



TENTATIVE—SUBJECT TO CHANGE

ECCE 2201 Exceptionalities ONLINE COURSE SYLLABUS Fall Semester 2021

COURSE INFORMATION SUMMER

Credit Hours/Minutes: 3/2250

Class Location: Georgia Virtual Technical Connection (GVTC)/Blackboard

Class Meets: Via Internet for 15 weeks

Couse Reference Number (CRN): 20169

Preferred Method of Contact: College Email

INSTRUCTOR CONTACT INFORMATION

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Campus/Office Location: Vidalia Main Building, Room 316

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SOUTHEASTERN TECHNICAL COLLEGE'S (STC) CATALOG AND HANDBOOK

Students are responsible for all policies and procedures and all other information included in Southeastern Technical College's [Catalog and Handbook \(https://catalog.southeasterntech.edu/college-catalog/downloads/current.pdf\)](https://catalog.southeasterntech.edu/college-catalog/downloads/current.pdf).

REQUIRED TEXT

No Text Required (The eBook for this course is accessible through Blackboard)

REQUIRED SUPPLIES AND SOFTWARE

Reliable access to internet, Microsoft Excel, and Microsoft Word. Internet browser should be Internet Explorer (IE) 7 or higher or Mozilla Firefox 2.0 or higher. If you do not have computer access, see your instructor for information regarding use of open labs on both Swainsboro and Vidalia campuses.

Note: Although students can use their smart phones and tablets to access their online course(s), exams, discussions, assignments, and other graded activities should be performed on a personal computer. Neither Blackboard nor Georgia Virtual Technical Connection (GVTC) provide technical support for issues relating to the use of a smart phone or tablet so students are advised to not rely on these devices to take an online course.

COURSE DESCRIPTION

Provides for the development of knowledge and skills that will enable the student to understand individuals with special needs and appropriately guide their development. Special emphasis is placed on acquainting the

student with programs and community resources that serve families with children with special needs. Topics include inclusion/least restrictive environment (LRE), physical and motor impairments, gifted/talented, intellectual and cognitive disabilities, emotional and behavioral disorders, communication disorders in speech and language, autism spectrum disorders, visual impairments, deaf and hard of hearing, health impairments, multiple disabilities, and community resources.

MAJOR COURSE COMPETENCIES

1. Inclusion/Least Restrictive Environment (LRE)
2. Physical and Motor Impairments
3. Gifted and Talented
4. Intellectual and Cognitive Disabilities
5. Emotional and Behavioral Disorders
6. Communication Disorders in Speech and Language
7. Autism Spectrum Disorders
8. Visual Impairments
9. Deaf and Hard of Hearing
10. Health Impairments
11. Multiple Disabilities
12. Community Resources

PREREQUISITE(S)

Provisional Admission

COURSE OUTLINE

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GENERAL EDUCATION CORE COMPETENCIES

STC has identified the following general education core competencies that graduates will attain:

1. The ability to utilize standard written English.
2. The ability to solve practical mathematical problems.
3. The ability to read, analyze, and interpret information.

STUDENT REQUIREMENTS

To pass the class, students must complete all assignments on the syllabus and complete the required proctored event. Students will have at least one week to complete tests and assignments. **All tests and assignments are due at 11:59 P.M. on Monday of each week.** Assignments must be keyed in Microsoft Word, saved, uploaded, and attached for grading in Blackboard.

Students are expected to complete all work required by the instructor. Students will have at least one week to complete tests and assignments. All tests and assignments are due at midnight on Monday of each week, unless otherwise stated. Assignments must be keyed in Microsoft Word, saved, uploaded, and attached for grading in Blackboard.

Students are expected to prove weekly academic engagement by meeting assignment deadlines each week and spend adequate time during the semester doing the required homework, quizzes, and tests. Students are expected to communicate frequently through college email and discussion boards. College email and other STC resources can be accessed from the [mySTC](#) tab on STC's Website. Email can also be accessed in the menu of your Blackboard course.

