EDEC 6533-221: Program Evaluation

Course Description:
This course provides an in-depth exploration of the multiple purposes and types of assessment in early childhood and elementary education including classroom assessment, standardized child/student assessment, program evaluation, and accountability assessment. It also focuses on the various forms of assessment, evaluation of assessment techniques and practices, and examination of current trends and practices. A special focus will be placed on program evaluation and accountability assessments and approaches. Attention will also be devoted to use of data to inform instruction and improve programs.

Class Dates, Location and Hours:
Dates: January 28 – February 2, 2020
Location: Building 2775, Rooms 10 and 11. Kapaun Air Station on Vogelweh Air Base.
Hours: Tuesday - Friday 6:00-9:30 pm; Saturday and Sunday 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
Last day to enroll or drop without penalty: December 30, 2019

Site Director:
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Professor Contact Information:
Course Professor: Diane M. Horman, Ph.D.
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Tulsa, OK 74135
Telephone Number: 918 660-3985
Email Address: dhorman@ou.edu
Professor availability: The professor will be available via email to students before and after the class sessions. On-site office hours are half an hour before and after each class session, by appointment.

Textbook(s) and Instructional Materials:
Student materials are available at the OU Bookstore Website at https://ou.textbookx.com/institutional/index.php. There is no longer a physical bookstore, the store will remain, but textbooks will not be stocked. The website has book selling, renting, buying, returning, and order tracking capabilities. If you need help with an order, or if you have any questions contact the toll-free phone at 1-(855)-790-6637, agents are available from 9a – 5p (EST) Monday – Friday. For more information or questions about textbooks, feel free to contactapsyllabi@ou.edu. Text prices are available online

   http://www.nap.edu/openbook.php?record_id=12446&page=R1

3. Materials posted on the OU Canvas learning management system: Access Canvas at [https://canvas.ou.edu](https://canvas.ou.edu), enter your OU NetID and password, and select course to access material. If you require assistance with Canvas, please click on the Help icon. You can search the Canvas guides, chat with Canvas support, or contact OU IT.

**Strongly Suggested:**


**Course Objectives:**

Through this course students will:

- Explore the multiple purposes and types of assessment in early childhood and elementary education including classroom assessment, standardized child/student assessment, program evaluation, and accountability assessment.
- Develop understanding of how to critically evaluate assessment tools, techniques, and practices.
- Understand current trends and practices in assessment and program evaluation in education.
- Understand and apply the basics of program evaluation.
- Deepen their understanding of use of data to inform instruction and improve programs.

**Assignments, Grading and Due Dates:**

**Prior to In-Person Class Meetings:**

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<td>Monday, Dec. 30, 2019</td>
<td>NA</td>
<td>Pre-course assignments begin today</td>
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<td>Week #1: Dec. 30- Jan. 6</td>
<td>NA</td>
<td>Order/download texts. Submit the “Introduction” essay for the program if you have not done so already and email to <a href="mailto:dhorm@ou.edu">dhorm@ou.edu</a> by Jan. 6.</td>
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<td>Week #2: Jan. 6-13</td>
<td>Start to review and read the texts and other posted materials</td>
<td>Write a 4-5 page paper (double-spaced, 12-point font, 1-inch margins) detailing your “Assessment and Program Evaluation: Perceptions and Experiences” that answers these questions: 1. What do the words “assessment” and “program evaluation” mean to you? What reactions do you have when you hear these words? 2. What is your personal and professional experience with assessment and program evaluation? 3. In the future, what role will you play with assessment and program evaluation? <strong>Due Jan. 13.</strong> Email to <a href="mailto:dhorm@ou.edu">dhorm@ou.edu</a>.</td>
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<td><strong>Week #3: Jan. 13-20</strong></td>
<td>Read and review texts and other posted materials</td>
<td>Locate a position statement or policy articulated by your professional organization about assessment or program evaluation. For example, Division for Early Childhood (2007). <em>Promoting positive outcomes for children with disabilities: Recommendations for curriculum, assessment, and program evaluation.</em> Missoula, MT: Author: <a href="https://www.naeye.org/files/naeyc/file/positions/PrmtgPositiveOutcomes.pdf">https://www.naeye.org/files/naeyc/file/positions/PrmtgPositiveOutcomes.pdf</a> <strong>Bring a hard copy of your professional organization’s statement or policy to class on Jan. 28</strong> and be prepared to present it and discuss with your classmates. Presentation should include PowerPoint slides or similar visuals.</td>
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<td><strong>Week #4: Jan. 20-27</strong></td>
<td>Read and review texts and other posted materials</td>
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**In-Class Sessions – Week #5**

