



# VANGUARD UNIVERSITY

Graduate Education Program  
**Offers 4 Courses for Educators**

## GLENDALE / LA CRESCENTA / PASADENA AREA – SUMMER 2026

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| 1. "SUCCESSFUL CLASSROOM ORGANIZATION"        | STARTS MON., MAY 4   |
| 2. "INTERACTIVE INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS"      | STARTS MON., JUNE 15 |
| 3. "CREATIVE EXPRESSION IN THE CLASSROOM"     | STARTS MON., JULY 6  |
| 4. "BUILDING A SOLID FOUNDATION FOR LEARNING" | STARTS MON., AUG. 3  |

**WHERE: DISTANCE LEARNING\***

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**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. "SUCCESSFUL CLASSROOM ORGANIZATION: ENDING THE SCHOOL YEAR" | STARTS MON., MAY 4            |
| WHEN: MAY 4 TO JUNE 1  | WHAT: EDUX 5380 A, B, C, OR D |
| ZOOM Meeting: MONDAY, MAY 4 - 4:00 PM                          | Flexible Scheduling           |

**COURSE DESCRIPTION:** This course will provide participants the opportunity to explore organizational concepts. Individual projects that support critical thinking and creative interaction will be covered, as well as, the utilization of cooperative learning groups and partnerships. An outline of the organizational structure of how these groups may organize their material, prepare their research and/or projects, and finally detail the process of making presentations of their work to their fellow students will also be presented.

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| 2. "INTERACTIVE INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS: ENRICHING THE CURRICULUM" | STARTS MON., JUNE 15          |
| WHEN: JUNE 15 TO JULY 6  | WHAT: EDUX 5680 A, B, C, OR D |
| ZOOM Meeting: MONDAY, JUNE 15 - 4:00 PM                            | Flexible Scheduling           |

**COURSE DESCRIPTION:** Make your program soar in this course designed to build from the foundation of the curriculum and rise to new heights. All areas of the curriculum will be covered as you develop materials for students at every learning level. Focus on areas of interest, plan research and augment your lesson plans. Discover fresh ways to improve student understanding, perspective and retention across the curriculum.

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| WHEN: JULY 6 TO AUGUST 3                  | WHAT: EDUX 5170 A, B, C, OR D |
| ZOOM Meeting: MONDAY, JULY 6 - 4:00 PM    | Flexible Scheduling           |

**COURSE DESCRIPTION:** This course is designed to cover a variety of strategies and solutions to combine creativity and problem solving throughout the curriculum. Participants will explore multimedia approaches to using a discovery/problem solving model incorporating perception, production and reflection. A broad range of "thinking activities" and authentic assessment will be showcased that will help release the talents of all students at all learning levels. Discover strategies to keep your students engaged.

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| 4. "BUILDING A SOLID FOUNDATION FOR LEARNING" | STARTS MON., AUG. 3           |
| WHEN: AUGUST 3 TO AUGUST 24                   | WHAT: EDUX 5110 A, B, C, OR D |
| ZOOM Meeting: MONDAY, AUGUST 3 - 4:00 PM      | Flexible Scheduling           |

**COURSE DESCRIPTION:** This course offers educators the opportunity to lay the groundwork for building successful classroom programs. Participants will plan, research design and construct curriculum and materials that are content-inspired and student-centered. This course provides classroom teachers the opportunity to share their best practices with fellow educators, create a comprehensive file of activities to reinforce and teach skills, develop a systemic approach for enhancing learning centers and adapt materials to target the needs of their students. Plan, prep and get ready for the 2026-2027 school year!

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