Expectations of Graduate Students

- Increased responsibility for own learning.
- Students are more motivated.
- There is an increased work load.

Course Overview

- Attendance
- Weekly independent study
- Developmental/Health History Questionnaire
  - Sample Questionnaire
- Learning Theory Paper
Small Group Discussion

- What is Educational Psychology?
- Why is it important for special educators and other educational professionals to understand educational psychology?

Educational Psychology

- The study of learning, learners, and learning environments.
- An understanding of human development and learning are essential to educational psychology.

Small Group Discussion

- What is human development?
- Why is it important for special educators and other educational professionals to understand human development?
Human Development

- Gradual changes (or growth) that are relatively permanent, age related, and influenced by the environment.
- Developmental theories try to make sense about when and how these changes occur.
  - They give us general guidelines about what is typical.
  - They help us to identify exceptional learners.

Small Group Discussion

- What is learning theory?
- Why is it important for special educators and other educational professionals to understand human learning?

Human Learning

- Relatively permanent changes in behavior (external responses) and/or mental associations (internal processes) brought about by experience.
- Understanding of learning theory allows one to optimize learning environments and facilitate student achievement.
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