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Course: ED 345 T & NT Teaching Elementary Math I
Credit: 3 credit hours
Semester: Fall, 2025 (Sessions 1 & 2) August 18 – December 12 (This is a 16-week course)
Time: 9:30 a.m. – 10:50 a.m. Tuesdays & Thursdays
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I. DESCRIPTION

This course will introduce the foundational educational principles of mathematics instruction including the development of a comprehensive mathematics program aligned to Missouri Learning standards. Students will learn to make connections between learning theories and mathematics instruction, design investigative instructional activities, integrate technology, develop cross-curricular connections, and analyze student understanding through assessment practices. Strategies for developing critical thinking and problem solving in mathematics will be developed. Consideration is given to curriculum development, differentiated instructional planning, instructional technology, and English language learners. (Prerequisite: ED190 or permission from the Education Department program director; must be officially admitted to Teacher Education program).

This course is offered in two formats: in-person and online. Students registered for in-person attend the classes in person, online students attend the classes via the online classroom. For both in-person and online students, assignments and interaction outside of the class period are done in the learning management system.

II. DEPARTMENTAL THEME STATEMENT

The Educator Preparation program at Calvary promotes the development of teachers within a distinctly Christian environment grounded in a Biblical philosophy of education. The program emphasizes pedagogical skills, differentiated learning, diversity appreciation, instructional technology and a search for truth while setting standards for professionalism and character for each teacher candidate. Students should graduate with a desire to be lifelong learners and servant-leaders.

III. OBJECTIVES

A. General competencies to be achieved. The student will:

1. Recognize the central concepts, structures, and **tools of inquiry in the mathematics discipline** to create learning experiences that are meaningful and engaging for all students.
 - a. PLO-2, 3, 6; MTS-1, 3, 4
 - b. Assignments: A1, A2, A3, B1, B2, B4, B5

2. Analyze how students learn, develop, and **differ in their approaches to learning**.
 - a. PLO-2, 4, 5, 6; MTS-2, 5
 - b. Assignments: A1, A2, A3, B2, B4
3. Connect instruction to culture and community; synthesize a comprehensive and consistently **biblical worldview of elementary mathematics**.
 - a. PLO-1, 2, 4; MTS-2, 5, 6
 - b. Assignments: A3, B3, B4

B. Specific competencies to be achieved. The student will:

1. Evaluate and utilize contemporary **mathematics standards and curriculum** materials for mathematics education as articulated by NCTM guidelines and the MO Learning Standards.
 - a. PLO-2, 6; MTS-1, 3
 - b. Assignments: A1, A2, B4, B5
2. Evaluate research-based models of **critical thinking and problem-solving**, including various types of instructional strategies such as: teaching from the concrete to the abstract and using manipulatives and pictorial math models to support student engagement in higher level thinking skills.
 - a. PLO-2, 4; MTS-4
 - b. Assignments: A2, A3, B1, B2, B4, B5
3. Understand individual/group motivation and behavior to create a learning environment that encourages **active engagement** in learning, facilitating **cooperative learning** through math lessons, develop positive social interaction, and self-motivation.
 - a. PLO-1, 2, 4; MTS-5
 - b. Assignments: A2, A3, B1, B2, B4, B5
4. Analyze effective **technology applications** to foster active inquiry, collaboration, and supportive interaction in the classroom.
 - a. PLO-3, 5; MTS-6, 7
 - b. Assignments: A2, B4
5. Create an **effective learning environment**, promote student interest and learning, and include techniques to manage time, space, transitions, and activities that support the individualized learning levels of students.
 - a. PLO-2, 3, 4, 6; MTS-5, 8
 - b. Assignments: A1, A3, B1, B2, B3, B4, B5

IV. MATERIALS required for this course:

A. Bible (see note below in course policies)

B. Textbooks

Tipps, Steve, Art Johnson, and Leonard M. Kennedy. *Guiding Children's Learning of Mathematics*, 13th edition, Boston, MA: Cengage Learning, 2018. (ISBN-13: 9781337103374)
This course will require MindTap from Cengage. The cost through Cengage is \$92 for a 6-month rental including the e-book and MindTap.

