Dakota College at BOTTINEAU
Course Outline

Name of Instructor:
Dr. Deb Syvertson

Course Title and Number, Credits:
Introduction to Education Practicum, EDU 298, 1 semester credit

Prerequisite:
Co-requisite with EDUC 250

Course Description:
Pre-professional observation of elementary and secondary teachers in action at area schools, accompanied by group seminar to discuss experiences.

Required Text:
None

Course Objectives:
1. Observe teachers in action as they deal with actual everyday issues in the classroom.
2. Observe how a diverse student population can alter the way material has to be presented.
3. Observe methods of classroom management.
4. Observe methods of discipline management.

Course Content:
Students will:
- Observing a classroom and teacher for a minimum of 6 hours in a school.
- Keep a journal of their experiences during the 6 hours of observation.
- Attend a school board meeting or other educational meeting
- Compare and discuss their experiences and record their observations in their portfolio

Relationship to Campus Theme:
- Students will use a variety of technology for research and presentation purposes. Technology used will include Microsoft Word, Powerpoint, and the Internet. Students will also create an electronic portfolio as their final assessment.
- Students will explore the nature of child development and its affect on learning.
- Students will use their problem solving and critical thinking skills to meet the requirements of the course.
- Demonstrations of these skills will be shown through class discussions, journaling, and presentations.