced: Poster of Linguistic development b-3 & Research on
Genie Wilder Assessed: Mean Length of Utterance Project and Mid and Final Exams

1.7 Differentiate instruction and curriculum access for all students by emphasizing multimodal instruction (auditory, visual, tactile, gestural) activities and incorporating various funds of knowledge from diverse home backgrounds, cultures, styles of learning, and perspectives into curricular activities. Introduced: Utilizing knowledge of students’ diverse needs when considering support materials that facilitate students funds of knowledge in learning Practiced: Observe in a variety of preschool instructional settings (manual and auditory) utilizing a variety of multimodal

TPE 2: Creating and Maintaining Effective Environments for Student Learning:

2.1 Establish a caring, stimulating, and safe community for diverse deaf learners in which students assume responsibility for learning and self-advocacy, show willingness to take intellectual risks, develop self-confidence, and learn to work collaboratively and independently. Introduced: Language is developmental – strategies for supporting the communication skills of all learners – utilizing the ZPD and UDL to develop student self-advocacy skills. Practiced: Observations in the preschool of the ways in which curiosity, self-advocacy are supported and utilized- present in class the language and affect used to encourage intellectual risks and that build self-confidence etc.

2.2 Design learning environments that maximize opportunities to progress from emerging to a formal language and using translinguaging techniques appropriate to each student to further English competency. Introduced: Environments that maximize language and literacy. Using students’ lived experiences. Translanguaging as culturally responsive methodology. Practiced: View examples of translinguaging in action. Assessed: Mid Term Exam

2.5 Select, adapt, create and use culturally-relevant language-rich resources to support deaf students with diverse language and learning needs. Introduced: The importance of recognizing each child’s cultural experiences, including language, to support learning. Practiced: Read and present article on ways in which capitalizing in diverse students cultural experiences enhances learning (Scaffolding Writing). Assessed: Mid Term Exam

TPE 3 Understanding and Organizing Subject Matter for Student Learning

3.1 Master technical vocabulary and key concepts in content areas of instruction, effectively using social and academic language (ASL and/or English) to enhance vocabulary knowledge. Intro: The relationship between vocabulary and phonological awareness and literacy. Practiced: Create hands on activities to support vocabulary growth

3.2 Demonstrate the ability to effectively deliver content knowledge (core general education curriculum) in the language of instruction (ASL and/or English) utilizing strategies appropriate to deaf students based on current evidence-based research. Introduced: Strategies that support comprehension. Practiced: identify a language goal in the CCSS and with your group determine the vocabulary and comprehension strategies that can be used to support the delivery of content knowledge

3.3 Demonstrate knowledge of appropriate expressive (signed, spoken, and written) and receptive (listening, reading and viewing) language skills strategies and assessments based on the language of instruction (ASL and/or English). Introduced: Formal and informal language assessments. Practiced: Read Chapters in “Assessing Children with Hearing Loss”. Identify assessments that are Fair, Valid and Reliable; mock assessments and ID the language skill assessed. Assessed: Students identify appropriate assessments for a variety of language and content needs e.g auditory comprehension, vocabulary, syntactic levels etc.

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**TPE 4 Planning Instruction and Designing Learning Experiences for All Students**

4.2 Understand and apply knowledge of typical and atypical language development (signed, spoken, and written) among deaf students, to help inform instructional planning and learning experiences. 

**Introduced:** Intro to language development and consideration of the ways that deprivation affect language learning. **Practiced:** Hands on activity 1, comparison of typical and deaf language samples & creating activities to support atypical language dev’t. **Assessed:** hands on activities idiom game, story book & final exam.

4.3 Design reasonable language and content objectives and benchmarks for instruction implementation and conducting ongoing assessment to strengthen the interconnectedness of academic content areas, critical thinking and language scaffolding using a variety of resources (ESL and ELL techniques, ASL/English bilingual strategies) accessible to all learners. 

