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Measure Type:
Learning Outcome: Development and Characteristics of Learners

Council for Exceptional Children (CEC) Program Standards:
Standard 2: Development and Characteristics of Learners

Outcome Year: 2008-2009
2009-2010
2010-2011

Start Date: 05/13/2009

Outcome Status: Active Learning Outcome

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Measure Type:
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### Related Courses
- EDU-607 - Research Seminar in Special Education
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Measure Type:
Final Paper/ Final Project

Related Courses

- EDU-607 - Research Seminar in Special Education

Learning Outcome: Instructional Strategies

Council for Exceptional Children (CEC) Program Standards:
Standard 4: Instructional Strategies

Outcome Year: 2008-2009
2009-2010
2010-2011

Start Date: 05/13/2009
Outcome Status: Active Learning Outcome

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### Learning Outcome: Learning Environments and Social Interactions

Council for Exceptional Children (CEC) Program Standards:

**Standard 5: Learning Environment and Social Interactions**

**Outcome Year:** 2008-2009  
2009-2010  
2010-2011

**Start Date:** 05/13/2009

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**Learning Outcome: Language**

Council for Exceptional Children (CEC) Program Standards:
Standard 6: Language

**Outcome Year:**
- 2008-2009
- 2009-2010
- 2010-2011

**Start Date:** 05/13/2009

**Outcome Status:** Active Learning Outcome

**Learning Outcome: Instructional Planning**

Council for Exceptional Children (CEC) Program Standards:
Standard 7: Instructional Planning

**Outcome Year:**
- 2008-2009
- 2009-2010
- 2010-2011

**Start Date:** 05/13/2009

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**Related Courses**
- EDU-607 - Research Seminar in Special Education

**Learning Outcome: Assessment**
Council for Exceptional Children (CEC) Program Standards:
Standard 8: Assessment

**Outcome Year:** 2008-2009
2009-2010
2010-2011

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Final Paper/Final Project

**Related Courses**
- EDU-607 - Research Seminar in Special Education

**Learning Outcome: Professional and Ethical Practice**

Council for Exceptional Children (CEC) Program Standards:
Standard 9: Professional and Ethical Practice

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**Learning Outcome: Collaboration**

Council for Exceptional Children (CEC) Program Standards:
Standard 10: Collaboration

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