“Education is not the filling of a pail, but the lighting of a fire.”
- William Butler Yeats

“I would like to advance an hypothesis that dialogue is the major means of developing thought and language.”

**Objectives**

1. To develop teaching approaches and teacher behaviors for the language arts that promote student engagement and achievement.

2. To expand the personal philosophy of education to include a rationale for secondary English/language arts teaching and learning.

3. To place contemporary English education research theory into practice through classroom observation, peer teaching, secondary classroom teaching, and ongoing reflective thought.

4. To teach and learn in an environment where knowing is negotiated, distributed, situated, constructed, developmental, and affective.

**Required Texts**


**Suggested Resources**


Key Web Links

Academy of American Poets
http://www.poets.org/

Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development (ASCD)
http://www.ascd.org/portal/site/ascd/index.jsp

International Reading Association
http://www.reading.org/

Moravian College Reeves Library Web Sites for Education
http://home.moravian.edu/public/reeves/books/web/edu.htm

Modern Language Association
http://www.mla.org/

National Council of Teachers of English
http://www.ncte.org/

New York Times Online
http://www.nytimes.com/

Pennsylvania Department of Education
http://www.pde.state.pa.us/pde_internet/site/default.asp

Pennsylvania Power Library
http://www.statelibrary.state.pa.us/libraries/cwp/view.asp?a=11&g=37628

Playbill On-Line
http://www.playbill.com/index.php

Teen Ink
http://www.teenink.com/

United Streaming from Discovery Education
http://www5.unitedstreaming.com/index.cfm

Assignments and Grading

Assignments are due as indicated below. Please note that unless a mutually agreeable revised due date is negotiated with the instructor, any late assignment will lose five percentage points for each calendar day it is late, and any assignment not submitted within two weeks of the due date will receive a “0.” It is within the instructor’s purview to apply qualitative judgment in determining grades for an assignment or for a course.

1. Dialogic Discourse Diary 20%
   • E-mail one entry prior to each class session.
   • Connect prompt to readings and pre-student teaching field placement.

2. Young Adult Literature Author Book Talk 10%
   • Sign up to make a book talk presentation from 9/11 to 12/11.

3. Professional Journal Article Précis & Discussion 10%
   • Sign up to present a professional journal article from 9/11 to 12/11.
4. Integrated Language Arts Unit Plan  
   • Draft due for peer editing on 10/23.  
   • Final Draft due on 10/30.  

5. Unit Plan Reflective Critique  
   • Due 12/4.  

6. Final Exam: Philosophy of English Education Paper  
   • E-mailed by 12/18.  

Attendance  
Due to the nature and structure of the seminar, attendance at each meeting is crucial. If you must miss a session, please call the instructor to explain. When an absence is unavoidable, a written response to the assigned readings must be submitted on or before the next regularly scheduled session. A missing or incomplete written response to readings following an absence will reduce the final grade by five percentage points. More than two class absences or a pattern of late arrivals to class may, at the discretion of the instructor, result in a failing grade for the seminar. See Education Department Field Experience Handbook for field experience attendance guidelines. 

Academic Honesty  
You are encouraged, and in some instances, required to use conventional and on-line secondary source materials, but all work that you submit must be your own. Be certain to cite the sources that you used, and take care to avoid plagiarism, which the Moravian College Student Handbook defines as “the use, deliberate or not, of any outside source without proper acknowledgement” (52). Consult Writers Inc., The MLA Handbook for Writers of Research Papers, and the student handbook for more information on this topic. Note that academic dishonesty will result in a zero for the assignment and notification of the Academic Dean, in accordance with Moravian College policy. 

Course Schedule  
Please note that while every effort will be made to follow the schedule indicated below, the syllabus is subject to change as the instructor deems necessary to help students meet the objectives of the course. 

August 28:  
   In-Class: Creating a Community of Language Arts Teachers and Learners  
   Overview of Seminar and Pre-Student Teaching Field Experience  
   Anticipation Guide  
   National Endowment for the Arts Reading at Risk Report June 2004  

August 30th 6:30 p.m. in Prosser Auditorium: Mandatory Pre-Student Teacher Meeting with Mrs. Modjadidi  

September 4:  
   NO CLASS: LABOR DAY  

September 11:  
   In-Class: Mentoring Confident Readers and Writers  
   Due:  
   Allen, Chapter 1: “Diaphragning Sentences; A Case for Word Control”  
   YA Literature Selection for presentation on assigned date  
   Dialogic Discourse Diary Entry #1: As a secondary English language arts teacher, how might you go about building confidence in even your most reluctant readers and writers? What specific suggestions do Beers, Shosh, Putz, and Allen provide?  