**Introduced:** Understand language development as a progression of skills. Examine Browns stages of syntactic development, CASLLS protocols and vocal development **Practiced:** review a variety of assessments – CASLLS, OWPVT, TACL, language samples etc. **Assessed:** Choose language targets based on assessment results – Case Study.

4.4 Plan and design instruction that develops students’ self-advocacy skills and learning needs from ages birth to 22. 

**Introduced:** Developing Theory of Mind and metacognition to develop student self-advocacy skills

4.6 Plan instruction that promotes a variety of receptive and expressive language development skills and strategies. 

**Introduced:** Identify typical language development benchmarks and strategies to promote the language acquisition of learners who are deaf **Practiced:** Create a phonological awareness game and an idiom game **Assess:** Analyze the needs of a case study child and identify or suggest strategies to promote child’s receptive and expressive language skills.

**TPE 5: Assessing Student Learning**

5.1 Apply knowledge of federal and state special education laws and regulations, assessment
terminology, legal provisions, and ethical principles in selecting, adapting, administering, interpreting, and explaining **assessments** for placement and progress monitoring.

**Introduced**: Selecting and implementing accommodations in assessments for student who are DHH

5.2 Gather relevant information through reading, interpreting and using informal and formal assessments data from IFSP, IEP, ITP, and 504 plans develop differentiated instruction, and to make appropriate accommodations or modifications. **Assessed**: After reading relevant student IFSP, IEP, ITP and or 504 plan candidates will identify student needs and create 2 objectives to meet the identified language goals. 5.5 Assess and design measurable and appropriate language (sign, spoken, and written, as appropriate for each student) and content goals based on **assessments** of student growth to determine level of proficiency for each deaf student. and socioemotional progress to all **stakeholders**.

**Introduced**: Assessments explored and examined to determine the ways their outcomes can be utilized to inform of student needs and drive goals and instruction. **Assessed**: Using the MLU activity determine the student’s language levels, skills they have, skills missing and skills to work on – determine appropriate IEP/IFSP goals.

**TPE 6: Developing as a Professional Educator**

6.5 Demonstrate knowledge of universal design for learning and common accommodations and modifications to meet the linguistic, cognitive, social, and emotional needs of deaf students.  
**Introduced**: The application of UDL to support the learning of all students. **Practiced**: Identify 3 domains of multiple means of learning – create language accommodations for IEPs

6.6 Demonstrate knowledge of second language development and the distinction between language disorders, disabilities, and language differences.  
**Introduced**: SLP guest speaker to introduce language disorders, disabilities and language differences.  
**Practiced**: Given a scenario, candidates determine if the language behavior is a result of – (a) language development; (b) deprivation; (c) disorder e.g. apraxia or (d) language difference

6.8 Demonstrate knowledge of current research in evidence-based teaching practices, technologies, policies, and trends in deaf education.  
**Practiced**: Candidates are assigned current research for discussion and reflection **Assessed**: Final exam and reflection activities

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### Course Objectives

- Demonstrate knowledge of the history of various theories and perspectives regarding language development, and the functional and structural components of language in the typically developing child.
- Demonstrate knowledge of the major theories of language development and the implications of these theories for teaching deaf and hard of hearing children from diverse backgrounds in coursework.
- Demonstrate and apply knowledge of the characteristics of parent/caregiver interactions in natural settings and the implications for language development and phonological and morphological structure of English for infants and toddlers who are deaf/hard of hearing from diverse backgrounds.
- Integrate knowledge about the typical and atypical stages/processes of language development from birth through five in diverse populations, with attention to families from non-English speaking homes.
• Demonstrate their understanding of the impact of hearing loss on language development in young children including those from diverse backgrounds and the ways that language influences and impacts literacy development.
• Demonstrate their understanding of the progression children and then youth make from language acquisition, phonological development, learning to read and reading to learn.
• Demonstrate an understanding of the stages of life development and the varying needs in language and literacy of learners birth through the teenage years

### Required Texts available at the MSMU Bookstore

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### Attendance Class Attendance & Participation Rubric:

1 point will be allotted for the attendance to each session. Half of the attendance point may be subtracted for late arrivals or early exits. Candidates are graded on how they actively respond to instruction, questions, & answers for 1 point may be earned for each session. After each session the professor grades candidate participation based on the quality of contribution. Any distraction by the use of tech devices, during any portion of the class session, will conclude with a score of 0 for participation.