You must purchase through Cengage...do not try to purchase through Amazon or buy a used copy of this textbook!

MindTap is a learning platform that will include classroom vignette videos and chapter quizzes specifically for this course through Cengage Unlimited. **You may also request a print copy of the textbook and extend use beyond the subscription dates.**

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This course requires an online learning platform called MindTap. Follow the instructions below to get started.

Register for your MindTap Course

1. Use the course registration link <https://student.cengage.com/course-link/MTPPJLZ55TRT>
2. Follow the instructions on screen to create your Cengage account and register for this MindTap course.
3. Begin your temporary access* period.

Need help? Visit the Cengage Start Strong Website (<https://startstrong.cengage.com>) for step-by-step instructions.

*Temporary Access: You can access your MindTap course until 5:00 AM (UTC) on 9/1/2025 for free. At the end of the temporary access period, you will be prompted to purchase access. Your work will be saved and will be available to you again once you've completed your purchase.

Other

National Council of Teachers of Mathematics website: <http://www.nctm.org/>

The NCTM is a voice of mathematics education, providing vision, leadership, and professional development to support teachers in ensuring mathematics learning of the highest quality for all students. The Council's "Principles and Standards for School Mathematics" are guidelines for excellence in mathematics education and issue a call for all students to engage in more challenging mathematics.

Missouri Learning Standards for Mathematics

<https://dese.mo.gov/media/pdf/curr-mls-standards-math-k-5-sboe-2016>

These are the Learning standards created by the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education for the state of Missouri. These goals ensure that all teachers in Missouri are guided by the same goals to promote equity across the state. DESE supports Missouri school districts as they develop coherent and focused standards-based mathematics standards that improve classroom instruction.

Journals in JSTOR from National Council of Teachers of Mathematics

[Journal for Research in Mathematics Education](#)

1970 - 2019

[Journal for Research in Mathematics Education. Monograph](#)

1985 - 2017

[The Mathematics Teacher](#)

1908 - 2019

Journals in JSTOR from National Council of Teachers of Mathematics

<u>Mathematics Teacher Educator</u>	2012 - 2018
<u>Teaching Children Mathematics</u>	1994 - 2019
<u>The Arithmetic Teacher</u>	1954 - 1994

JSTOR is currently offering a free registration for up to 100 articles per month.

V. REQUIREMENTS

A. Weekly Assignments

1. Reading & Math Activities

Read the assigned textbook according to the reading schedule provided in the Tentative Class Schedule. Reading the text thoroughly will provide a context for class discussion and activities..

2. Cengage Quizzes & Video responses

Each chapter in the textbook will include some video vignettes and quizzes based upon the material in the chapter. Students will access these activities through CANVAS and CENGAGE.

3. Discussion Posts

An article or media file will be posted through CANVAS. After reviewing the posted prompt, students will write a 250-300 word response that promotes further reflection or dialogue. Students must also read the responses from their peers and provide meaningful feedback to prompt further inquiry and discussion.

B. Course Projects

1. Math & Literacy Book Reviews

Read and review 10 children's books that could be used to introduce math topics. Each chapter in the textbook ends with a list of recommended children's books. A template for this assignment will be included in CANVAS.

2. Portfolio of Tools & Manipulative – 15 tools based on Missouri Math Standards

Number Sense and Operations in Base Ten

Number Sense and Operations in Fractions

Relationships and Algebraic Thinking

Geometry and Measurement

Data and Statistics

Identify four specific tools or manipulatives for each category that can be used to increase effectiveness and support student learning. Tools may be teacher-created or commercially-produced items. A template for this assignment will be provided on CANVAS.