Within the first three days of class ALL online students must:

- Complete Online Orientation Quiz in Blackboard. (Blackboard Orientation tab in left menu in Blackboard)
- Complete the Pledge Acknowledgment in Blackboard. (Getting started tab in left menu in Blackboard)
- Complete COVID 19 Presentation and Acknowledgment (COVID 19 tab in left menu in Blackboard)
- Complete the Syllabus Quiz on Blackboard (Course Assignments tab in left menu in Blackboard)

COVID-19 MASK REQUIREMENT

Regardless of vaccination status, masks or face coverings must be worn at all times while in a classroom or lab of Southeastern Technical College. This measure is being implemented to reduce COVID-19 related health risks for everyone engaged in the educational process. Masks or face coverings must be worn over the nose and mouth, in accordance with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). A student's refusal to wear a mask or face covering will be considered a classroom disruption and the student may be asked to leave campus and/or receive further discipline.

COVID-19 SIGNS AND SYMPTOMS

We encourage individuals to monitor for the signs and symptoms of COVID-19 prior to coming on campus.

If you have experienced the symptoms listed below or have a body temperature 100.4°F or higher, we encourage you to self-quarantine at home and contact a primary care physician's office, local urgent care facility, or health department for further direction. Please notify your instructor(s) by email and do not come on campus for any reason.

COVID-19 Key Symptoms
Fever or felt feverish
Chills
Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing (not attributed to any other health condition)
Cough; new or worsening, not attributed to another health condition
Fatigue
Muscle or body aches
Headache
New loss of taste or smell
Sore throat (not attributed to any other health condition)
Congestion or runny nose (not attributed to any other health condition)

COVID-19 Key Symptoms
condition)
Nausea or vomiting
Diarrhea

In the past 14 days, if you:
Have had close contact with or are caring for an individual diagnosed with COVID-19 at home (not in healthcare setting), please do not come on campus and contact your instructor(s).

COVID-19 SELF-REPORTING REQUIREMENT

Students, regardless of vaccination status, who test positive for COVID-19 or who have been exposed to a COVID-19 positive person, are required to self-report using <https://www.southeasterntech.edu/covid-19/>. Report all positive cases of COVID-19 to your instructor and [Stephannie Waters](#), Exposure Control Coordinator, swaters@southeasterntech.edu, 912-538-3195.

ONLINE ATTENDANCE

It is the student's responsibility to be academically engaged each week doing course related activities. The completion dates of these activities will be used to determine a student's last date of attendance in the event a student withdraws, stops attending, or receives an "F" (Failing 0-59) in a course.

Students will not be withdrawn by an instructor for attendance; however, all instructors will keep records of graded assignments and student participation in course activities. Students will be expected to complete all work required by the instructor as described in the individual course syllabus.

Students will have at least one week to complete tests and assignments. All tests and assignments are due at 11:59 P.M. on Monday of each week. Exceptions to the due dates of assignments due to jury duty, military duty, court duty, or required job training will be made at the discretion of the instructor.

STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES

Students with disabilities who believe that they may need accommodations in this class based on the impact of a disability are encouraged to contact the appropriate campus coordinator to request services.

Swainsboro Campus: [Daphne Scott \(dscott@southeasterntech.edu\)](mailto:dscott@southeasterntech.edu) 478-289-2274, Building 1, Room 1210.

Vidalia Campus: Helen Thomas hthomas@southeasterntech.edu, 912-538-3126, Building A, Room 165

SPECIFIC ABSENCES

Provisions for Instructional Time missed because of documented absences due to jury duty, military duty, court duty, or required job training will be made at the discretion of the instructor.

PREGNANCY

Southeastern Technical College does not discriminate on the basis of pregnancy. However, we can offer accommodations to students who are pregnant that need special consideration to successfully complete the course. If you think you will need accommodations due to pregnancy, please make appropriate arrangements with the appropriate campus coordinator.