**IF YOU ARE ABSENT OR LATE TO CLASS!** 0 pts. for each absence. Participation points may be earned if the candidate investigates what they missed during the session and writes out a review of the major facts taught and discussed in class. .5 points per double spaced (12 pt. font) page may be earned. Up to 2 point may be restored between the participation grade and activity point, depending upon.
quality of content. **This must be turned in before the start of the next class session. Anything later will not restore points.**

- **Tardiness:** [sample] Some of the most important announcements are made during the first 15 minutes of class; therefore, it is critical that you arrive to class on time. Please see me as soon as possible if you are experiencing personal difficulties with getting to class on time. On those occasions when you are late, please check with a classmate to see what information or announcements you may have missed.

- **Peer Support:** [sample] Please exchange phone numbers and/or email addresses with your classmates/colleagues for mutual help and support. Find a friend who will read and edit your assignments with you. If you’re absent, check in with a classmate and meet to discuss what you’ve missed.

- Please see MSMU’s policy on attendance: [link]

If the class structure has changed to online due to the COVID19 Pandemic you must attend online for the full duration of the class with your camera on

**Course structure**

This course will consist of the following components:

1. **PowerPoint Presentations:** These presentations will include outlines of text and voice lecture related to the topic(s) for that week.

2. **Text and Supplemental Readings:** Readings will be assigned from texts and additional readings that will be found on Canvas. These items may be downloaded and printed out by the candidates. Students are responsible for the readings as assigned and should come to class prepared to discuss the content. Information, sources and electronic documents will be made available to students as needed for this class. Access to the Internet is required and provided on the JTC campus.

3. **Discussion:** Candidates are expected to engage instructor and each other in a thorough, ongoing discussion of critical issues in the field and to cite readings and experiences to support their thinking.

4. **Charts and Visual Representation of Learning:** Candidates will create charts to clarify learning and visual presentations of the issues specific to theories of language development, observations of language development, aspects of language, parent-infant interactions. Some assignments will be team assignments.

   **Analysis and Reflection of Videos:** Candidates will reflect on videos shown in class and personal learning surrounding the issues and perspectives in the field of the education of children who are deaf or hard of hearing.

5. **Projects, Readings, and Assignments:** Candidates will complete various readings, projects, and assignments integrating concepts throughout the course with skills learned in previous courses, practicum, and professional experience.

6. **Field Observations:** Candidates will observe and document the language of: students who have typical language, students who are English learners and students who have a hearing loss.

7. **APA:** Candidates will utilize the APA style in all assignments. The following is a resource: [link]
**Assignments**

* Rubrics for each assignment will be posted with the assignment. General rubrics are attached to this syllabus.

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**Graded Assignments**

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| 2 exams(1 midterm/quiz and 1 comprehensive final), 5 easy-to-do hands-on homework activities, class group activities and response papers to readings and weekly quizzes on readings. | **Midterm and Final**
| a. Exams will be based on book chapters, slides, lectures, and class activities. Reading the textbook is strongly required for the best outcome. There will be a variety of questions consisting of, but not limited to, multiple choice, true/false, fill-in-the-blank, short answers and responses to case study scenarios. | a. 300
| • The midterm exam  
  Mean Length of Utterance 100 pts  
• Final comprehensive 200 pts | b. 100
| b. You will submit 4 response papers to selected readings from Golinkoff & Hirsh-Pasek (2000)’s book which has eight chapters. Each response paper should reflect your understanding of the chapters assigned. | c. 200 points
| • Submissions should be uploaded to Canvas  
• Each RP has a max score of 25.  
• For each day after the deadline, 1 point will be subtracted automatically. | d. 240
| c. 4 Hands-on activities: This is a set of 5 practice activities designed to facilitate your understanding of the information covered in readings, lecture and class discussions (each assignment = 50 pts) | e. 160
| d. A quiz at the start of each class will be given to assess your comprehension of readings assigned for homework | **Total Points**
| e. Attendance in class hands on activities and presentations | 1000
| **Grades and Evaluation Standards**

