

## **COURSE GUIDELINES AND DESCRIPTION**

<b>Course Title:</b>	Meeting Individual Student Needs in the Elementary Classroom
<b>Sponsoring Agency:</b>	DoDDS-Europe/ Mediterranean District / DGF Elementary School
<b>Semester Hours:</b>	1.0 graduate credit
<b>Course Dates:</b>	Feb 16, Mar 23, Apr 27, May 5, and May 25, 2007
<b>Meeting Times:</b>	15 contact hours to be completed during school professional development time and one additional Saturday morning (9:00 – 12:00) on the above-mentioned dates.
<b>Location:</b>	DGF Elementary School, Rota Spain
<b># of participants:</b>	10-15 estimated
<b>Course Code:</b>	548FE - University of San Diego 6275Z4 – Ashland University
<b>Tuition:</b>	\$55.00

### **Course Guidelines**

**A. Course Registration** – To register for the course the participants must submit an online registration form located at <http://www.usd-online.org/DoDEA.aspx> (University of San Diego) or <http://www.ashland.edu/pds/sp-offerings.php> (Ashland University). The registration deadline is **February 26, 2007**.

### **B. Course Requirements**

1. Attend and actively participate in all sessions.
2. Read assigned readings and complete other preparations from individual study group sessions.
3. Completion of special project utilizing techniques learned in the study groups in participants' own professional fields. The project should be either a reflection paper or action plan including instructional strategies tried or planned, references to professional information learned through class discussion and assigned readings, and reflections on both the importance of material and success of strategies. The site facilitator will approve these projects, with the final grade also provided by the site facilitator.

The finished course project paper must be sent to Virginia Parkinson, PSC 819 Box 19, FPO AE 09645 or [virginia.parkinson@eu.dodea.edu](mailto:virginia.parkinson@eu.dodea.edu) no-later-than June 1, 2007. The paper must be typed and include a cover sheet with the course title, course number, location, dates, participant's name and mailing address.

### **C. Course Description**

This inquiry-based course focuses on selected topics and problems relevant to teaching in elementary education. Students will participate in small discussion groups investigating one of the following topics:

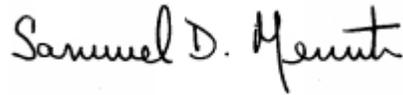
- **Reading Recovery Strategies and Interventions:** Reading Recovery teachers will

use new guide books to improve instructional strategies and testing procedures for students receiving Reading Recovery services.

- Second Language Acquisition: Teachers of second language learners will discuss the specific needs of these students and develop a menu of games and activities that enhance receptive and expressive language development.
- Applying Technology in the Elementary Classroom: Participants will develop strategies that will incorporate new trends in technology and facilitate differentiation in the elementary classroom.
- Addressing Learning and Behavior Issues in the Classroom: Dr. Greg Richter, EDIS Clinical Psychologist, and Dr. Paul Shales, EDIS Developmental Pediatrician will provide information on various medical/behavioral conditions that affect student learning (e.g., ADHD) and offer strategies for dealing with those behaviors in the classroom.

**D. Course Instructors/Facilitator**

Virginia Parkinson: Special Education Teacher, Rota Elementary School. Masters Degree in curriculum development; EdD (ABD) with emphases in early childhood education, literacy education, and staff development. Served as a teacher in stateside & DoDDS schools for combined 22 years of teaching experience. Additional experience in teaching at the university level with University of Houston (undergraduate) and University of San Diego and University of Maryland (DoDEA continuing education graduate courses). Resume is attached.



DoDDS-E Approving Official Signature for Course:\_\_\_

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(Deputy Director or Education Division Chief or Superintendent or Assistant Superintendent)

Approving official will forward copies of this document to the following:

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