Special Education: Collaboration

COMPONENT #: 8-104-001  POINTS TO BE EARNED: 120 MPP

PART I – PLANNING

DESCRIPTION: Write a brief description of content and intent of component.

This component is designed to enable the participant to identify, research, and implement research-based and current practices and/or new instructional materials that can be used to improve the instructional process and/or the participant’s professional development as it relates to collaboration.

STANDARDS/FOCUS AREAS ADDRESSED BY COMPONENT: Identify the standards, national/state/district imperatives, initiatives or key focus areas this component supports.

Standards for Professional Learning (choose one)

☐ Learning Communities  ☐ Learning Designs
☐ Leadership  X Implementation
☐ Resources  ☐ Outcomes
☐ Data

Florida Educator Accomplished Practices (check all that apply)

X Instructional Design and Lesson Planning  X Assessment
X The Learning Environment  ☐ Continuous Professional Improvement
☐ Instructional Delivery and Facilitation  ☐ Professional Responsibility and Ethical Conduct

Florida Leadership Standards (check all that apply)

X Student Learning Results  ☐ Decision Making
X Student Learning as a Priority  ☐ Leadership Development
X Instructional Plan Implementation  ☐ School Management
☐ Faculty Development  ☐ Communication
X Learning Environment  ☐ Professional and Ethical Behaviors

IPEGS Standards (check all that apply)

X PS 2 – Knowledge of Learners  X PS 6 – Communication
X PS 3 – Instructional Planning  ☐ PS 7 – Professionalism
X PS 4 – Instructional Delivery and Engagement  X PS 8 – Learning Environment
X PS 5 – Assessment

IMPACT FOCUS AREA(S): Select the intended impact focus area(s) from the choices below. Note that Impact Evaluation procedures should reflect this level of impact.

X Educator knowledge/skill (content)
X Educator (professional growth)
☐ Student learning
☐ Organizational support and change
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SPECIFIC LEARNER OUTCOMES: Identify the intended learner outcomes (number and content of learner outcomes should be reflective of the total points participants will earn as a result of completing this learning).

1. Identify and describe innovative strategies, techniques, and/or materials appropriate for collaboration with families, teachers and other school personnel.
2. Identify innovative techniques, strategies, and/or materials, and describe in writing how each can be adapted to support specific objectives.
3. Identify current research issues and developments as it relates to collaboration.
4. List practical applications of the research in the classroom and field of Special Education (SPED).
5. Develop skills in analyzing, assessing, and developing collaborative efforts among stakeholders.
6. Examine the importance of collaboration in SPED.
7. Develop collaborative activities that address issues surrounding the diverse needs of learners and stakeholders.
8. Construct a list of resources for collaboration.
9. Examine equitable methods, techniques, and practices addressing the needs of all students.
10. Research, analyze, and implement the principles of collaborative learning and professional growth.

PART II – LEARNING

LEARNING PROCEDURES: Describe the experiences (the “what”) and formats/methods (the “how”) that will be used to provide participants with the knowledge and skills sufficient to master the intended learner outcome of this component.

1. Attend lectures and presentations related to SPED (SLO 1-10).
2. Participate in discussions on innovative techniques, strategies, and/or materials and current research related to SPED (SLO 1-10).
3. Develop an on-going reference of resources, including Web-Based that address the needs of all learners and stakeholders (SLO 1-10).
4. Examine and discuss case studies to develop understandings about SPED current developments of the subject matter (SLO 1-10).
5. Review and evaluate current research to improve instruction and student achievement.
6. Engage in collaborative activities to evaluate learning outcomes, adjust planning, and improve effectiveness of lessons (SLO 1-10).

PART III – IMPLEMENTATION

IMPLEMENTATION PROCEDURES: Method(s) and resource(s) that will be provided to support implementation of new learning for participants (check all that apply).

X Apply newly acquired professional knowledge, skills, dispositions, and behaviors to improve practice.

☐ Provide sufficient classroom- and school-focused support and assistance by skillful coaches, mentors, or others to the educator to ensure high-fidelity implementation of professional learning.
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X Provide educators with web-based resources and assistance to support implementation of professional learning.

PART IV – EVALUATION

IMPACT EVALUATION PROCEDURES: Describe the processes that will be used to determine the impact (as identified in previous section titled “Impact Focus Areas”). Description should reflect methods for determining at least ONE of those areas, and will include a specific section for each impact focus area identified for this component.

1. Educator Knowledge/Skill – Evidence will consist of creation of collaborative/consultation documents (e.g., logs) associated with their collaborative practices with school personnel, parents, and agencies related to their students.
2. Educator: Evidence will consist of a review of evidence provided by participants regarding the application of the knowledge learned into identification of learner needs, instructional planning, and monitoring of learner progress.

COMPONENT EVALUATION PROCEDURES: Describe the process(es) that will be used to determine the effectiveness of this component to include design, implementation and impact (check all that apply).

X Evaluate the impact of all professional learning on educator’s practice through reflection, assessment, collaborative protocols for examining educator practice and work samples, peer visits, and/or professional portfolios.

☐ Determine the degree to which educator’s professional learning contributed to student performance gains as measured by classroom assessment data.

X Use summative and formative data from state or national standardized student achievement measures, when available, or other measures of student learning and behavior such as district achievement tests, progress monitoring, educator-constructed tests, action research results, discipline referrals, and/or portfolios of student work to assess the impact of professional learning.

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