



VANGUARD UNIVERSITY

Graduate Education Program
Offers 3 Courses for Educators



DOWNEY/ LONG BEACH and ORANGE COUNTY – SPRING 2026

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| 1. "UNLOCK THE TREASURE CHEST OF LEARNING" | STARTS WED., FEB. 4 |
| 2. "UNDERSTANDING STUDENT CRISES" | STARTS WED., MAR. 11 |
| 3. "WINNING STRATEGIES & MOTIVATIONAL TECHNIQUES" | STARTS WED., APR. 15 |

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!

1. "UNLOCK THE TREASURE CHEST OF LEARNING"

STARTS WED., FEB. 4

WHEN: FEBRUARY 4 TO MARCH 11

WHAT: EDUX 5590 A, B, C, OR D

ZOOM Meeting: WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 4 - 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.

2. "UNDERSTANDING STUDENT CRISES"

STARTS WED., MAR. 11

WHEN: MARCH 11 TO APRIL 15

WHAT: EDUX 5430 A, B, C, OR D

ZOOM Meeting: WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11 - 5:00 PM

Flexible Scheduling

COURSE DESCRIPTION: This course examines the growing pressures and mounting problems contemporary students face every day. Obesity, self-esteem issues, drugs, violence, pregnancy, alcoholism, family instability and a host of other problems can place tremendous stress on students. This course will provide educators with background on all sides of the issues as well as a wealth of classroom activities to deal with student crises.

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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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****SPRING 2026 courses will be taught using our new Online/Hybrid format. Each course will consist of 45 hours of contact with the instructor, online active learning, and outside practicum. Students may begin working on a course after registering online, attending the Zoom orientation meeting, and requesting the syllabus from the instructor.***

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| 3. "WINNING STRATEGIES & MOTIVATIONAL TECHNIQUES" | STARTS WED., APR. 15 |
| WHEN: APRIL 15 TO MAY 20 | WHAT: EDUX 5610 A, B, C, OR D |

ZOOM Meeting: WEDNESDAY, APRIL 15 - 5:00 PM Flexible Scheduling

COURSE DESCRIPTION: This course is designed to aid educators in the process of developing effective strategies and proven techniques conducive to improving student self-esteem and relatedness, classroom participation and learning retention. Participants will have the opportunity for cooperative sharing of perspectives. Activities that extend student's knowledge beyond the basic curriculum and provide thoughtful approaches to content will be presented. Program suggestions will be explored that can be used with students at all learning levels. This is an exciting course in which educators will construct effective projects and explore a wide range of methods to enrich the curriculum. A study tour may also be included to broaden students' horizons and increase their ability to make connections across the curriculum.

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