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It is strongly encouraged that requests for consideration be made PRIOR to delivery and early enough in the pregnancy to ensure that all the required documentation is secured before the absence occurs. Requests made after delivery MAY NOT be accommodated. The coordinator will contact your instructor to discuss accommodations when all required documentation has been received. The instructor will then discuss a plan with you to make up missed assignments.

WITHDRAWAL PROCEDURE

Students wishing to officially withdraw from a course(s) or all courses after the drop/add period and prior to the 65% point of the term in which student is enrolled (date will be posted on the school calendar) must speak with a Career Counselor in Student Affairs and complete a Student Withdrawal Form. A grade of "W" (Withdrawn) is assigned for the course(s) when the student completes the withdrawal form.

Important – Student-initiated withdrawals are not allowed after the 65% point. After the 65% point of the term in which student is enrolled, the student has earned the right to a letter grade and will receive a grade for the course. Please note: Abandoning a course(s) instead of following official withdrawal procedures may result in a grade of "F" (Failing 0-59) being assigned.

Informing your instructor that you will not return to his/her course, does not satisfy the approved withdrawal procedure outlined above.

There is no refund for partial reduction of hours. Withdrawals may affect students' eligibility for financial aid for the current semester and in the future, so a student must also speak with a representative of the Financial Aid Office to determine any financial penalties that may be assessed due to the withdrawal. A grade of "W" will count in attempted hour calculations for the purpose of Financial Aid.

ONLINE PROCTORED EVENT WITHDRAWALS

Students who do not complete the proctored event on the scheduled date and do not present a valid documented excuse within three business days of the scheduled event will be given a zero for the proctored event.

PROCTORED EVENT REQUIREMENT

The required proctored event for this class is scheduled on the following dates and times:

Swainsboro: Tuesday, November 2, 9:00 A.M. Room 2125

OR

Vidalia: Wednesday, November 3, 9:00 A.M. Room 317

You may choose one of the above listed events. You can choose either. Just because you're a Vidalia student does not mean you have to come to the one in Vidalia. Choose the one that works best for you. But you must attend one.

In order to validate student identity for all online courses, students enrolled in online courses are required to complete one proctored event per online course. The proctored event will be administered on separate days—once on the Vidalia campus and once on the Swainsboro campus. Students must attend one of the proctored sessions as scheduled on the Lesson Plan/Course Calendar. The event will be monitored by the instructor or by an approved proctor. The proctored event may be a major exam, assignment, or presentation, etc. that will count a minimum of 20% of the course grade. Students must attend one of the scheduled proctored sessions and will need to make arrangements with work, childcare, etc. The specific dates of the proctored event are scheduled on the Lesson Plan/Calendar for the online course.

Students living farther than 75 miles from either campus who cannot come to Southeastern Tech for the event must secure an approved proctoring site. The site and the proctor must meet Southeastern Technical College's requirements (instructor will provide more information and necessary forms if this is the case). Note: Students taking proctored events off campus will utilize the Proctor Scheduling and Approval Form found in Blackboard within the Getting Started/Start Here and Proctoring Event area. The completed form should be submitted to the course instructor a minimum of two weeks prior to the proctored event. If approved, the instructor will notify the proctor.

Students arranging off-campus proctoring must take the event on one of the-originally scheduled days. Students who do not complete the proctored event as scheduled must submit a valid documented excuse within three business days after the scheduled event. If the excuse is approved by the instructor of the course, students must make arrangements with the instructor to makeup/reschedule the missed event. The penalty and makeup instructions will be at the instructor's discretion. Proctored events will be given after the 65% point of the semester. Students who do not complete the proctored event on the scheduled date and do not present a valid documented excuse within three business days of the scheduled event will be given a zero for the proctored event.

