**Immersive Experience in Muncie Community Schools**

**Developing Children’s Mathematical Proficiency in Cultural Contexts (MCC) Spring, 2016**

The combination of the three courses, *EDEL 350, MATH 391 and EDFON 420* into an immersive experience provides multiple opportunities for BSU teacher candidates to engage in lesson planning and implementation as they apply theory into practice. Partnering with North View and Mitchell Elementary faculty allows future elementary educators to practice professional skills and behaviors within a school setting. Throughout the semester the BSU teacher candidates observe classroom management and teaching techniques. While the emphasis is on teaching mathematics in context, the BSU students have a variety of opportunities to interact with teachers, students and families. Teacher candidates teach whole group lessons and small group lessons based on local, state, and national standards.

**Schedule:**

Students earn 9 credit hours in the blocked classes that meet from 8:00 am to 3:00 pm on campus for the first 2-3 weeks of the semester. During this time students attend class to prepare for the immersive experience. While at the school, they are in class from 8:00 am to 2:30 pm and attend seminar from 2:30 pm to 4:00 pm on Tuesdays and Thursdays and 8:00 am to 9:15 am on Thursdays. This schedule allows them to participate in night classes any day of the week, as well as MWF classes.

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**EDEL 350 and ENG 457 at Mitchell and North View Elementary, Spring 2016**

In the Spring 2016 Semester, section 4 of EDEL 350 is forming a partnership with the ENG 457-TESOL Practicum students taught by Lynne Stallings. ENG 457 is “a class where students apply evidence-based teaching strategies to plan and implement instruction for linguistically and culturally diverse students. In addition, students are expected to find ways to offer professional development for peers while also advocating for ELs and their families.” The EDEL 350 students will be collaborating with the ENG 457 students to learn how to modify their classroom lessons to accommodate the ELL students at Mitchell and North View. Additionally, the combined BSU student group will be hosting a family event at each school. The EDEL 350 and ENG 457 students and faculty will be working together with parents and teachers from each school community to plan the events. We are looking forward to this new partnership as we strive to provide the best practicum experiences for our teacher candidates!

**Schedule:**

Students earn 6 credit hours in the blocked classes that will begin at 8:00 am. We will meet on campus for the first 2-3 weeks of the semester and then spend most of the semester at our school sites.

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