South Dakota State University

EDFN 338: Foundations of American Education
AGED 434: Special Methods in Ag Ed

Professional literature; colleagues; professional associations; and professional development activities

Specifically, students should review:

Professional Literature: A wealth of literature is available to educators.
- The books and journals specific to content areas, such as those published by the National Council of Teachers of English, and other professional organization specifically for subject areas.
- The publications of organizations for all teachers, such the Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development, Phi Delta Kappa, Kappa Delta Pi, the National Education and Association, and Pi Lambda Theta.
- Books published for specific content areas, such as social studies, math and other content areas.
- Books for specific areas of education, such as teaching exceptional students, assessment, learning styles, multiple intelligences, self-esteem, multicultural classes, collaboration with parents and the community, motivation, and school violence.
- Booklets and monographs, such as those published by Phi Delta Kappa. These are written by leading experts in the areas and provide current ideas and research results on hundreds of topics. New monographs are typically published on a regular basis and can be available at a nominal cost as a subscription.

Professional Colleagues: The professional partnerships can be varied.
- Colleagues, both within the same subject area and those across subject areas.
- Professional faculty from other schools can be valuable resources for ideas to improve instruction, through classroom visits, collaborative projects, and other professional projects.
- Professional staff such as Guidance Counselors, Educational Technology personnel, and staff dealing with special projects can add new perspectives to teaching and learning.

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**Professional Associations:** Different types of associations can be helpful.
- Associations such as the Association for Supervision and Curricular Development and the National Education Association are available for all teachers and can provide printed resources and other media to assist teachers with current ideas.
- Associations specifically for subject area content, such as math, science, social studies and language arts.
- Associations that emphasize specific grades or ages of students, such as the National Association for the Education of Young Children and the National Middle School Association.

**Professional Development Activities:** Various types of activities are available.
- Professional organizations such as Phi Delta Kappa and Kappa Delta Pi and the state and national education organization(s) (SDEA and NEA) sponsor local, regional, and national conferences.
- Professional organizations for the specific subject areas, such as the National Council of Teachers of Math have local, state, and national meetings and conventions.
- Colleges and universities sponsor educational seminars.

**Helpful Resources:**