PROCTORING FEES

Students are not charged a proctoring fee when taking a proctored event at Southeastern Technical College or any other TCSG college. Students who choose to use an off-campus proctor may be assessed a proctoring fee by the proctoring site. In this instance, the student is responsible for payment.

CRIMINAL RECORDS CHECK

National Fingerprint-Based Criminal History Background Check: All students enrolled in ECCE 1121 Practicum and ECCE 2245 and 2246 Internship must undergo a fingerprint-based criminal history background check through a local Cogent Systems site and receive a Satisfactory Determination Letter from the Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning before beginning their Practicum or Internship at childcare facilities. It is the responsibility of the student to pay the fingerprint-based criminal history background check fee. Students assigned to an internship or practicum at a site that is not required to be licensed may not be subject to the fingerprinting requirement. These students, however, may be required to meet similar or other standards established by the local board of education. Additional standards may be established by individual site operators which must be met before a placement at a particular site for internship or practicum is finalized. The final approval of a placement is contingent upon acceptance by the individual center/facility operator.

MAKEUP GUIDELINES (TESTS, QUIZZES, HOMEWORK, PROJECTS, ETC...)

There are no make-up exams or assignments in an online class. Students have a week to complete assignments. If Internet or browser failure occurs, contact instructor immediately. A student who needs an exam reopened must come to campus to take the test.

ACADEMIC DISHONESTY POLICY

The Southeastern Technical College Academic Dishonesty Policy states that all forms of academic dishonesty, including but not limited to cheating on tests, plagiarism, collusion, and falsification of information, will call for discipline. The policy can also be found in the Southeastern Technical College Catalog and Handbook.

PROCEDURE FOR ACADEMIC MISCONDUCT

The procedure for dealing with academic misconduct and dishonesty is as follows:

1. First Offense

Student will be assigned a grade of "0" for the test or assignment. Instructor keeps a record in course/program files and notes as first offense. The instructor will notify the student's program advisor, academic dean, and the Registrar at the student's home campus. The Registrar will input the incident into Banner for tracking purposes.

2. Second Offense

Student is given a grade of "WF" (Withdrawn Failing) for the course in which offense occurs. The instructor will notify the student's program advisor, academic dean, and the Registrar at the student's home campus indicating a "WF" has been issued as a result of second offense. The Registrar will input the incident into Banner for tracking purposes.

3. Third Offense

Student is given a grade of "WF" for the course in which the offense occurs. The instructor will notify the student's program advisor, academic dean, and the Registrar at the student's home campus indicating a "WF" has been issued as a result of third offense. The Vice President for Student Affairs, or designee, will notify the student of suspension from college for a specified period of time. The Registrar will input the incident into Banner for tracking purposes.

STATEMENT OF NON-DISCRIMINATION

The Technical College System of Georgia (TCSG) and its constituent Technical Colleges do not discriminate on the basis of race, color, creed, national or ethnic origin, gender, religion, disability, age, political affiliation or belief, genetic information, disabled veteran, veteran of the Vietnam Era, spouse of military member, or citizenship status (except in those special circumstances permitted or mandated by law). This nondiscrimination policy encompasses the operation of all technical college-administered programs, federally financed programs, educational programs and activities involving admissions, scholarships and loans, student life, and athletics. It also applies to the recruitment and employment of personnel and contracting for goods and services.

All work and campus environments shall be free from unlawful forms of discrimination, harassment and retaliation as outlined under Title IX of the Educational Amendments of 1972, Title VI and Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended, the Age Discrimination in Employment Act of 1967, as amended, Executive Order 11246, as amended, the Vietnam Era Veterans Readjustment Act of 1974, as amended, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended, the Americans With Disabilities Act of 1990, as amended, the Equal Pay Act, Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act of 2009, the Georgia Fair Employment Act of 1978, as amended, the Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986, the Genetic Information Nondiscrimination Act of 2008, the Workforce Investment Act of 1998 and other related mandates under TCSG Policy, federal or state statutes.