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PLEASE NOTE: ** You must maintain a GPA of no less than B- or 85% each semester to remain in the program

**Late assignments** will be marked in Canvas and 1 point deleted for each day they are late. If you are having difficulty understanding the assignment or have an unexpected turn of events in your life please contact me prior to the due date and time so that I can extend your time.

**Format:** Please submit all assignments using a Microsoft/word/excel/ powerpoint format.

**Academic Integrity:** A violation of academic integrity is any instance when a student attempts to pass off someone else’s words as their own, no matter where s/he found those words or ideas, and no matter where these ideas are presented. Always give credit to the source of your material via quotes and citation. The following academic violations will result in an F on the assignment and or an F on both the assignment and the course.

**Cheating:** Cheating is the unauthorized use of attempted us of material information, study aids, devices or communication durin an academic exercise such as a test/ final exam.

**Plagerism:** Plagerism is the act of presenting another person’s ideas, research or writings as your own.

**APA:** Please use the APA format when writing papers. The link below describes APA formatting.

https://owl.purdue.edu/owl/research_and_citation/apa_style/apa_style_introduction.html

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Examine the components of “Put Reading First”  
Phonics and Intentional Instruction  
Identify elements of teaching fluency and comprehension. Using “Put Reading First”, create a graphic organizer of the components critical to the development of robust literacy skills. Each component must be described, and their importance noted in the graphic organizer. **Research and review assessments for fluency and comprehension**  
Choose a 2nd Grade Level Reader and Identify how to teach – phonics, fluency and comprehension  
**Assessing Fluency**  
*Literature and Comprehension Strategies**  
**Put Reading First**  
Read Ch 3, 4 & 5  
Create a list of accommodations that might be needed to support student phonics, fluency and comprehension |
|12 | 11/10 | Reading vs Literacy Assessing students who are DHH | This is a group assignment  
After identifying the needs in language arts of a student with hearing loss: Create a lesson that: (a) identifies the student’s needs, (b) level of instruction, (c) ID a grade level unit (d) identify the areas that the student would need support in & ID the vocabulary needed, strategies to assist learning and ways that you would avoid cognitive overload and support ToM so that learning occurs **Theory of Mind – Motivating students to read. The Impact of deafness and comprehension**  
**Universal Design for Learning** – supporting literacy |
|13 | 11/17 | Literacy and the upper grades Guest Speaker | Quiz: Literacy & Deafness Ch 9  
Reciprocity of reading and writing  
The correlation between reading and writing  
Writing and encoding the decoding  
Reading Rockets  
* Idiom Game due**  
**Theory of Mind – in what ways does TOM inform your view of overtly teaching comprehension|
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<td>Assessing Learners who are deaf and who utilize listening and spoken language</td>
<td>Review and IEP of a student struggling in language arts. Identify CCSS to work on and form Strategies that Work design a lesson that will support the case study student’s progress Assessing Reading Comprehension</td>
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<td>High School Presentation of the Importance of language to literacy development. Rubric in Canvas</td>
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### Four Hands-On Activities

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<td>Create a poster illustrating the stages and components of the linguistic development of a child, birth to 3 years old</td>
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<td>Create a Phonological Awareness Game-identify the category of P.A. Explain the ways in which this game assists the development of PA and why this is critical for a child with H.L to develop this skill.</td>
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<td>Select a piece of culturally diverse literature for a 6th grade student. Select vocabulary that you would focus on – what strategies would you use to insure comprehension of the words and of the literature as a whole. Select 4 strategies</td>
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<td>Choose 3 well known English Idioms, e.g. “It’s raining cats and dogs” and create 3 lessons on how you would facilitate the comprehension of each. Use strategies from Strategies that Work e.g. visualization</td>
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### Mid Term Topics: 100 Points