   In-Class:  
   YA Literature Book Talk #1  
   Text Tapping: ‘The Saga of Ms. Blunderteach’  
   Minilesson: Bakhtin’s Internally Persuasive vs. Authoritative Discourse
September 18:  **Beginning the Pre-Student Teaching Field Experience**  
**Due:**  
Putz, Chapter 2: “Ready. Steady… Introducing the Project to Your Classes”  
Dialogic Discourse Diary #2: Comment upon your own strengths and weaknesses as you prepare to enter the pre-student teaching experience. How do you plan to capitalize upon your strengths and address those areas where you don’t feel as well prepared? What new insights into the teaching of English did you gain from this week’s readings?  
**In-Class:**  
YA Literature Book Talk #2 [Cisneros and “Eleven”]  
Minilesson: NCTE/IRE and Pennsylvania Literacy Standards  
Professional Journal Article Précis & Discussion #1  
Discussion of Readings and Discourse Diary  
**Field:**  
Observe, review requirements with cooperating teacher, set November unit topic  

September 25:  **Facilitating Student Inquiry and Building Comprehension**  
**Due:**  
Putz, Chapter 3: “Exploring, Recording, Imagining: The Research Process”  
Shosh, Joseph M. “Much Ado about Negotiation.”  
Beers, Chapter 4: “Explicit Instruction in Comprehension”  
Dialogic Discourse Diary #3: Which student(s) seem to struggle most in your field experience classroom? What specifically do you observe that suggests difficulty in the meaning-making process? How might you support these students in the lessons you design? What advice do Putz, Shosh, & Beers provide to foster student engagement and achievement?  
**In-Class:**  
YA Literature Book Talk #3  
Minilesson: Probable Passage Prediction & Shared Reading  
Minilesson: Lesson/ Unit Planning Workshop  
Professional Journal Article Précis & Discussion #2  
Discussion of Readings and Discourse Diary  
**Field:**  
One-on-One Tutoring, Small Group Instruction, Planning of November Unit  

October 2:  **Planning Instruction for Student Engagement and Achievement**  
**Due:**  
Beers, Chapter 6: “Frontloading Meaning”  
Allen, Chapter 3; “Alternatives to Look It Up in the Dictionary!”  
Dialogic Discourse Diary #4: How does this week’s reading inform the creation of your unit plan? What will you be teaching? What resources will be available to you? How will you integrate the teaching of reading, writing, listening, speaking, and critical thinking to foster student engagement and student achievement?  
**In-Class:**  
YA Literature Book Talk #4  
Lesson Planning Workshop  
Professional Journal Article Précis & Discussion #3  
Discussion of Readings and Discourse Diary  
**Field:**  
Individual lessons or parts of lessons as suggested by cooperating teacher  

October 9:  **NO CLASS: FALL BREAK**  
**Field:**  
Make sure that cooperating teacher is not expecting you on 10/9 & 10/10. Continue individual lessons or parts of lessons as suggested by cooperating teacher. Begin drafting November Unit Plan with consultation of cooperating teacher.  

October 16:  **Extending Meaning, Building Vocabulary, and Fostering Voice**  
**Due:**  
Beers, Chapter 7: “Constructing Meaning” and Chapter 9: “Vocabulary: Figuring Out What Words Mean”  
Putz, Chapter 4: “Widening the Parameters: Alternate Styles”  
Allen, Chapter 4: “Reading as the Heart of Word-Rich Classrooms”  
Dialogic Discourse Diary #5: How does what you have read this week in Beers, Putz, and
Allen impact your emerging philosophy of English education? What are the implications for the unit you are planning?

