

**COURSE TITLE: ORGANIZATIONAL TEACHING SKILLS**

**WA CLOCK HRS: 50**  
**OREGON PDUs: 50**  
**PENNSYLVANIA ACT 48: 50**

**NO. OF CREDITS: 5 QUARTER CREDITS**  
**[semester equivalent = 3.33 credits]**

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**COURSE DESCRIPTION:**

Throughout each day, educators are expected to balance academic demands with the personal aspects of each child. Mixed in with these needs are the core curriculum requirements plus additional areas of education such as personal safety, drug/alcohol, Aids training, social skills training, etc. These demands can become overwhelming to both teacher and student. The purpose of this course is to help educators to become more organized in their preparation time and their teaching style. In addition, each person will understand how to encourage and teach a disorganized student as well as facilitate his/her organizational skills. Specifically, the classroom will become more organized, papers will be graded in a more timely fashion, students will be more prepared for class, and an increase in educational performance will follow. This "clutter free concept" is applicable to our professional and personal lives. It is geared to a broad audience, encompassing K-12 students.

**LEARNING OUTCOMES:** Upon completion of this course, participants will have:

1. Identified specific organizational theory concepts.
2. Gained an understanding of the relationship between achievement and organization as it relates to the educational process.
3. Implemented principles of time management as it impacts personal and professional lives..
4. Taught organizational strategies to both adults and children.
5. Examined and evaluated various organizational trends as they relate to education.
6. Applied new strategies for planning and ordering activities both in and out of the classroom.
7. Effectively transfer programs and interventions across domains (school, home, community).

**COURSE REQUIREMENTS:**

Completion of all specified assignments is required for issuance of hours or credit. The Heritage Institute does not award partial credit.

**HOURS EARNED:**

Completing the basic assignments (Section A. Information Acquisition) for this course automatically earns participants their choice of CEUs (Continuing Education Units), Washington State Clock Hours, Oregon PDUs, or Pennsylvania ACT 48 Hours. The Heritage Institute offers CEUs and is an approved provider of Washington State Clock Hours, Oregon PDUs, and Pennsylvania ACT 48 Hours.

**UNIVERSITY QUARTER CREDIT INFORMATION**

**REQUIREMENTS FOR UNIVERSITY QUARTER CREDIT**

Continuing Education Quarter credits are awarded by Antioch University Seattle (AUS). AUS requires 75% or better for credit at the 400 level and 85% or better to issue credit at the 500 level. These criteria refer both to the amount and quality of work submitted.

1. Completion of Information Acquisition assignments 30%
2. Completion of Learning Application assignments 40%
3. Completion of Integration Paper assignment 30%

**CREDIT/NO CREDIT (No Letter Grades or Numeric Equivalents on Transcripts)**

Antioch University Seattle (AUS) Continuing Education Quarter credit is offered on a Credit/No Credit basis; neither letter grades nor numeric equivalents are on a transcript. 400 level credit is equal to a "C" or better, 500 level credit is equal to a "B" or better. This

information is on the back of the transcript.

AUS Continuing Education quarter credits may or may not be accepted into degree programs. Prior to registering, determine with your district personnel, department head, or state education office the acceptability of these credits for your purpose.

## **ADDITIONAL COURSE INFORMATION**

### **REQUIRED TEXT**

Each student will choose their own textbook for this course which allows for personal areas of focus within the course information. At the end of the course manual is a bibliography of potential books. However, feel free to pick one not on the the list that is compatible with this course.

None. All reading is online.

### **MATERIALS FEE**

A course manual may be downloaded, from the instructor's website at <http://www.michaelsedler.com/> without charge, once you have registered for this course. Click on classes, from there scroll down the page and click on the orange lettering 'Manual' next to the class "Organizational". It will download as a PDF. While there is no fee for the manual, you may have to pay in order to order a book from the bibliography. Or, you may borrow one from a friend or check one out at the public library for free.

## **ASSIGNMENTS REQUIRED FOR HOURS OR UNIVERSITY QUARTER CREDIT**

### **A. INFORMATION ACQUISITION**

Assignments done in a course forum will show responses from all educators who have or are taking the course independently. Feel free to read and respond to others' comments.

Group participants can only view and respond to their group members in the Forum.

#### **Assignment #1: Read the Manual.**

Read the entire manual and send a one page summary of what you hope to learn in this class. Everyone taking the class, including in groups, must complete this assignment. Download the current manual from my website.

#### **Assignment #2: Read Your Chosen Book.**

Read a book from the bibliography or one of student's choice. If taking this course in a group, each person should read a book. Only one person needs to write a summary.