3. Research Paper: Issues in Math Education—Defend a position

Students will research a topic that pertains to current issues in the area of mathematics instruction and write a **1,500-word essay** that describes the different perspectives of the

issue. Students will select a “side” of the issue and defend their reasoning with support from at least three academic sources. **Students will present a 5-minute “elevator” speech with Powerpoint (5 slides) to explain the issue to their classmates.** This assignment will be submitted through TurnItIn via CANVAS with a similarity score of less than 15%. A reference page will need to be included to give evidence of research with 3 academic sources.

The goal of this assignment is to explore current research based practices that enhance mathematical instruction in elementary classrooms. Ideas for topics can be found at this site: <https://www.nctm.org/Research-and-Advocacy/research-briefs-and-clips/>

Possible topics could include:

- Math Homework...is it beneficial and necessary?
- Calculator use...how much use and what skills should students know?
- Memorization of Math Facts...should it be a requirement in the age of technology?
- Inquiry-Based Approach to Math Instruction...is this new approach superior to the traditional approach?
- Problem-Solving & Algebraic Thinking...should creativity be valued in math instruction?

4. Mathematics Unit Plan & Teaching Practice

See template provided on CANVAS. Include the following elements:

- Grade level & Math topic
- Select standards from MO Learning Standards to cover in the unit.
- Write out the learning objectives based on the **standards as “I Can” statements.**
- Include instructional plans that cover the following aspects: Number representation, Concept development, Exploratory activities, Direct instruction, Guided practice, and Independent reinforcement.
- Scope and Sequence...what will be taught and when it will be taught
- Differentiation: for English Language Learners, Learning Challenged, Academically Gifted/Talented, Physically Challenged, etc.
- Include integration: Biblical principles, writing, art, music, P.E., etc.
- Design a bulletin board to enhance understanding of topic.
- Include one Activity or Learning center idea
- Include one Website or App to support the theme

5. Teaching Experiences

Students will teach sample math lessons two times during this course.

- Create one detailed lesson plan to introduce your unit plan and teach a traditional lesson using hands-on manipulatives with a basic math operations principle
- STEM lesson using inquiry-based methods for real-life application

VI. METHODS

A. Teaching

1. Lectures
2. Small and large group discussion
3. Research and reading
4. Projects

5. Writing
6. Practicing skills

B. Grading

1. Weight given to assignments:

Math & Literacy Book Reviews	100 points
Math Tools & Manipulatives Collection	50 points
Math Issues Position Paper & Presentation	150 points
Mathematics Unit plan	100 points
Bulletin Board with Unit Plan	50 points
Teaching Demonstrations 2 experiences x 75 points	150 points
Chapter quizzes & Cengage videos 9 chapters x 20 points	180 points
Discussion posts 8 posts x 10 points	80 points
Weekly Math Activities from 14 weeks x 10 points	140 points
Weekly Participation in Class or Online	<u>500 points</u>
Total points for the class	1500 points

2. Late Assignments

Late assignments may be penalized at the discretion of the instructor.

3. Letter / Numerical Grade Scale

The grading scale listed in the current College Catalog will be used for this course.

VII. COURSE POLICIES

Students in the Teacher Education Department at Calvary University are also to abide by the policies listed in the Educator Preparation Program Handbook.

A. Grade Requirements

Education majors must maintain a high standard for GPAs to successfully complete their program. Education majors must maintain a 3.0 GPA in Professional Education and Content Area coursework. ***This course must be passed with a grade of “C” or higher depending on the student’s GPA in Professional and Content Area courses. Receiving a grade lower than a “C” will mean that this course must be repeated.***

B. The Bible as Required Textbook

The Bible is a required textbook in every course at Calvary University. To facilitate academic level study, students are required to use for assignments and research an English translation or version of the Bible based on formal equivalence (*meaning that the translation is generally word-for-word from the original languages*), including any of the following: New American Standard (NASB), English Standard Version (ESV), New King James (NKJV), or King James (KJV). Other translations and versions based on dynamic equivalence (*paraphrases and thought-for-thought translations like NLT and NIV*) may be used as supplemental sources. Please ask the professor if you have questions about a particular translation or version.

