

**J. Sargeant Reynolds Community College  
Course Content Summary**

**Course Prefix and Number:** SDV 101      **Credits:** 1

**Course Title:** Orientation to Teacher Preparation

**Course Description:**

Introduces students to the skills which are necessary to achieve their academic goals, to services offered at the college, and to teacher preparation. Covers topics such as the following: services and resources at the college; the library; counseling and advising; listening, test taking, and study skills; learning styles; career and personal development; and topical areas which are applicable to teacher preparation. Lecture 1 hour per week.

**General Course Purpose:**

SDV 101 - Orientation to Teacher Preparation is a requirement in the General Studies Specialization in Elementary Education, Liberal Arts AA - Teacher Preparation Specialization and the Social Science AS - Teacher Preparation Specialization. While not required for the Science AS - Teacher Preparation Specialization, it is recommended. The course serves two main purposes: (1) it prepares students to successfully transition to college, and (2) introduces them to the career of teaching.

**Course Prerequisites and Co-requisites:**

None

**Student Learning Outcomes:**

Upon completing the course, the student will be able to

- Identify and successfully apply at least two techniques related to each of following transition areas: note taking, reading comprehension, test taking and time management.
- Identify at least five resources available to Reynolds student and how to access those resources.
- Identify specific educational and professional requirements associated with transfer into a four-year college or university in a teaching field as well as licensure regulations (including Praxis and VCLA).
- Reflect upon their personal motivation for teaching and the responsibilities of being a teacher.
- Identify the “next steps” in their college and career paths and course options for subsequent semesters.
- Research and compare potential employers, including urban, rural and suburban options to identify the benefits of each.

**Major Topics to Be Included:**

- Career development
- Study skills and styles
- Policies and procedure of the institution
- Academic advising

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