

Participation and Professionalism

As future teachers, you are expected to be prepared and willing to participate actively in class and to act professionally and respectfully towards your peers and your instructor. In the event of extenuating circumstances that will prevent you from attending class, please contact me by email before class. As a sign of respect to everyone in class, please turn off all mobile phones before entering class unless there are extenuating reasons not to do so and you have discussed those reasons with me. Our time together will be a collaborative sharing of ideas and experiences related to the topics of this course, and so your participation in our class activities and discussions is important not only for your own learning but also for the learning of others. Please attend every class, arrive early for a prompt start, and participate in and contribute to class discussions. You are encouraged to share your valuable thoughts and experiences with your classmates. Encourage your peers by giving each other “think” time and other strategies to ensure everyone has the opportunity to contribute. Please see the corresponding rubric on the course website for more details concerning the assessment of your participation.