C. Academic Honesty

Plagiarism is defined as copying any content without identifying the source. This also includes taking another person's or AI entity's ideas or constructs and presenting them as your own. Plagiarism of any kind will not be tolerated.

Most assignments at Calvary require the student to produce original work. Therefore, unless specifically permitted by the instructor, the use of AI-generated content is prohibited (even if cited) as it does not represent original work created by the student and is an unreliable aggregate of ideas from other sources.

AI, however, may be utilized in cases where the instructor has explicitly permitted its use to accomplish specific tasks. It is only in these cases that AI-generated (or modified) content may be submitted by the student. If there are any questions as to the permissibility of AI use for an assignment, please ask your instructor for clarification.

Additionally, submission of work for this class must express original thought and should be written in the voice of the student. Research should be conducted using academic, peer-reviewed sources (not blogs or other opinion/editorial sites). However, even when citing sources, students must explain the ideas/concepts presented in their own words. Extensive copying of source material is not permitted, even if the source is cited as part of the reference page.

D. Academic Activity & Participation

Students must engage in the weekly in-class session(s).

Students who are enrolled as in-person students are expected to be punctual and present in-person for each class session.

Students who are enrolled as online students will demonstrate their engagement by submitting a thorough video reflection form and any additional participation activities **BEFORE THE NEXT CLASS SESSION**.

E. Class Participation

Students are expected to attend class and participate in discussing the daily material. Learning takes place best when the student is personally involved in the process. Cell phones should be set to silent and placed on the table or in a backpack/purse. ***Working on other assignments during class or using electronic devices for anything other than class activities or taking notes for the course will not be permitted.***

F. Accommodations Statement

Students with disabilities have the responsibility of informing the Accommodations Support Coordinator (aso@calvary.edu) of any condition that may require support.

G. Style Guide

All class papers must follow the APA style guide according to *Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association*, 7th edition.

H. The Clark Academic Center

The Clark Academic Center (learning@calvary.edu), located in the library building, is dedicated to providing free academic assistance for all Calvary University students. CAC assists with all facets of the writing process, tutors in various subject areas, prepares students for exams, facilitates with time management options and proctoring of tests. Please take advantage of this service.

***About Changes to this Syllabus:** The instructor reserves the right to make changes to this syllabus at any time during the course, but any change made will only be done after clearly communicating the need for the change and the specific change to be made via in-class announcement and Canvas announcement.*

VIII. TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

Week	Dates	Class Topics	Assignments
1	Aug 19 & 21	Chapter 1 Elementary Math for the 21 st Century	Looking ahead to future assignments Assign bulletin board dates
2	Aug 26 & 28	Chapter 2 Defining a Comprehensive Math Program	
3	September 2 & 4	Student Teaching Experiences	Due: Teaching Experience—STEM lesson with real-life math applications
4	September 9 & 11	Chapter 3 Mathematics for Every Child	
5	September 16 & 18		Due: Math Tools & Manipulatives Portfolio
6	September 23 & 25	Chapter 4 Learning Mathematics	
7	Sept 30 & Oct 2	Chapter 5 Organizing Instruction	

8	October 7 & 9	Student Presentations	Due: Research Paper
Fall Break October 13 - 17			
9	October 21 & 23	Chapter 6 Integrating Assessment	
10	October 28 & 30		
11	November 4 & 6	Chapter 7 Developing Problem-Solving Strategies	
12	November 11 & 13	Teaching Demonstration & Unit Plan Presentations	
13	November 18 & 20	Chapter 8 Developing Concepts of Number	Due: Unit Plan & Teaching Demonstration
14	November 25	Thanksgiving Activities	
15	December 2 & 4	Chapter 9 Extending Concepts of Number	Due: Math & Literacy Book review
16	December 9 & 11	Wrap-Up & Looking Ahead	