- Typical and atypical language development, funds of knowledge, CRP, translanguageing, UDL, supporting language development, the application of theories of language development and language, and language assessments

### One Hundred Utterance Analysis – 100 Points

Identify a child in the preschool with typical hearing. Arrange a “playdate” in a quiet environment with that child. Record your interactions. Analyze the child’s MLU and language levels. How their language supports literacy and learning

### Final: Center Piece Artifact – 100 Points

Create a Presentation for co-workers in a middle school setting describing the reasons students with hearing loss need support in comprehension skills. Discuss hearing loss and the skills that learners need in order to become literate.

### Final Examination

Multiple choice and short answers covering key topics in the California TPEs and addressing LSL EBP

The students’ final exam is also their centerpiece artifact. In addition to a short answer and objective assessment items, the final will include various scenarios central to language development issues for children who are deaf or hard of hearing. Scenarios are presented to the Candidates as part of the final exam. Most, if not all, of the different aspects of the course to this point are included in the scenarios. Students are asked, given information about four individual preschool children and/or situations (degree of deafness, use of amplification, diagnosis and hearing age, formal and informal language assessment results thus far, play behaviors, cognitive skills, social interaction skills, family information and school experiences) to evaluate what central concerns might be explored, what additional information is needed, what assessments are missing, from which disciplines, what language goals and objectives would be appropriate and what types of language activities would be helpful to meet these goals.
General Assignment Rubric
Refer to the assignment schedule. Teacher Performance Expectations (TPEs) is listed for each assignment. Canvas outlines each assignment expectations.

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<td>Student demonstrates an excellent ability to critically analyze, synthesize &amp; evaluate the critical aspects &amp; challenges that hearing loss brings to the development of language &amp; literacy</td>
<td>The response is written clearly and is free of grammar and spelling mistakes. It reflects college-level writing and critical thinking. Arguments are deeply explored, &amp; past readings/topics revisited</td>
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<td>Student demonstrates a basic grasp of the subject matter. Including an in-depth understanding of the relevant concepts, theories and issues</td>
<td>Student demonstrates a basic awareness of differing viewpoints, including a clear understanding of relevant issues and challenges posed by the students’ disability(ies) and culture</td>
<td>Student demonstrates a basic ability to critically analyze, synthesize &amp; evaluate the critical aspects &amp; challenges that hearing loss brings to the development of language &amp; literacy</td>
<td>The response is written clearly and is free of grammar and spelling mistakes. It reflects college-level writing and critical thinking. Arguments are deeply explored, &amp; past readings/topics revisited</td>
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Mount Saint Mary’s University assesses candidates’ dispositions in addition to their knowledge and skills. This approach is in keeping with a national trend in which candidates are expected to demonstrate an orientation to learning that supports student achievement. Specific dispositions are determined by each teacher preparation program.*

**MSMU Education Candidates are expected to:**

1. Demonstrate classroom behaviors consistent with fairness and the belief that all students can learn
2. Demonstrate respect for children, families, communities, colleagues, and supervisors
3. Conduct and represent oneself in a professional manner (including dress, behavior, and attitude)
4. Exemplify ethical behavior and integrity
5. Engage in self-reflective practice and professional growth
6. Attend to deadlines, punctuality, attendance and participation expectations
7. Follow coursework and fieldwork assignment directions given by instructors and advisors
8. Receive and make use of constructive feedback from instructors and advisors with openness and interest in improvement
9. Follow through with suggestions and/or direct instructions from instructors, advisors, and College staff
10. Be engaged and collaborative during discussions and activities required by courses and fieldwork experiences
11. Communicate clearly (both orally and in writing) with College staff, instructors, and advisors
12. Reflect the expected dispositions in work with students, families, and communities

