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Graduate Education Program
Offers 4 Courses for Educators
BAKERSFIELD – SPRING 2026

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| 1. "GO FOR THE GOLD: IMPROVE PUPIL PERFORMANCE" | STARTS THURS., FEB. 5 |
| 2. "WORKING WITH CHALLENGING STUDENTS: BULLIES & VICTIMS" | STARTS THURS., MAR. 5 |
| 3. "UNLOCK THE TREASURE CHEST OF LEARNING" | STARTS THURS., APR. 9 |
| 4. "REACHING OUT: TEACHER/STUDENT INTERACTIONS" | STARTS THURS., MAY 7 |

WHERE: DISTANCE LEARNING*

CREDIT: These courses are being offered by the Graduate Education Department of Vanguard University, Costa Mesa, CA. Vanguard University is accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges.

WHO: These courses are designed for educators. With district approval, course credit may be used for pay increase and professional growth

TUITION: \$348 for 3 semester units of graduate extension credit. Manual enrollment fees may apply.

COURSE COORDINATOR: JEAN SIMPSON, former Professor of Art Education, CSUN, former classroom teacher and master teacher, LAUSD. Jean has authored seven books, was a television arts and crafts teacher and was selected as "One of the Four Most Creative Women in America" by the Ladies' Home Journal magazine. Don't miss this dynamic instructor!

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| 1. "GO FOR THE GOLD: IMPROVE PUPIL PERFORMANCE" | STARTS THURS., FEB. 5 |
| WHEN: FEBRUARY 5 TO MARCH 5 | WHAT: EDUX 5260 A, B, C, OR D |
| ZOOM Meeting: THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 5 - 5:00 PM | Flexible Scheduling |

COURSE DESCRIPTION: Quality instructional materials are an important component for creating a winning formula for student success. Course participants will plan, research, develop, construct and share new and exciting materials. Focusing on differentiated learning, Common Core State Standards, materials can be adapted to meet the educational needs of students at all grade levels and subject areas. These practical and time-tested projects will surely help students bring home the gold!

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| 2. "WORKING WITH CHALLENGING STUDENTS: BULLIES & VICTIMS" | STARTS THURS., MAR. 5 |
| WHEN: MARCH 5 TO APRIL 9 | WHAT: EDUX 5450 A, B, C, OR D |
| ZOOM Meeting: THURSDAY, MARCH 5 - 5:00 PM | Flexible Scheduling |

COURSE DESCRIPTION: Bullying is a serious problem in today's schools and can seriously obstruct the ability of students to progress both academically and socially. This course will offer participants the opportunity to collaborate with fellow teachers and administrators in order to better understand the negative impact of bullying behavior, develop ways to work with bullies and victims, improve the self-image of victims and bullies and create ways to ensure that all students can learn in a safe and fear-free environment.

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FOR COURSES IN BAKERSFIELD, SANTA CLARITA, LANCASTER, GLENDALE/LA CRESCENTA, VENTURA, SIMI VALLEY, ORANGE COUNTY & DOWNEY/LONG BEACH

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| 3. "UNLOCK THE TREASURE CHEST OF LEARNING" | STARTS THURS., NOV. 6 |
| WHEN: APRIL 9 TO MAY 7 | WHAT: EDUX 5590 A, B, C, OR D |
| ZOOM Meeting: THURSDAY, APRIL 9 - 5:00 PM | Flexible Scheduling |

COURSE DESCRIPTION: From across society and every corner of the internet, come plans for better educational programs, but where better to find the riches of successful programs than in the proven individual classrooms around us. This course will offer a treasure chest of outstanding contemporary and traditional teaching Common Core State Standards strategies that achieve student success across the curriculum. Programs that have application to every learning level and student background will be explored. The best tools of the trade will be shared from fellow educators.

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| 4. "REACHING OUT: TEACHER/STUDENT INTERACTIONS" | STARTS THURS., DEC. 4 |
| WHEN: MAY 7 TO MAY 28 | WHAT: EDUX 5700 A, B, C, OR D |
| ZOOM Meeting: THURSDAY, MAY 7 - 5:00 PM | Flexible Scheduling |

COURSE DESCRIPTION: This course is designed to add successful models for student/teacher interaction to the teaching repertoire of working educators. The teaching and learning processes will be carefully examined as well as all aspects of the classroom climate as it relates to the rules of conduct and social interaction of students and teachers. Course participants will explore ways to reach out to students and bring them fully into the learning process. This course is a must for educators who wish to improve the stress levels and atmosphere of their classroom, resulting in greater enjoyment of the teaching and learning processes.

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