

Mid-Program Candidate Feedback
Foundations Block
Course(s): ED 481/581
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f = frequency of the responses

List those things that you perceive as strengths or aspects of your degree program that are most valuable to you.	<i>f</i>
<p>Classes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I have learned how to communicate with children better. I am able to talk them through their feelings and emotions and help offer solutions. • Every class is preparing me to teach one day. I have learned different strategies to use in my future classroom. • 401 with Smajic VERY informational. • I have learned a lot and I feel I have improved on public speaking. • Lots of content overlap! Helps connect the dots if you're looking at the same content 4 different ways! • The classroom management and hearing real life situations. • I love how I feel like I am being trained to be a professional. • I really like the fact that we only have class on Tuesdays and Thursdays (for the most part) so that we can get our observation hours completed. As a student athlete with a very busy schedule I am very thankful for this! • I really like how the classes are all together and that they are small. Each class builds off of one another. • Learning about this history of important people to do with education. • Having pen pals. • Starting at 9:30. • Classes on T & R (evenly spread). • Gaining knowledge about wise tricks and ideas for my classroom. • Learning classroom management! • Knowledge about public speaking, love for people, the ability to be positive in all situations. • The opportunity to work on projects in groups. • I feel that Smajic's agenda for each class meetings were great. 	15
<p>Observations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Observations VERY beneficial. • The observation hours. Great moment to see the reality. • I think that putting us out in the field in regular and special needs classrooms is a very valuable part of the block. • A strength I see is the "real world" experience we're getting so early. • I like how our schedule is kept open for more times to observe and be in the classroom. • Being able to be in the classroom. • Strengths of this degree program are the many observation hours we have to help us (students) with experience. • Being able to go to schools to observe and help. • Student observations. • The experience we get in the classrooms. • Real life situations during observations. <p>Always interacting with children somehow.</p>	10

<p>Professors:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I love that all the teachers are so encouraging and really want us to succeed. • Great communication. • Access to knowledgeable and accredited professors. • Having the professors explaining every detail. • A really big strength for me has been the professor’s openness and willingness to work with us and really help guide us through the block. This is a huge change from general education classes and the professors have made it so much more comfortable. • I love how each professor is so passionate about each of us becoming teachers. I like how some professors use their real world experience to help us. • Love for teaching. • Creativity and knowledge. • All the professors want you to succeed. • Perspectives and personal stories that the professors share. 	8
<p>Peers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I’ve loved how much I have learned from my class mates. Their ideas and the professors ideas have given me great materials to use in my future class room. 	1
<p>List those things that you perceive as growth areas or specific ways in which your degree program could be improved.</p>	<i>f</i>
<p>Classes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Handouts on teacher benefits, approx. salaries, logistics, etc. • Less theory, more practical. • Diversity is harped on A LOT. • Handout on IEP, Special ED., and referral processes, Tier 1-3 as well. • I think giving us more practical information such as benefits in teaching/job, professional development, how to handle difficult situations...etc. Would be helpful in the beginning classes. • The program could be improved by incorporating some individual projects as well as group ones. • I honestly think having SPED 407 and our EXNS classes online puts a lot of stress on us as students. On top of that, I know I would learn and be more involved in a face to face class. • SPED 407 NEEDS to be an in-class course...there is too much detail-specific content that we are having to teach ourselves for that course...it has been very overwhelming to try to keep up with that class, and I have special education experience. Future students would benefit from more instruction in this course. • I’m personally not a fan of online classes, so if I could change anything about this block, I would get rid of the online classes, or give an option to take it in person. • Public speaking and not being afraid of judgement. • Sometimes overwhelming with school work all due at similar times. • Online courses slower paced. • Having our Special Educations class in a classroom not online! with (Hollie Cost) • Having our SPED class in class (Hollie Cost). The class is way too much to be online. • Make the special education class in-person (not online) with more personal perspectives from professor. • I feel the SPED class should have provided placements instead of relying on the student to talk with the CT to find a teacher willing to accept a student observer. 	13
<p>Program:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Honestly, there isn’t any improvement needed. Montevallo has a great education program and I love it. The professors care about what they teach and their students. 	4

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I wish the program was 4 years, instead of 2 – having the basics courses included in it. • I wish we could have a 4-year program instead of two that would include the basic classes throughout as we went. This way we would feel more prepared for the big test like the Praxis, etc. • No complaints! I have loved this experience so much! I feel like I'm learning and experiencing amazing things that I can not learn anywhere else. 	
PRAXIS/TEP Interviews: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We could use more time to prepare for the Praxis exam. • Having tips and some help for the Praxis. 	2
Observations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maybe give us more observation hours instead of classes? • More say in observations. 	2
Please rate your level of satisfaction with the overall quality of your program.	<i>f</i>
Very Satisfied	15
Satisfied	8
Neutral	0
Unsatisfied	0
Very Unsatisfied	0

Additional Comments:

I have really enjoyed foundations block!

Doing a great job!

I can not stress enough how much I have learned from this semester! I truly Thank You!

Love the teachers in the block!

Shout-out to Ratchford for making sure we are always good!

I love my classes and my teachers!

These classes have really helped me become more confident in myself and come out of my bubble.

Learning a lot.

I have loved this block and my teachers!

I have enjoyed the experience.