At Mount Saint Mary’s University we follow a process of formative feedback in relationship to dispositions:

1. We believe that candidates’ approach to all aspects of their teacher preparation program (advisement, in class experiences, fieldwork experiences, and communication with MSMU faculty and staff) are appropriate evidence upon which to base assessment.
2. All candidates are apprised of the MSMU Candidate Dispositions in order to ensure full transparency of expectations.
3. All candidates are apprised/reminded that they will be evaluated on the expected dispositions via the Education Department’s newsletter.
4. In order to support candidates to be successful in the program, candidates will receive a Notice of Concern if an issue surfaces indicating expectations are not being met.
5. If an acknowledged pattern of concern develops that is not remedied by the candidate, a candidate may be dismissed from the teacher preparation program and/or MSMU may determine not to sponsor the candidate’s application for a teaching credential with the State. This could occur irrespective of how much of the program requirements have been completed.
**Academic Integrity:** Candidates are expected to adhere to the MSMU statements on Academic Integrity published in the 2010-2012 MSMU catalog, which is available online at [http://www.MSMU.la.edu/catalog/2010-2012/4076.htm](http://www.MSMU.la.edu/catalog/2010-2012/4076.htm)

**Academic Freedom:** Students’ and faculty’s freedom of speech is constitutionally protected, so students and faculty are free to take reasoned exception to the data or views offered in any course of study and to reserve judgment about matters of opinion – and allow the same freedom for others. See MSMU’s Student Handbook for further discussion.

**Technology Policy:** Candidates are expected to adhere to the MSMU technology policy as stated in the MSMU Graduate Student Handbook, which is available online at [http://www.MSMU.la.edu/graduate-programs/student-handbook.asp](http://www.MSMU.la.edu/graduate-programs/student-handbook.asp)

**Internet Courseware Platform:** It is important to be able to use the *Angel* system to access lessons and templates, discussion boards, and other class information. All work for online courses should be submitted online through *Angel*. Please ask for assistance if you are experiencing difficulties in posting.

**Online Participation**
It is your responsibility to check out all online components of each course ahead of time, and to verify that your personal computer is compatible with course requirements. Keep in mind that technology is variable and may not always work. Plan ahead to submit your work in a timely fashion. Do not wait until the last minute to submit your work. You are required to have an alternative back-up plan that allows you to have access to a reliable, functioning computer somewhere else in case of power black outs, technology problems, etc.

When posting on the discussion forum, please use “Netiquette:” Be polite and respectful, use professional grammar and correct spelling (use Spell Check), don’t write in all caps (it feels as if you’re shouting), don’t write in exotic fonts, and be sure to sign your name.

**Students with Disabilities:** MSMU, in compliance with state and federal laws and regulations, does not discriminate on the basis of disability. If you are a student with a documented disability, please see the Director of the Doheny Learning Resource Center Building (#3 on the Doheny Campus), to make arrangements for classroom accommodations. Additional disability related information and policies can be found in the Student Handbook.

**Learning Resource Center:** Contact the Doheny or Chalon Learning Resource Centers to arrange personal tutoring or assistance for you according to your needs at (213) 488-2692.

**Absences:** Regular attendance is especially important in the MSMU/JTC DHH Graduate Program, since each class, experience, assignment, and discussion build on every one that comes before, using a spiral curriculum model. Students who miss more than 20% of the instructional time in any one course may be administratively dropped from the course. This represents and is in accordance with the university policy as stated in the MSMU catalog.
Credit Hour Policy: A credit hour is an amount of work represented in intended learning outcomes and verified by evidence of student achievement that reasonably approximates not less than: (1) One hour of classroom or direct faculty instruction and a minimum of two hours of out-of-class student work each week for approximately fifteen weeks for one semester, or the equivalent amount of work over a different amount of time; or (2) At least an equivalent amount of work as required in paragraph (1) for other academic activities, including laboratory work, internships, practica, studio work, and other academic work leading to the award of credit hours.

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