**In-Class:**
- YA Literature Book Talk #5
- Professional Journal Article Précis & Discussion #4
- Discussion of Readings and Discourse Diary
- Unit Plan Drafting Workshop

**Field:**
- Continue individual lessons or parts of lessons as suggested by cooperating teacher
- Review working draft of November Unit Plan with cooperating teacher

**October 23:**
**Teaching Language Minilessons**

**Due:**
- Beers, Chapter 5: “Learning to Make an Inference”
- Noden, Preface and Chapter 1: “The Writer as Artist: Basic Brush Strokes”
- Dialogic Discourse Diary #6: How does teaching grammar contextually differ from traditional grammar instruction? What role might grammar and usage minilessons play in helping students make meaning?

**In-Class:**
- YA Literature Book Talk #6
- Minilesson: Image Grammar
- Unit Plan Revising & Editing
- Professional Journal Article Précis & Discussion #5
- Discussion of Readings and Discourse Diary

**Field:**
- Continue individual lessons or parts of lessons as suggested by cooperating teacher
- Review final draft of November Unit Plan with cooperating teacher

**October 30:**
**Guiding Readers and Writers**

**Due:**
- Beers, Chapter 10: “Fluency and Automaticity”
- Putz, Chapter 5: “If It Ain’t Broke: Writing in Traditional Genres”
- Dialogic Discourse Diary #7: Describe how and why you might implement a guided reading lesson as part of your unit plan. How will you help your students to make their writing authentic and interesting?

**In-Class:**
- YA Literature Book Talk #7
- Professional Journal Article Précis & Discussion #6
- Discussion of Readings and Discourse Diary

**Field:**
- Implement Unit Plan under direction of cooperating teacher

**November 6:**
**Making Revision Meaningful**

**Due:**
- Noden, Chapter 2: “The Artist’s Eye; Seeing Specific Details”
- Putz, Chapter 6: “Rx for Writing: Revision”
- Noden, Chapter 9: “Systematic Revision: Form, Style, Content, and Conventions”
- Dialogic Discourse Diary #8: How does the writing instruction in your unit plan attempt to help your students build authentic voice?

**In-Class:**
- YA Literature Book Talk #8
- Minilesson: Sentence Combining
- Professional Journal Article Précis & Discussion #7
- Discussion of Readings and Discourse Diary

**Field:**
- Implement Unit Plan under direction of cooperating teacher

**November 13:**
**Dramatizing to Learn**

**Due:**
- Pirie, Bruce. “The Unfolding Drama” from *Reshaping High School English*.
- Dialogic Discourse Diary #9: How and why do Pirie and Shosh suggest using drama in secondary school classrooms?

**In-Class:**
- Drama in Education Strategies
- NCTE Convention Final Preparations
- Discussion of Readings and Discourse Diary

**Field:**
- Implement Unit Plan under direction of cooperating teacher

**November 20:**
**Critiquing the 2006 NCTE Memphis Convention “The Compleat* Teacher: Bringing...
Together Knowledge, Experience, and Research”

Due: Ehrenworth & Vinton, Chapter 4: “Love and Sedition: Getting Intimate with Grammar by Breaking the Rules”

Dialogic Discourse Diary #10: What were the highlights of the 2006 NCTE convention? How will what you learned impact your future teaching? If you were unable to attend the Memphis convention, what did you learn from your reading in November’s English Journal? How will what you read impact your future career?

In-Class: Discussion of Readings and Discourse Diary

Sharing of Resources from NCTE Convention

Field: Implement Unit Plan under direction of cooperating teacher

November 27: Helping Students Become Media Literate and Tech Savvy


Putz, Chapter 7: “A Team Effort: Creating Unity and Cohesion in the Multigenre Project”

In-Class: Media Literacy Workshop

Discussion of Readings

Field: Unit Plan completion & return of student work

December 4: Evaluating Learning in the ELA Classroom


Putz, Chapter 9: “Celebrating Student Voices: The Thematic Readers’ Theatre”

Allen, Chapter 5, “How Do We Know It’s Working?”

Unit Plan Reflective Critique

In-Class: YA Literature Book Talk: Jacqueline Woodson

Classroom Assessment & Evaluation Workshop

Discussion of Readings

December 11: Becoming a Teacher of the English Language Arts

Due: Putz, Chapter 10: “Research and Standards: Rationale for Adopting the Multigenre Project”

Putz, Chapter 11: “Odds and Ends: A Multigenre Junk Drawer”


In-Class: Anticipation Guide Re-Examination

Philosophy of English Education Brainstorming & Discussion of Readings