



Course Overview

The purpose of this course is to help teachers create a positive and well-managed environment in their classroom that helps each child reach their full potential.

The term “classroom management” refers to the procedures, strategies, and instructional techniques teachers use to manage student behavior and learning activities. Classroom management is important to the whole education process because it offers students an ideal learning environment, helps prevent teacher burnout and makes students and teachers feel safer and happier. Classroom management involves more than just discipline and rules. Establishing rules and procedures and maintaining appropriate classroom behaviors will allow for optimal student learning in the classroom.

Course Goals:

- Understand procedures, strategies, and instructional techniques teachers use to manage student behavior and learning activities.
- Explore basic classroom management principles that can be applied to classroom settings.
- Investigate behavior management strategies that will encourage an effective learning community features and materials offered to support their use of the voluntary 2014 Arts standards.

Session 1 – Introduction

- This session serves as an introduction to the course.

Session 2 – Getting Started: Establishing Yourself and Your Classroom

- This session will explore principles of classroom management that help you establish your classroom and create an effective learning environment.

Session 3 – Developing Relationships in the Classroom

- This session is an examination of effective communication in three areas: non-verbal, verbal praise, and written (paper and electronic).

Session 4 – Understanding Cultural Diversity

- This session goes over how appreciating and accommodating the similarities and differences among students' cultures can build relationships with culturally diverse students.

Session 5 – Behavior Management

- This session explores the importance of communication when dealing with behaviors and how case studies can help us to understand student behaviors.

Session 6 – Course Wrap Up

- This session is a conclusion to the course.

Throughout the course, opportunities are provided for you to connect your learning across sessions and to explicitly consider the implications of your learning for your classroom practice. You will also be able to revisit your work and reflections by viewing your individual Course Portfolios.