**Introduction to the Teaching Profession**

**Course Outline**

Unit 1: Historical Roots of the American Education System 4-6 weeks

1. Development of the American Education System
2. Historical Background of American Education
3. Cultural Themes in American Education
4. Teaching in an Era of Reform

Unit 2: Learning to Teach & Develop an Educational Philosophy 10-12 weeks

1. Characteristics of Beginning Teachers
2. Learning to Teach
3. The Complexity of Teaching & the Many Hats of Teachers
4. The Development of Educational Philosophy

Unit 3: The Art & Science of Teaching 12 weeks

1. What Drives Student Motivation
2. How to Plan for Effective Teaching
3. The Characteristics of Effective Teachers
4. What is Classroom Management and the Relationship to Discipline
5. What is Curriculum and the Relationship to Standards

Unit 4: Diversity in Education and the Evolution of Schools 12 weeks

1. Impact of Cultural Diversity in the Classroom
2. How to Address Gender, Sexual Orientation, and Religion in Instruction
3. How to Plan for Differences in Ability and Learning Styles
4. The Impact of Changes in Family Structure and Society on Teaching and Learning
5. The Law, Tenure, Freedoms and Responsibilities of Teachers