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Graduate Education Program
Offers 3 Courses for Educators
SANTA CLARITA – FALL 2026

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| 1. "THE CREATIVE CLASSROOM: THINKING OUTSIDE THE BOX" | STARTS TUES., SEPT. 8 |
| 2. "CRITICAL THINKING SKILLS" | STARTS TUES., OCT. 6 |
| 3. "ORGANIZING THE CLASSROOM FOR MAXIMUM ACHIEVEMENT" | STARTS TUES., NOV. 3 |

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. "THE CREATIVE CLASSROOM; THINKING OUTSIDE THE BOX" | STARTS TUES., SEPT. 8 |
| WHEN: SEPTEMBER 8 TO OCTOBER 6 | WHAT: EDUX 5560 A, B, C, OR D |
| ZOOM Meeting: TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8 - 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. Enrichment concepts can be applied across the curriculum including: language arts, social science, math and science. Creativity in the approach to content can be of significant value across the curriculum. Participants will explore presentation formats and develop a portfolio of exciting ideas that have application to the whole teaching/learning experience.

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| 2. "CRITICAL THINKING SKILLS: STRATEGIES FOR SOLVING THE PUZZLE" | STARTS TUES., OCT. 6 |
| WHEN: OCTOBER 6 TO NOVEMBER 3 | WHAT: EDUX 5630 A, B, C, OR D |
| ZOOM Meeting: TUESDAY, OCTOBER 6 - 5:00 PM | Flexible Scheduling |

COURSE DESCRIPTION: This course will assist teachers who want their students to become more effective in dealing with critical thinking skills as they apply to the curriculum and instruction. Participants will explore these skills as they can be used along with thematic teaching strategies to help students reach higher levels of effectiveness in a wide range of curriculum areas. Critical thinking skills as they relate to test-taking will also be covered. The ability to evaluate an oral or written presentation or a discussion is a must for success in life.

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

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| WHEN: NOVEMBER 3 TO DECEMBER 1 | WHAT: EDUX 5510 A, B, C, OR D |
| ZOOM Meeting: TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3 - 5:00 PM | Flexible Scheduling |

COURSE DESCRIPTION: This course assists teachers in streamlining their classrooms for low stress, maximum individual responsibility and superior achievement. Participants will focus on procedures for maximizing the use of time for instruction and learning. Methods for the delegation of responsibility and consequences for students who detract from the ongoing educational process will be covered as well as ways teachers can maintain a quality learning environment without overtaxing their energies or their pocketbook. Don't miss this stress reducing class!

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