



## EDUX Independent Study Courses



### COURSE INSTRUCTIONS AND REQUIREMENTS FOR:

#### **EDUX 7600 – 7899 Independent Study Courses** (available for 3 graduate credits)

CCC has collaborated with Professional Development Education (PDE) to offer graduate semester credit through Vanguard University for professional development courses. Independent Study is an adaptable learning format for teachers to gain university credit as they choose a subject that is of interest to them as well as beneficial for their classroom. If you do not see a topic or course that you would like to do for an Independent Study class, please send us an email at [info@collegecreditconnection.com](mailto:info@collegecreditconnection.com) with your topic request and short description.

#### **Course Requirements (General)**

Once a student has registered for the website and enrolled with CCC for this course, he or she must complete the following requirements.

##### **3-unit course:**

1. **Journal Log**
2. **Book Summary**
3. **Reflection and Application Paper**
4. **Article Reviews and Evaluation**

#### **Course Requirements (Detailed)**

Once a student has enrolled with CCC/VU for this course, he or she must complete the following requirements.

##### **Course Overview:**

1. **Journal Log:** Record the hours for your professional development activities in your **Journal Log** to meet the required **45 hours** of active instructional learning, applications or implementations.
  - Active instructional learning activities such as reading books or articles, doing research, or viewing videos or DVDs on the course topic must be included in the Journal Log. *To see other [examples of learning activities that may be used to meet the requirement for Journal Log hours](#), [click here](#).*
  - Activities and hours entered in the Journal Log must be separate from and in addition to the time required to complete (write) the homework assignments listed for this course (i.e., Book Summary Paper, Reflection and Application Paper).
2. **Book Summary:** Select and read a book related to the course topic (see specific directions in the course's assignment templates). Use the **book summary guiding questions** provided to describe the book you read and submit the assignment in the **Course Workshop** tab of your personal folder (see [Submitting Coursework](#) details below).
3. **Reflection and Application:** Use the **reflection guiding questions** provided to assess the book you read and explain your goals for improving classroom instruction or school leadership, including how your classroom and/or leadership practice may be enhanced. Participants must submit a 3-5 page reflection and application assignment that meets the standard and quality of a graduate-level paper.

4. **Article Reviews and Evaluation:** Read two educational articles that pertain to the course topic or the book you read for this course. Select articles from a provided educational database and write a response to the **article review guiding questions** provided. The assignment must meet the standard and quality of graduate-level work.

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## Submitting Coursework

Upon enrolling for this course, templates for assignments will be available for you to download in the **Course Workshop** tab of your personal folder (see **TRACK YOUR PROGRESS** located at the top right side of each CCC webpage after you log in). These templates also are available in the Course Material Templates section on each course detail page. All coursework must be uploaded and submitted electronically into your course inbox located in your personal folder. All course requirements must be submitted within **six months** from the date of course enrollment and must be original. You will receive a grade by email within 2-3 weeks of course completion.

## Self-Paced Format

An instructor is assigned to your course, and your instructor will grade your assignments. The courses are self-paced and easy to follow; therefore minimal contact with the instructor will be necessary. However, if for some reason you need additional clarification, please contact: [courses@collegecreditconnection.com](mailto:courses@collegecreditconnection.com).

## Assignment Templates

As previously stated, templates for course assignments will be available for you to download in the **Course Workshop** tab of your personal folder (see **TRACK YOUR PROGRESS** located at the top right side of each CCC webpage after you login). Save the assignment templates on your computer or flash drive and complete each assignment. Once completed, upload and submit your assignments electronically (see [Submitting Coursework](#)).

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## Examples of Journal Log Instructional Learning Hours:

Instructional learning and application activities such as reading books or articles, doing research, or viewing videos or DVDs on the course topic should be included in the Journal Log. If further hours are needed, below are a few examples of the type of instructional learning and application activities that may be used to meet the requirement for additional Journal Log hours:

- Reading additional articles or books for further research on the course topic;
- Viewing additional videos, DVDs or webinars related to the course topic;
- Observing, interviewing or collaborating (email, phone, in-person) with other colleagues and educators on the course topic;
- Examining online research of State and/or National Standards related to the course topic;
- Reviewing online research related to course content and individual teaching assignment;
- Visitation and research of venue sites related to the course topic;
- Developing lesson plans or class projects that connect the knowledge learned in the course to your classroom grade level, subject area and/or curriculum (note: may not include on Journal Log if this activity was used as part of a required homework assignment);
- Creating Smart Board lessons, PowerPoints, Keynote presentations or iMovies related to the course topic (note: may not include on Journal Log if this activity was used as part of a required homework assignment)

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