COURSE TITLE: Teaching Middle School Science
COURSE NUMBER: SCE 3320

COURSE DESCRIPTION (with prerequisites):
This course is designed for students who are majoring in science education and who will be obtaining teacher certification in grades 5-9 or 6-12. In this course students learn principles of effective curriculum design and assessment and apply these principles by designing and developing interactive science curriculum projects for middle school students. This course is offered concurrently with SCE 3940, a one credit hour practicum in which students present their projects in middle school classroom environments. This course addresses specific Sunshine State Standards subject matter competencies and pedagogy pertinent to the discipline and required for certification. 10 hours of teaching are required. Corequisite: SCE 3940. 3 semester hours credit. [A]

NAME(S) OF INSTRUCTORS:
Dr. Santine Cuccio

EFFECTIVE ACADEMIC YEAR:
2011-12

REQUIRED TEXTBOOKS AND INSTRUCTIONAL SUPPLIES:
5. Florida Educator Accomplished Practices

GRADING POLICY:
The standing of a student in each course is expressed by one of the following letters and corresponding grading system:
A – 90 – 100
B – 80 – 89
C – 70 – 79
D – 60 – 69
F – 59 or less
The Chipola Catalog provides policies and procedures regarding the grading system. A student’s Grade Point Average is derived from the grading system/quality point scale.

**ATTENDANCE AND WITHDRAWAL POLICIES:**
Chipola College expects regular attendance of all students. Students who are absent from classes for any reason other than official college activities must satisfy the instructor concerned that the absence was due to illness or other clearly unavoidable reasons. Otherwise, the student may suffer grade loss at the discretion of the instructor. Chipola policy allows each instructor to specify in the Instructor First Day Handout whether or not an absence is excusable and what affect the absence or tardy may have on the grade.

A student is allowed to repeat a course a maximum of three (3) times. **On the third attempt a student (1) must bear the full cost of instruction (unless waived by Student Services), (2) cannot withdraw, and (3) must receive a grade.**

**MAKE-UP POLICY:**
Chipola allows each instructor to specify in the Instructor First Day Handout the makeup policy.

**ACADEMIC HONOR CODE POLICY:**
Students are expected to uphold the Academic Honor Code. Chipola College’s Honor Code is based on the premise that each student has the responsibility to (1) uphold the highest standards of academic honesty in his/her own work; (2) refuse to tolerate academic dishonesty in the college community; and (3) foster a high sense of honor and social responsibility on the part of students. Further information regarding the Academic Honor Code may be found in the Chipola Catalog, Student Governance section.

**STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES POLICY:**
Chipola College is committed to making all programs and facilities accessible to anyone with a disability. Chipola’s goal is for students to obtain maximum benefit from their educational experience and to effectively transition into the college environment. Students with disabilities are requested to voluntarily contact the Office of Students with Disabilities to complete the intake process and determine their eligibility for reasonable accommodations.

**LIBRARY AND ON-LINE REFERENCE MATERIALS:**
The library is a comprehensive learning resource center providing information in print, electronic, and multimedia format to support the educational objectives of the College. On-line catalogs, e-books and electronic databases can be accessed by using the LINCCWeb icon on the Chipola Library website at www.chipola.edu/library. If you have questions about database usage consult the “How to Use the Chipola Databases” on the Library website or call the Library at 850/718-2274 during regular hours. Library hours are posted each semester at the building entrance and on the Library website. See your Instructor First Day Handout for individual instructor recommendations and resources.
TECHNOLOGY RESOURCES:
The Information Technology Center, located in the library, is equipped with computer workstations. Lab hours are posted each semester at the building entrance and on the Library website. The ACE Lab, located in Building L, is available for tutoring and is equipped with computer workstations. Lab hours are posted each semester at the room entrance. The college’s learning management system is Desire 2 Learn (d2l). Classes become available on d2l on the first day of the semester. It is the student’s responsibility to log onto the d2l system the first day of class to establish the first day of attendance and to check announcements. For further information, contact your instructor or the Director of Online Learning.

