#### Transmittal Memo

The School of Lifespan Development and Educational Sciences has a M.A. in Educational Psychology and a Ph.D. in Educational Psychology. This curriculum proposal includes:

1. Adding a new course **EPSY 49525 Relational Learning from a Global Perspective** as an elective in the College of Education Health and Human Services. The concept of this course was introduced and taught as Special Topics **EDPF 39595** for the past two years with a population of 15-25 each semester. Both the content and structure of the course will be built and/or refined to be effectively taught in a graded-traditional course format in Fall 2010.

### Need, Audience, and Precursors.

The **EPSY 49525** course reflects its identity with Kent State University's 21st Century philosophy as it will provide undergraduate and graduate students with engaged relational learning experience within and beyond the university community. The course will provide community service experiences with semi-professional relationships where students can grow in their professional identity. One intention of the course is to increase the opportunity for KSU EHHS students to experience internationalized education. The content will include global perspectives on learning. In addition, some of the sections will be taught with a study abroad component. In the past three years, the **Special Topics 39595** course was taught on the Florence campus and one section of 39595 was taught as a hybrid involving an on-line component and a two-week study in Cuba.

Effect on Program and Fiscal Impact. These additions will strengthen the undergraduate course offerings by (a) adding an international component to course content. (b) providing the opportunity for an additional study abroad experience to the undergraduate course offerings (students will be able to **choose** a section that will go abroad--study abroad will not be a requirement for all sections--cost of study abroad will be approximately \$3000 including travel costs and housing plus tuition) (c) introducing to approaches of internationalizing education and (d) providing guided opportunities to interact with students and teachers from other countries and cultures. No negative fiscal impact is anticipated.

Alternatives and Consequences. The alternatives are having LDES course offerings that are (a) limited in international and intercultural content (b) limited in international experiences, and (c) fewer available engaged-learning experiences that could better prepare the students for the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

**Evidence of learning.** Individuals will demonstrate evidence of mastery of relational learning concepts through discussion and extensive writing assignments. Professional identity will be supported through engaged learning opportunities to mentor students and to participate in professional conferences and workshops.

PROPOSAL APPROVED BY DEPARTMENT CURRICULUM COMMITTEE ON OCTOBER 7, 2009.

# KENT STATE UNIVERSITY CERTIFICATION OF CURRICULUM PROPOSAL

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Conten	t Outline (include contact hours for each section)
Contact Hours	Outline
6.00	Introduce social constructionist theory and its application to educational practice including Gergen, Vygotsky, Bruner, Dewey and Reggio Emilia.
3.00	Explore types of professional literature considering the role of the teacher and the learner in strengthening practice through relatedness.
9.00	Focus on current issues and assessments of schools throughout the world and in the education literature.
8.00	Articulate the role of context in educational issues from historical and geographical perspectives.
8.00	Develop and articulate professional positions from multiple perspectives through the writing process
3.00	Identify approaches to learning not yet established in the professional literature, study models of research and assessment and /or approaches that may better serve the learner and global society.
8.00	Engage in the relational learning process while collaborating in the larger community by mentoring students within and/or beyond the traditional educational setting e.g. 6 <sup>th</sup> grade

## students in Rome and EdPsych students at KSU.

#### 45.00 **Total Contact Hours**

Textbook(s) Used in this Course

Yendel-Hoppey, D. and Fichtman Dana, N. (2007). The reflective educator's guide to mentoring: Strengthening practice through knowledge, story, and metaphor. Gergen, K. (2009) Relational being: Beyond self and community. Excerpts from Project Zero and Reggio Children (2001) Making learning visible: Children as individual and group learners. Carnoy, M. (2007). Cuba's academic advantage: Why students in Cuba do better in school. Additional readings identified by the instructor from refereed journals, published books, and on-line sources pertaining to the social constructionist and global perspectives.

Writing Expectations

A series of papers that summarize, analyze, and assess educational programs and self-evaluation. This knowledge will serve as a foundation for study of approaches that put theory into practice, study pertaining to instructional theory and methods relevant to internationalizing education and study pertaining to

and the introduction to qualitative research and methodology. Evidence of mastery of the prior concepts will be shown in extensive writing assignments.

Instructor(s) Expected To Teach

**Anne Morrison** 

Instructor(s) Contributing to Content

Chris Was, Susan Miller

REQUIRED ENDORSEMENT

H. Delfmann Jankins

Department Chair / School Director / Cambus Dean

10/14/09