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<td><strong>Tuesday, Jan. 28, 2020</strong>&lt;br&gt;Class meets 6:00 to 9:30</td>
<td>• Welcome and Introductions; • Discussion of assignments and topics; • APA Style; • Purposes and Functions of Assessment</td>
<td>Review APA Manual Chapters 1 &amp; 2 of Snow Text</td>
<td>Deliver a brief presentation (10 minutes) about the policy or position statement you located from your professional organization on assessment and/or program evaluation.</td>
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<td><strong>Wed., Jan. 29, 2020</strong>&lt;br&gt;Class meets 6:00 to 9:30</td>
<td>• Types of Assessment; • How to Evaluate Assessments; • Ethics and Professional Standards</td>
<td>Chapter 7 of Snow Text</td>
<td>Write a paragraph about a topic related to assessment or program evaluation that you plan to develop a 30-minute presentation on to be delivered on Feb. 2.</td>
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<td><strong>Thursday, Jan. 30, 2020</strong>&lt;br&gt;Class meets 6:00 to 9:30</td>
<td>Standardized and Non-standardized Assessments</td>
<td>Chapters 4, 5, 8, &amp; 9 of Snow Text</td>
<td>Review a standardized assessment following template available on Canvas; be sure to include technical information obtained from Buros’ Mental Measurements Yearbook or similar resource. Be prepared to turn-in written review and present review to classroom peers (15-minute presentation including Powerpoint or similar presentation tools).</td>
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<td><strong>Friday, Jan. 31, 2020</strong>&lt;br&gt;Class meets 6:00 to 9:30</td>
<td>Classroom and Observational Assessments</td>
<td>Chapter 6 of Snow Text; Readings TBA</td>
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<td>Saturday, Feb. 1</td>
<td>Program Evaluation and Accountability Assessments</td>
<td>Chapters 3, 10, &amp; 11 of Snow Text; Introduction and Steps 1-17, and Summary/Conclusions of Patton Text</td>
<td>Brief paper (5 pages; double-spaced, 12-point font, 1-inch margins) on issues, strengths, and limitations of accountability assessments</td>
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<td>Sunday, Feb. 2</td>
<td>Program evaluation as a process</td>
<td>All Chapters of Snow and Steps of Patton Text</td>
<td>Student Presentations / each student will deliver a 30-minute presentation on a topic of their choice related to assessment and/or program evaluation that they have negotiated with the instructor.</td>
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**Post In-Person Class Meetings**

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<td>Week #6: Feb. 3-10</td>
<td>Work on take-home, open-book final exam</td>
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<td>Week #7: Feb. 10-17</td>
<td>Work on take-home, open-book final exam</td>
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<td>Week #8: Feb. 17-22</td>
<td>Typed final exam due on Feb. 22, 2020; email to <a href="mailto:dhorm@ou.edu">dhorm@ou.edu</a></td>
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**Grading:**

This is a letter-graded course: A, B, C, D, or F. The following percentage grading scale will be used:
A=90-100%; B=80-89%; C=70-79%; D =60-69%; F=59% or less.