The Technical College System and Technical Colleges shall promote the realization of equal opportunity through a positive continuing program of specific practices designed to ensure the full realization of equal opportunity.

The following individuals have been designated to handle inquiries regarding the nondiscrimination policies:

American With Disabilities Act (ADA)/Section 504 - Equity- Title IX (Students) – Office of Civil Rights (OCR) Compliance Officer	Title VI - Title IX (Employees) – Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC) Officer
Helen Thomas, Special Needs Specialist Vidalia Campus 3001 East 1 st Street, Vidalia Office 165 Phone: 912-538-3126	Lanie Jonas, Director of Human Resources Vidalia Campus 3001 East 1 st Street, Vidalia Office 138B Phone: 912-538-3230

American With Disabilities Act (ADA)/Section 504 - Equity- Title IX (Students) – Office of Civil Rights (OCR) Compliance Officer	Title VI - Title IX (Employees) – Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC) Officer
Email: Helen Thomas hthomas@southeasterntech.edu	Email: Lanie Jonas ljonas@southeasterntech.edu

ACCESSIBILITY STATEMENT

Southeastern Technical College is committed to making course content accessible to individuals to comply with the requirements of Section 508 of the Rehabilitation Act of Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). If you find a problem that prevents access, please contact the course instructor.

GRIEVANCE PROCEDURES

Grievance procedures can be found in the Catalog and Handbook located on Southeastern Technical College's website.

ACCESS TO TECHNOLOGY

Students can now access Blackboard, Remote Lab Access, Student Email, Library Databases (Galileo), and BannerWeb via the mySTC portal or by clicking the Current Students link on the [Southeastern Technical College Website \(www.southeasterntech.edu\)](http://www.southeasterntech.edu).

TECHNICAL COLLEGE SYSTEM OF GEORGIA (TCSG) GUARANTEE/WARRANTY STATEMENT

The Technical College System of Georgia guarantees employers that graduates of State Technical Colleges shall possess skills and knowledge as prescribed by State Curriculum Standards. Should any graduate employee within two years of graduation be deemed lacking in said skills, that student shall be retrained in any State Technical College at no charge for instructional costs to either the student or the employer.

GRADING POLICY

Assessment/Assignment	Percentage
Quizzes	30%
Assignments	20%
Community Resources	25%
Proctored Exam	20%
Discussion Boards	5%

GRADING SCALE

Letter Grade	Range
A	90-100
B	80-89
C	70-79
D	60-69
F	0-59

ECCE 2201 Exceptionalities Fall Semester 2021 Lesson Plan

Date/Week/Due	Content	Assignments	Competency Area
Week 1 8/16-8/23 Due Monday, 8/23 by 11:59 P.M.	Syllabus	-THOROUGHLY Read Syllabus -Complete Syllabus Quiz -Complete Online Orientation in Blackboard -Complete Pledge Acknowledgement Quiz -Complete COVID Requirement in Blackboard	5 a, b, c
Week 2 8/23-8/30 Due Monday, 8/30 by 11:59 P.M.	Inclusion and Least Restrictive Environments	-Complete Module 1.1 in Blackboard	
Week 3 8/30-9/7 Due Tuesday, 9/7 by 11:59 P.M.	Inclusion and Least Restrictive Environments	-Complete Module 1.2 in Blackboard	1, 5 a, b, c
Week 4 9/7-9/13 Due Monday, 9/13 by 11:59 P.M.	Inclusion and Least Restrictive Environments	-Complete Module 1.3 in Blackboard	1, 5 a, b, c
Week 5 9/13-9/20 Due Monday, 9/20 by 11:59 P.M.	Physical and Motor Impairment	-Complete Module 2 in Blackboard	1, 5 a, b, c
Week 6 9/20-9/27 Due Monday, 9/27 by 11:59 P.M.	Gifted and Talented	-Complete Module 3 in Blackboard	5 a, b, c
Week 7 9/27-10/4 Due Monday, 10/4 by 11:59 P.M.	Intellectual and Cognitive Disabilities	-Complete Module 4 in Blackboard	2, 5 a, b, c
Week 8 10/4-10/11 Due Monday 10/11 by 11:59 P.M.	Emotional and Behavioral Disorders	-Complete Module 5 in Blackboard	1, 4 a, b, c
Week 9 10/11-10/18 Due Monday, 10/18 by 11:59 P.M.	Communication Disorders in Speech and Language	-Complete Module 6 in Blackboard	1, 4, 5 a, b, c

