

SEDF 210: Foundations of Education

Foundations of Education is the first professional education course required for students who are enrolled in the Bachelor of Arts in Education program of study for elementary education or early childhood education majors.

SEDF 210 is an introduction to the education profession. It is also an introduction to the USC-Lancaster and USC-Upstate collaborative professional program in education.

USC-Lancaster students taking this course will be concurrently enrolled at both USC Lancaster and USC Upstate. Students enrolled in this course must have *The School of Education Student Handbook*. This handbook may be downloaded from the USC Upstate website at: <http://www.uscupstate.edu/academics/education/default.aspx?id=2489>

The other required text is *Introduction to the Foundations of Education*, 13th ed. by Johnson, Musial, Hall, Gollnick, and Dupuis.

The syllabus devised by Dr. Rebecca Stevens from the USC Upstate School of Education describing the school of education mission and course goals and objectives will be presented in class. Course schedule and academic requirements for SEDF 210 for USC-Lancaster students, devised by Dianne Evans, will also be attached to Dr. Stevens' syllabus.

“Those who aspire to become teachers in our nation’s elementary, middle, and secondary schools need to be grounded in the significant philosophical, historical, sociological, legal, and ethical aspects that have shaped our formal education institutions in theory and practice. They also need instruction and experiences in critical analysis and evaluation of key educational concepts, policies, and practices—i.e. in critical or reflective thinking. This may be called ‘professional’ education, for without it the teacher is a mere ‘classroom instructor’.”

**__Rationale: Dr. Rebecca Stevens
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