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<td>Introduction Essay</td>
<td>3 points</td>
<td>Jan. 6</td>
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<td>4-5 page “Assessment and Program Evaluation: Perceptions and Experiences” paper</td>
<td>5 points</td>
<td>Jan. 13</td>
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<td>Verbal presentation (with Powerpoint or similar format) of professional association’s position statement or policy on assessment and/or program evaluation</td>
<td>5 points</td>
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<td>Written paragraph on topic planned for 30-minute presentation on Feb. 2</td>
<td>2 points</td>
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<td>Review of standardized assessment with critical technical review (following template)</td>
<td>10 points</td>
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<td>Accountability paper</td>
<td>10 points</td>
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<td>Student presentations Must be at least 30-minutes in length and be accompanied by a written outline that is distributed to instructor and classmates.</td>
<td>25 points</td>
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<td>Final Comprehensive Exam This will be a take-home, open-book written exam</td>
<td>40 points</td>
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**Notice:** Failure to meet assignment due dates could result in a grade of I (Incomplete) and may adversely impact Tuition Assistance and/or Financial Aid.
POLICIES AND NOTICES

Attendance/Grade Policy

Attendance and participation in interaction, individual assignments, group exercises, simulations, role playing, etc. are valuable aspects of any course because much of the learning comes from discussions in class with other students. It is expected that you attend all classes and be on time except for excused emergencies.

Excused absences are given for professor mandated activities or legally required activities such as emergencies or military assignments. It is the policy of the University to excuse absences of students that result from religious observances and to provide without penalty for the rescheduling of examinations and additional required class work that may fall on religious holidays. Unavoidable personal emergencies, including (but not limited to) serious illness; delays in getting to class because of accidents, etc.; deaths and funerals, and hazardous road conditions will be excused.

If you are obtaining financial assistance (TA, STAP, FA, VA, Scholarship, etc.) to pay all or part of your tuition cost, you must follow your funding agency/institution’s policy regarding “I” (Incomplete) grades unless the timeline is longer than what the University policy allows then you must adhere to the University policy. Students who receive Financial Aid must resolve/complete any “I” (Incomplete) grades by the end of the term or he/she may be placed on “financial aid probation.” If the “I” grade is not resolved/completed by the end of the following term, the student’s Financial Aid may be suspended make the student ineligible for further Financial Aid.

Students are responsible for meeting the guidelines of Tuition Assistance and Veterans Assistance. See the education counselor at your local education center for a complete description of your TA or VA requirements.

Academic Integrity and Student Conduct

Academic integrity means honesty and responsibility in scholarship. Academic assignments exist to help students learn; grades exist to show how fully this goal is attained. Therefore all work and all grades should result from the student's own understanding and effort.

Academic misconduct is any act which improperly affects the evaluation of a student’s academic performance or achievement. Misconduct occurs when the student either knows or reasonably should know that the act constitutes misconduct. Academic misconduct includes: cheating and using unauthorized materials on examinations and other assignments; improper collaboration, submitting the same assignment for different classes (self-plagiarism); fabrication, forgery, alteration of documents, lying, etc…in order to obtain an academic advantage; assisting others in academic misconduct; attempting to commit academic misconduct; destruction of property, hacking, etc…; intimidation and interference with integrity process; and plagiarism. All students should review the Student’s Guide to Academic Integrity at [http://integrity.ou.edu/students_guide.html](http://integrity.ou.edu/students_guide.html)

Students and faculty each have responsibility for maintaining an appropriate learning environment. All students should review policies regarding student conduct at [http://studentconduct.ou.edu/](http://studentconduct.ou.edu/)

Accommodation Statement

The University of Oklahoma is committed to making its activities as accessible as possible. For accommodations on the basis of disability, please contact your local OU Site Director.

Adjustment for Pregnancy/Childbirth-Related Issues

Should you need modifications or adjustments to your course requirements because of documented pregnancy-related or childbirth-related issues, please contact me as soon as possible to discuss. Generally, modifications will be made where medically necessary and similar in scope to accommodations based on temporary disability. Please see [http://www.ou.edu/content/eoo/faqs/pregnancy-faqs.html](http://www.ou.edu/content/eoo/faqs/pregnancy-faqs.html).
Title IX Resources
For any concerns regarding gender-based discrimination, sexual harassment, sexual misconduct, stalking, or intimate partner violence, the University offers a variety of resources, including advocates on-call 24/7, counseling services, mutual no-contact orders, scheduling adjustments, and disciplinary sanctions against the perpetrator. Please contact the Sexual Misconduct Office at smo@ou.edu or (405) 325-2215 (8-5), or the Sexual Assault Response Team at (405) 615 -0013 (24/7) to report an incident. To learn more about Title IX, please visit the Institutional Equity Office’s website at http://www.ou.edu/content/eoo.html

Course Policies
Advanced Programs policy is to order books in paperback if available. Courses, dates, and professors are subject to change. Please check with your OU Site Director. Students should retain a copy of any assignments that are mailed to the professor for the course. Advanced Programs does not provide duplicating services or office supplies.