Critique the book based on personal experiences and insights. **Write a 2-3 page paper.**

#### **Assignment #3: Complete Designated Worksheets in the Manual.**

Complete assignments for:

First Impressions (p. 16)

Planning Ahead (p. 23)

Case Study (p. 52)

(Choose one of these pages and **write a 1-2 page summary** of your answers)

#### **Assignment #4: Two Week Journal.**

Keep a written journal for 2 weeks. (minimum of 3 entries per week, 3-4 sentences per entry). During this time, keep track of your own personal organizational areas. Utilizing information on the worksheets within the manual, share strategies that were employed to increase your personal or professional organization. Send a 1-2 page summary of your reflections and learning.

#### **Assignment #5: Behavior Modification.**

Select one specific area of your personal or professional life that interferes with your organizational abilities. Using the "Behavior Change Sheet" (p 50) found in the manual, make a plan to change this behavior. **2-page paper.**

**Assignment #6: Discussion.**

Talk to a non-educator and an educator about this course. Ask them about concerns they have for organizational skills in their own settings. Compare and contrast the non-educator with the educator answers. **Write a 1-2 page report.**

**Assignment #7: Classroom Observation.**

Observe another classroom (or outside setting) and observe additional organization ideas. Use the "Organizational Planning Sheet" (p. 51) found in the manual as a guideline for personal evaluation. Choose a different area than used for assignment # 5. 2 page paper.

**Assignment #8: Sharing.**

Share with another teacher (or non-educator) regarding the methods and information from this class. **Write a one page summary** of your meeting.

**ADDITIONAL ASSIGNMENTS REQUIRED FOR UNIVERSITY QUARTER CREDIT**

**B. LEARNING APPLICATION**

In this section, you will apply your learning to your professional situation. This course assumes that most participants are classroom teachers who have access to students. If you do not have a classroom available to you, please contact the instructor for course modifications. Assignments done in a course forum will show responses from all educators who have or are taking the course independently. ?Feel free to read and respond to others' comments. Group participants can only view and respond to their group members in the Forum.

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**Assignment #9: Intervention Plan.**

Choose one child and develop an intervention plan for his/her organizational skills. Focus on one skill, teaching strategies, implementation aspect, and evaluation component. **Write a one (1) page summary**

**Assignment #10: Lesson Development.**

**Assignment #10: You must choose either "A" or "B" (Required for 400 and 500 Level)**

Assignment #A:

Develop a lesson to reflect what you've learned in this course.  
Implement your lesson with students in your classroom.

**Write a 2 page commentary** on what worked well and what could be improved.  
Include any student feedback on your lesson.

OR

Assignment #B:

Use this option if you do not have a classroom available.

Develop a lesson to reflect what you've learned in this course. (Do not implement it.)

**Write a 2 page summary** concerning any noteworthy success you've had as a teacher with one or more students.

### **Assignment #11: (500 Level ONLY)**

In addition to the 400 level assignments complete one (1) of the following options:

Option A) Mentor another individual in the concepts of this class. Have them share two or three key concepts that they would like to implement within their work or social setting. Develop a plan for the implementation of these ideas. **(1-2 pages)**.

OR

Option B) Create a PowerPoint presentation for your staff based on this course and focused on perspectives or strategies you feel would be beneficial for your school. **Minimum of 15 slides**. Save this as a pdf.

OR

Option C) Another assignment of your own design, with instructor prior approval.

### **C. INTEGRATION PAPER**

Assignment #12: (Required for 400 and 500 Level)

#### **SELF REFLECTION & INTEGRATION PAPER**

**(Please do not write this paper until you've completed all of your other assignments)**

Write a 400-500 word Integration Paper answering these 5 questions:

1. What did you learn vs. what you expected to learn from this course?
2. What aspects of the course were most helpful and why?
3. What further knowledge and skills in this general area do you feel you need?
4. How, when and where will you use what you have learned?
5. How and with what other school or community members might you share what you learned?

#### **INSTRUCTOR COMMENTS ON YOUR WORK:**

Instructors will comment on each assignment. If you do not hear from the instructor within a few days of posting your assignment, please get in touch with them immediately.

#### **QUALIFICATIONS FOR TEACHING THIS COURSE:**

**Mike Sedler, M.S.W., D. Min.**, brings over 40 year of educational experience as a special education director, social worker, behavior specialist and teacher to each of his classes. He provides consultation and seminars throughout the United States and Canada for schools, agencies and businesses. He has a graduate degree in Social Work, a Doctoral degree in Ministry, a Counseling license, as well as his teaching certification. Mike has worked with children of all ages, specifically with children exhibiting behavioral challenges, mental health concerns, and characteristics of Autism Spectrum Disorder. In addition, he taught general education classes in the elementary school and middle school arenas. All of Mike's classes are practical and "field tested" in schools and classrooms. Educators have found success in implementing Mike's clear and concise approaches. All of his course material may be immediately implemented into a school or a home.

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