ELECTRONIC DEVICE USAGE:
All electronic devices such as cell phones, beepers, pagers, and related devices are to be silenced prior to entering classrooms and/or laboratories to avoid disruption. Should it become necessary for a student to leave his/her “device” on to send or receive an emergency call and/or text message, the student must inform the instructor prior to class. If the student finds it necessary to send and/or receive an emergency call and/or text message during class/lab time, he/she is instructed to take all books and belongings and step outside the classroom to deal with the situation. To minimize classroom disruption and the distraction to classmates, the student will not be permitted to reenter the classroom during that class period. Any time a test is being administered, all such devices must be turned off and put away. If a device is seen or heard during an exam, a score of zero will be given for that exam. Initial and repeated infractions may result in disciplinary action.

DISCIPLINE SPECIFIC COMPETENCIES / LEARNING OUTCOMES:
E – 1 Demonstrate understanding of instructional design and lesson planning by applying concepts from human development and learning theories.

E – 2 Demonstrate ability to maintain a student-centered learning environment that is safe, organized, equitable, flexible, inclusive and collaborative.

E – 3 Demonstrate effective instructional delivery and facilitation by utilizing deep and comprehensive knowledge.

E – 4 Demonstrate understanding of assessment by analyzing and applying data from multiple assessments to diagnose learning needs and inform instruction.

E – 5 Demonstrate continuous improvement by designing purposeful goals to strengthen instructional effectiveness and impact student learning.

E – 6 Demonstrates professional responsibility and ethical conduct and fulfills expected obligations to students, the public, and the education profession.

1. Task 4.4.1 (FEAP 1.1): This is a semester-long project in which the pre-service teacher collects strategies and materials to promote critical/creative thinking and problem solving and annotates each strategy regarding how it will be used in teaching. The product is the file of annotated strategies and materials.
1. **Task 5.4.2 (FEAP 2.3, 2.4, 2.5, 2.6, 2.8, 3.8):** The candidate plans a lesson and is observed regarding demonstrated effectiveness of instruction with regard to diversity. This observation targets sensitivity, equitable treatment, and planning for students from different backgrounds, cultures, and skill levels. The product is the rationale for class selecting the lessons, the lesson plans, and the completed observation instruments.

2. **Task CC3B (FEAP 5.4, 5.5):** Each student must show evidence of professional growth during this course. This evidence may be acquired by (1) attending a mathematics seminar, like FCTM Conference in Orlando Florida, or (2) reading articles from a professional journal in mathematics education. Each student will submit a minimum of six presentation or article summaries, handouts or worksheets included, and a reflection. The reflection should include your opinion regarding (1) the feasibility of implementation (if appropriate), (2) its effectiveness, (3) whether you plan to use it in the future, and (4) any modifications you might want to make.

3. **Task CC8MS (FEAP 5.4):** The candidate completes a series of tests that require specific content knowledge as articulated in the *Florida Science Content Standards and the Competencies and Skills for Middle School General Science 5-9*. If the student has passed the subject area exam for his/her major, then this task has been completed. For this exemption, a copy of a passing score must be recorded in the database by end of the first week of classes.

4. **Task 2.2.1 (2.1, 2.2, 2.3, 2.5, 3.1, 3.3, 3.4, 3.6, 3.7, 3.9, 3.10, 5.1)** - The teacher candidate has three 15-30-minute lessons videotaped or observed by an instructor, evaluates his/her performance, and obtains an external evaluation from a peer or the mentor on each lesson. The product is the set of three self-assessments (one of which must be typed), three peer/mentor assessments and the teacher candidate’s summary of what he/she has learned.