Any and all course materials, syllabus, lessons, lectures, etc. are the property of professor teaching the course and the Board of Regents of the University of Oklahoma and are protected under applicable copyright.

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INSTRUCTOR VITA

Diane M. Horm, Ph.D.

Education:
- Ph.D., Virginia Tech, 1985, Child Development / Early Childhood Ed.
- Ed.S., Radford University, 1983, School Psychology
- M.S., Virginia Tech, 1981, Psychology (Experimental/Developmental)
- B.S., Slippery Rock State, 1978, Psychology

Academic and Professional Employment History:
- Jan. 2010 - present Endowed Chair and Director of the Early Childhood Education Institute (ECEI), University of Oklahoma - Tulsa
- Aug. 2006 – Dec. 2009 Endowed Professor and Founding Director of the ECEI, University of Oklahoma - Tulsa
- Aug. 2002 – June 2006 Associate Dean, University of Rhode Island (URI), College of Human Science & Services
- July 1987 – June 2006 Professor (1998-2006); Associate Prof (1993-98); Assistant Prof (1987-93), URI Dept. of Human Dev. & Family Studies Early Childhood Education Program Leader
- Sept. 1992 – June 2006 Director, URI Child, Development Centers, URI Dept. of Human Dev. & Family Studies

Frequently Taught Advanced Programs Courses:
- EDEC 6533 Program Evaluation and Assessment

Major Areas of Teaching and Research Interest:
Through the ECEI, Horm is currently leading several applied research initiatives in early childhood education including program evaluation research in collaboration with Tulsa’s Educare programs and a large, multi-year study will colleagues from Georgetown and McGill Universities to investigate children’s development from Pre-K through Grade 4.

Representative Publications (Since 2010):


Representative Honors and Awards Received

• Awarded a *David L. Boren Professorship* at the annual “A Tribute to Faculty” on April 10, 2018. This university-wide award is “one of the University’s highest honors, recognizing faculty who have made truly exceptional contributions to the mission of a public research university.”
• Selected as *Visiting Scholar*, Macquarie University, Australia, Sept. 26-Oct. 6, 2017
• Awarded the *Board of Regents’ Award for Superior Research and Creative Activity*, OU, April 2015; one of two Regents’ Awards for Research given at OU in 2015
• Appointed *Visiting Professorial Fellow*, University of Wollongong, Australia, 2014-2017
• Awarded the JR College of Education’s *Research Award*, OU, April 2013
• Awarded the JR College of Education’s *Leadership/Citizenship Award*, OU, April 2011
• Awarded the *President’s Leadership Award for Distinguished Service*, OU-Tulsa, 2010
• Awarded a *Zero-to-Three Harris Mid-Career Fellowship*, 2007-2009; nationally competitive selection of experienced professionals to support work related to infants/toddlers and families
• Sponsored to participate in the 2004 *Summer Institute for Women in Higher Education Administration*; sponsored by Higher Education Resources Services and Bryn Mawr College, offers women administrators and faculty intensive training in education administration.
• Received an *Outstanding Outreach Award*, University of Rhode Island, May 2002
• Selected to receive and accepted an Office of Educational Research and Improvement (OERI) *Visiting Scholar Fellowship* sponsored by the U.S. Department of Education and administered by the National Research Council; completed an 11 month fellowship at the National Institute on Early Childhood Development and Education, 1998-99

Major Professional Affiliations

• American Educational Research Association
• National Association of Early Childhood Teacher Educators
• National Association for the Education of Young Children
• Network of Infants & Toddler Researchers
• Society for Research in Child Development
• Society for Research on Educational Effectiveness