Date/Week/Due	Content	Assignments	Competency Area
Week 10 10/18-10/25 Due Monday, 10/25 by 11:59 P.M.	Autism Spectrum Disorders	-Complete Module 7 in Blackboard	1, 4, 5 a, b, c
Week 11 10/25-11/1 Due Monday, 11/1 by 11:59 P.M.	Visual Impairments	-Complete Module 8 in Blackboard	4 a, b, c
Week 12 11/1-11/8 Due Monday, 11/8 by 11:59 P.M.	Deaf and Hard of Hearing	-Complete Module 9 in Blackboard -Proctored Exam on campus Nov 2 (Swainsboro) OR Nov 3 (Vidalia) over Module 7 and Module 9	3 a, b, c
Week 13 11/8-11/15 Due Monday, 11/15 by 11:59 P.M.	Health Impairments	-Complete Module 10 in Blackboard	2, 6 a, b, c
Week 14 and 15 11/15-12/2 Due Thursday, 12/2 by 11:59 P.M.	Community Resources Multiple Disabilities	-Complete Module 11 in Blackboard -Complete Module 12 in Blackboard	5 a, b, c

COMPETENCY AREAS:

1. Inclusion/Least Restrictive Environment (LRE)
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GENERAL CORE EDUCATIONAL COMPETENCIES

- a) The ability to utilize standard Written English.
- b) The ability to solve practical mathematical problems.
- c) The ability to read, analyze, and interpret information.

Discussion Board RUBRIC

Students will be required to answer discussion board questions that will be posted within Blackboard. The topics will be posted at least a week prior to the due date. The discussions should be detailed and thoroughly answer the topic. Also, students will be required to respond to at least one answer posted by their classmates. The responses should include why you do or do not agree with the student's response. It is ok to disagree with your classmate on his/her answer but the responding student should be professional in his/her response to his/her classmate. Be constructive in discussing these topics with your classmates.

1 POST 1 REPLY

Students who post their initial discussion board response to the discussion board topic and respond to at least one answer posted by their classmate will be given a 100 on the assignment if the post is turned in by the due date and free of grammatical and spelling errors. The student will receive a 10 point deduction for each day the discussion post is turned in past the due date. The student will receive a one point deduction for each grammatical and spelling error in the student's discussion post. A 30 point deduction will be given to any student who only responds to their classmate with an answer of "yes/no" or "I agree/disagree."

1 POST 0 REPLY

Any student that does not respond to at least one answer posted by their classmates will not receive a grade above 70 on the discussion post. The grade of 70 will be the highest grade that the student will be able to receive on the discussion post if the post is turned in by the due date and free of grammatical errors and spelling errors. The student will receive a 10 point deduction for each day the discussion post is turned in past the due date. The student will receive a one point deduction for each grammatical and spelling error in the student's discussion post.

0 POST 1 REPLY

Students who only respond to a classmate's discussion post will not receive a grade above 50 on the discussion topic. The grade of 50 will be the highest grade that the student will be able to receive on the discussion response if the response is turned in by the due date and free of grammatical errors and spelling errors. The student will receive a 10 point deduction for each day the discussion response is turned in past the due date. The student will receive a one point deduction for each grammatical and spelling error in the student's discussion response.

0 POST 0 REPLY

Students will receive a 0 on the discussion topic if the student does not post an answer or response to a classmate's discussion post.