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<td>Examine the issues related to middle school education by comparing the organizational structures of middle schools, junior high schools and various middle school models</td>
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<td>Study the intellectual, physical, socio-emotional, moral, and aesthetic development of pre- and early adolescents.</td>
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<td>Describe cognitive, physical, socio-emotional, moral, aesthetic development of the pre- and early adolescent with respect to how diverse middle school students learn meaningfully (for example, concept mapping, integrated process skills)</td>
<td>All NSES Science Teaching and Content Standards</td>
<td>E-2, 2.4, 2.8</td>
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<td>Explain NSES Science Teaching, Assessment, professional Development and Content Standards (emphasizing their unifying concepts, processes, inquiry and their overall purpose of science literacy); and NGSSS</td>
<td>All Standards</td>
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<td>Plan for instruction at the middle school, relating the essential components of the lesson plan design (from introduction to review) to NSES and theory, historical perspectives, controversial issues and effective practice (5 E Model of Instruction)</td>
<td>All NSES Science Teaching Standards</td>
<td>E-1, E-2, E-3 1.1, 2.3, 2.4, 2.5, 2.6, 2.8, 2.9, 3.8</td>
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<td>Build a repertoire of teaching strategies (to be used in each part of the lesson plan) which promote inquiry (and discovery based science experiences): laboratory/demonstrations (with safety precautions); questions and discussion; technology; and those that promote critical, creative thinking and problem solving.</td>
<td>All NSES Science Teaching Standards</td>
<td>E-1, E-2, E-3 E-5 1.1, 2.1-2.6, 2.8, 3.1-3.10, 5.1</td>
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<td>Review science content contained in the Florida Competencies and Skills and NGSSS</td>
<td>All NSES Content Standards All NGSSS benchmarks</td>
<td>All</td>
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<td>Plans for and implements the central strategy for teaching science which is “inquiry” into authentic questions generated from student experiences&quot;</td>
<td>NSES Teaching standards; selected NSES/NGSSS</td>
<td>E-1,1.1-6,E-2, 2.1-8, E-3, 3.1, 3.3-7. 3.9-10</td>
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<td>4.1,4.2,10.1-3 MA2-SD (presents a critical thinking learning strategy) MA4-SD Teaching Assignments</td>
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<td>Plan, critique (with colleagues) teach appropriate (grade, diverse learners) science lessons in at least one of the NGSSS content areas: physical</td>
<td>All NSES Content and Teaching standards</td>
<td>E-1,E-2, E-3, 1.1, 2.3, 2.4, 2.5, 2.6, 2.8, 2.9, 3.8</td>
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<td>Science, life science or earth and space science (include standards of: inquiry; science and technology; science in personal and social perspectives; history and nature of science in each)</td>
<td>Selected benchmarks dependent on student lesson topic</td>
<td>NSES Content Standards, depending on topic</td>
<td>Analysis</td>
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<td>Teach five (5) to ten (10) lessons (5 hrs in HS; 1 hr. class; 3-4 hrs college science class) with the effective use of strategies for: inquiry (questioning); engagement of students; adaptation to student learning needs; technology; and for use in each lesson plan component (e.g., review)</td>
<td>Selected benchmarks dependent on student lesson topic</td>
<td>3.1, 3.3-7, 3.9-10 E-3</td>
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<td>Assess student progress in science by: constructing an appropriate test; analyzing student learning gains; reflecting to alter instruction</td>
<td>All NSES Assessment Standards</td>
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<td>Participate in professional growth opportunities.</td>
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<td>E-5,5.4, 5.5</td>
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**Assessment Codes**

- **T** = Tests
- **Pre/Post** = Pre- and Post-Tests
- **OT** = Objective Tests
- **UT** = Unit Tests
- **Q** = Quizzes
- **F** = Final Examination
- **CF** = Cumulative Final
- **EX** = Departmental Exam
- **SE** = Nat’l or State Standardized Exam
- **RPT** = Report/Presentation
- **SP** = Skills Performance
- **SD** = Skills Demonstration
- **W** = Writing Assignments
- **E** = Essays
- **DE** = Documented Essays
- **RP** = Research papers
- **J** = Jury
- **R** = Recital
- **Proj.** = Projects
- **Exp.** = Experiments
- **Cap. Proj.** = Capstone Project
- **Cap. Course** = Capstone Course
- **Prac.** = Practicum
- **Intern.** = Internship
- **H** = Homework
- **PS** = Problem Solving
- **DB** = Discussion Board
- **BO** = Behavioral Observation
- **Clin.** = Clinicals
- **CS** = Case Study
- **CP** = Case Plan
- **Port.** = Portfolio
- **Obs.** = Teacher Observation
- **Sk. Check** = Skills Check-off
- **Curriculum Frameworks**
- **JP** = Judged

**Means of Accomplishing Student Learning Outcomes:**

1. Attend and participate in class regularly.
2. Read all assigned material before class.
3. Study in-class notes and on-line (d2l) materials.
4. Complete assigned projects in a timely manner to enable reflections and revisions on the final product.
5. Seek opportunities to practice teaching skills through tutoring and substituting in K-12 schools.
6. Collaborate with peers and other professionals.

**Assignment AND/OR Course Outline**

See your Instructor First Day Handout for individual instructor assignment schedule.