



# VANGUARD UNIVERSITY

## Graduate Education Program Offers 6 Courses for Educators BAKERSFIELD – SUMMER 2026

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| 1. "REACHING OUT: TEACHER/STUDENT INTERACTIONS"            | STARTS THURS., MAY 7   |
| 2. "ENERGIZE YOUR CLASSROOM WITH MOTIVATING MATERIALS"     | STARTS THURS., JUNE 4  |
| 3. "THE CREATIVE CLASSROOM: ENRICHING THE CURRICULUM"      | STARTS THURS., JUNE 18 |
| 4. "RELIEVING STRESS IN THE CLASSROOM"                     | STARTS THURS., JULY 2  |
| 5. "TEACHING IN THE MULTICULTURAL CLASSROOM"               | STARTS THURS., JULY 16 |
| 6. "BEAT THE CLOCK: MAKING THE MOST OF INSTRUCTIONAL TIME" | STARTS THURS., AUG. 6  |

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. "REACHING OUT: TEACHER/STUDENT INTERACTIONS" | STARTS THURS., MAY 7          |
| 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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| 2. "ENERGIZE YOUR CLASSROOM WITH MOTIVATING MATERIALS" | STARTS THURS., JUNE 4         |
| WHEN: JUNE 4 TO JUNE 18                                | WHAT: EDUX 5650 A, B, C, OR D |
| ZOOM Meeting: THURSDAY, JUNE 4 - 5:00 PM               | Flexible Scheduling           |

COURSE DESCRIPTION: Bring out the best in your students and energize your classroom with materials that brighten, inspire and motivate. This course will provide creative impetus, dazzling templates and models, and a plethora of material designs and ideas to brighten every classroom. Reinvent your room design to excite and engage your students or find just the right touches to complete your ideal educational edifice. Projects that relate to State Content Standards and fulfill District Mandates will be presented. Start getting ready for the 2026-2027 school year.

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- 3. “THE CREATIVE CLASSROOM: ENRICHING THE CURRICULUM”** **STARTS THURS., JUNE 18**  
**WHEN: JUNE 18 TO JULY 2** **WHAT: EDUX 5560 A, B, C, OR D**  
**ZOOM Meeting: THURSDAY, JUNE 18 - 5:00 PM** **Flexible Scheduling**  
**COURSE DESCRIPTION:** This course will showcase a variety of exciting techniques that will help to release the creativity of educators and their students. Scripted instruction has weakened the ability of students to problem-solve creatively. This course will offer inventive practices that motivate students and bring mundane aspects of the curriculum to life in ways that reward and enrich every child’s learning experience.

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- 4. “RELIEVING STRESS IN THE CLASSROOM”** **STARTS THURS., JULY 2**  
**WHEN: JULY 2 TO JULY 16** **WHAT: EDUX 5710 A, B, C, OR D**  
**ZOOM Meeting: THURSDAY, JULY 2 - 5:00 PM** **Flexible Scheduling**  
**COURSE DESCRIPTION:** Classroom and work-related stress can undermine teachers’ ability to do their jobs effectively and give their students the care and attention they need to succeed. Participants will explore all aspects of the teaching/learning process that may contribute to stress in educators and their students and will develop organizational skills and strategies to alleviate the effects of pressure and anxiety.

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- 5. “TEACHING IN THE MULTICULTURAL CLASSROOM”** **STARTS THURS., JULY 16**  
**WHEN: JULY 16 TO AUGUST 6** **WHAT: EDUX 5390 A, B, C, OR D**  
**ZOOM Meeting: THURSDAY, JULY 16 - 5:00 PM** **Flexible Scheduling**  
**COURSE DESCRIPTION:** This course will assist classroom teachers optimize the learning experience for students in the multicultural classroom. In our pluralistic society, it is vital that educators remain sensitive to the learning needs, personal interests and cultural characteristics of their students. The goal of multicultural education is to create educational opportunities that are equal for all students and help every child acquire the knowledge, attitudes, and skills needed to function effectively in a democratic society.

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- 6. “BEAT THE CLOCK: MAKING THE MOST OF INSTRUCTIONAL TIME”** **STARTS THURS., AUG. 6**  
**WHEN: AUGUST 6 TO AUGUST 20** **WHAT: EDUX 5100 A, B, C, OR D**  
**ZOOM Meeting: THURSDAY, AUGUST 6 - 5:00 PM** **Flexible Scheduling**  
**COURSE DESCRIPTION:** Time is the most precious commodity of the classroom teacher. This course will focus on improving classroom management systems and tools in order to get the most out of instructional time. Participants will examine ways to minimize distractions, develop effective transition strategies and minimize disjointed and confusing rotations as students move from one task to another. Helping students keep the “main thing the main thing” and develop good study skills will also be part of this class. Plan, prep and get ready for the 2026-2027 school year.

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