



*Morningside College*

## **COURSE SYLLABUS ADDENDUM**

**Important - Please Read - Do Not Discard**

**It is each student's responsibility to read all course materials, including course syllabus and addendum, and to know and understand the course requirements, exam score minimum requirements, and deadlines. Students enrolled in VESi courses are required to check their email for any communications regarding the course until their final grade is posted with the college or university. Once your course materials are received by VESi and have been reviewed, the GRADE IS FINAL.**

### **Final Case Study Paper - Teaching Elementary Math Conceptually**

After completing the examinations, you will be required to write a final case study paper. For the final paper you will be required to review the mathematics program offered at a particular grade level within the school where you are currently teaching. If you are not currently teaching you will need to review a grade level mathematics program at one of the local schools.

Your research will include the name of the math program currently being used by the school, length of time the program has been in place, what system (traditional or current trend) the program ascribes to and any evaluations that have been completed noting the effectiveness of the program.

You will then compare and contrast that program with an alternative program of your choice that you believe would better fit the age group and needs of student population. You will list and discuss any scientifically based research that supports the value of the math program you have selected. You will discuss strengths and weaknesses of each program. You will also develop an implementation plan the school could follow if they choose to adopt your suggested program. A copy of your final case study paper should be shared with the building principal when completed.

The paper should be a minimum of 3 pages in length, but no more than 7 pages (single spaced, 12 font). Only typed or word-processed papers will be accepted. 50% of your grade will be figured on your examination scores and 50% will be figured on your written assignments, including your final paper. **You must complete all examinations with a minimum score of 70% or higher and complete ALL writing assignments to pass this course.**

\* It is your responsibility to find a student or child to work with and complete your final case study assignment. If you do not have a current classroom assignment, you may want to speak with a local school, child care facility, church or other community organization about a child for observation and assessment.

### **Textbook Reading Assignment and Exam**

You are required to read *Elementary and Middle School Mathematics: Teaching Developmentally* (7<sup>th</sup> ed.) by Van de Walle, J., and then you will take a 25-question examination to assess your comprehension of the material covered in the book. To take the exam for this textbook reading assignment, click on **EXAMS** and then on **TEXTBOOK EXAM**. **You must score a minimum of 70% on this exam to pass this course.**

### **Grading Criteria**

**You must complete each examination with a minimum score of 70% or higher and complete ALL writing assignments to pass this course.** This graduate level course requires a minimum passing grade of "C-" to receive credit. 50% of your grade will be figured on your examination scores and 50% will be figured on your written assignments, including your final paper. The average from your exam scores will be printed on your certificate. However, this is not your final grade since your required writing assignments have not been reviewed. Exceptionally written or poorly written required writing assignments, or violation of the academic integrity policy in the course syllabus, will affect your grade.

*No grade will be submitted for partial completion of course assignments, regardless of partial scores.*

*You must pass each course examination. If you fail any chapter exam, you WILL NOT receive course credit.*

Letter grades will be assigned as follows:

<b>95% to 100% A</b>	<b>80% to 83% B-</b>
<b>90% to 94% A-</b>	<b>77% to 79% C+</b>
<b>87% to 89% B+</b>	<b>74% to 76% C</b>
<b>84% to 86% B</b>	<b>70% to 73% C-</b>

### **Course Completion Information**

Grading will take approximately two weeks from the time your materials are received by the instructor, after which we will submit grades to the university weekly. If you have a timeline to meet certain school or state requirements, please keep this time period in mind when planning your course completion dates.

### **Course Completion Instructions**

- **Course Evaluation:** Please take a moment to fill out the course evaluation by clicking on Course Evaluation on the menu to the left.
- **Online Submit (requires Internet access at the time of submission):** Select this command to submit your course materials for final grade. You can only submit the course grade ONE TIME. Be sure that you have completed all requirements and exams.
- **Final Case Study Paper:** Please email your Final Case Study Paper to [grades@virtualeduc.com](mailto:grades@virtualeduc.com).
- **Print Certificate:** You can print a copy of your course certificate for your records.

\*\*\* NOTE\*\*\* You have **six months** from your registration date to return the completed materials to VESi.

If you have questions that are not course-specific, please refer to the university catalog or contact the university directly to obtain answers to questions about extensions, withdrawals, transcripts, or any other university business.