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Special Educational Needs, Inclusion and Diversity
3E has established itself as the textbook on special educational needs (SEN). The new edition of this popular textbook retains its comprehensive, insightful and accessible approach and reflects the latest changes in policy and legislation. It provides a stimulating balance between theory, research and practice as well as a unique analysis of the implications for SEN of linguistic, cultural and ethnic diversity. Recognizing the complex and difficult nature of many special educational needs, the authors place a firm emphasis on inclusion and suggest practical strategies enabling professionals to maximise inclusion while at the same time recognising and supporting diversity. Key features of the third edition include:

- The increasingly diverse SEN approaches and legislation across England, Wales, Scotland and Ireland, within an international context
- Provision and arrangements for 16-25 year olds
- Identification, assessment and intervention strategies for SEN from the early years
- Responding to the diversity of social, emotional and mental health needs within the context of behaviour and discipline in schools

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Flexible, effective and creative primary school teachers require subject knowledge, an understanding of their pupils and how they learn, a range of strategies for managing behaviour and organising environments for learning, and the ability to respond to dynamic classroom situations. This third edition of Learning to Teach in the Primary School is fully updated with reference to the new National Curriculum, and has been revised to provide even more practical advice and guidance to trainee primary teachers. Twenty-two new authors have been involved and connections are now made to Northern Irish, Welsh and Scottish policies. In addition, five new units have been included on: making the most of your placement play and exploration in learning behaviour management special educational needs phonics. With Masters-level reflective tasks and suggestions for research-based further reading, the book provides valuable support to trainee teachers engaged in learning through school-based experience and through reading, discussion and reflections as part of a teacher education course. It provides an accessible and engaging introduction to knowledge about teaching and learning that every student teacher needs to acquire in order to gain qualified teacher status (QTS). This comprehensive textbook is essential reading for all students training to be primary school teachers, including those on undergraduate teacher training courses (BED, BA with QTS, BSc with QTS), postgraduate teacher training courses (PGCE, SCITT) and employment-based teacher training courses (Schools Direct, Teach First), plus those studying Education Studies. This textbook is supported by a free companion website with additional resources for instructors and students and can be accessed at www.routledge.com/cw/Cremin

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Building and supporting effective special education programs. School leaders and special educators are expected to be experts on all levels and types of special education law and services, types of disability, and aspects of academic and functional programming. With the increasing demands of the job and the ever-changing legal and educational climate, few feel adequately prepared to meet the demands. Trends and Legal Issues in Special Education helps you build and support timely, legally sound, and effective special education services and programs. Readers will find: the most up-to-date information on how to effectively implement special education programs, processes, and procedures examination of a wide variety of issues, from developing and implementing individual education programs (IEPs) that confer a free appropriate public education, Section 504, least restrictive environment (LRE), and successfully collaborating with parents, to issues regarding accountability, staffing, bullying, early childhood special education, multi-tiered systems of support (MTSS), evidence-based practices, transition, discipline, and the school-to-prison pipeline extensive references and resources

“This book brings together a number of experts in the area of assessment for special educational needs, who collectively provide a range of perspectives on the many contemporary issues surrounding formal statutory assessment under the 1981 Education Act, and school-based assessment. It examines critically the appropriateness of current methods of assessing children's special educational needs, and discusses the relationships and tensions between assessment, provision and resourcing, as well as the fundamental and underlying principles of equal opportunities and entitlement. "The book will be of particular interest and practical value to teachers and educational psychologists working in special educational needs settings, but will also be of value to governors, since assessment of children's progress generally has become such a public and even controversial issue."—BOOK JACKET.Title Summary field provided by Blackwell North America, Inc. All Rights Reserved

Special Education in Contemporary Society: An Introduction to Exceptionality offers a comprehensive, engaging, and readable introduction to the dynamic field of special education. Grounded in research and updated to reflect the most current thinking and standards of the field, this book provides students with the knowledge, skills, attitudes, and beliefs that are crucial to constructing learning environments that allow all students to reach their full potential. Authors Richard M. Gargiulo and Emily C. Bouck encourage a deep awareness and understanding of the "human" side of special education, providing students with a look into the lives of exceptional students and their families, as well as the teachers that work with exceptional persons throughout their lives. The Seventh Edition maintains the broad context and research focus for which the book is known while expanding on current trends and contemporary issues to better serve both pre-service and in-service teachers of exceptional individuals. This title is accompanied by a complete teaching and learning package. Contact your SAGE representative to request a demo. Digital Option / Courseware SAGE Vantage is an intuitive digital platform that delivers this text's content and course materials in a learning experience that offers auto-graded assignments and interactive multimedia tools, all carefully designed to ignite student engagement and drive critical thinking. Built with you and your students in mind, it offers simple course set-up and enables students to better prepare for class. Learn more. Assignable Video with Assessment Assignable video (available with SAGE Vantage) is tied to learning objectives and curated exclusively for this text to bring concepts to life. Watch a sample video now. LMS Cartridge: import this title's instructor resources into your school's learning management system (LMS) and save time. Don't use an LMS? You can still access all of the same online resources for this title via the password-protected Instructor Resource Site. Learn more.

Current issues and Trends in Education synthesizes political, theoretical, social, and practical topics in a 21st Century context and addresses multicultural education, technology, and gender issues. This text is accessible enough to be used in an introductory education class and yet sophisticated enough to serve as a graduate textbook. It is comprehensive in dealing with issues facing educators today, such as demographics, changing perceptions and research in human development and learning, and education in nontraditional settings. NEW to this Edition: New chapter (16) on assessment includes discussion of questionable testing practices. New chapter (7) reflects current events such as the impact of No Child Left Behind, including Highly Qualified Teachers, PRAXIS and teacher testing). Chapter on developmentally appropriate practice (8) has been updated and expanded to include best practice guidelines for a wider age range of students. Discusses the pros and cons of technology as it relates to education, including topics such as assistive technology to Internet abuse and iPod mania. Addresses teachers', students', and parents' rights and responsibilities, including attitudes and dispositions, effective communication, and active participation versus passive/victim mentality. Provides new ways of looking at the organization of schools, including the pros and cons of various issues related to teacher education. Covers current theories related to education, including change theory and attribution theory. Package this text with [ Insert MyLabSchool Logo ] -a powerful set of online tools that bring the classroom to life! Visit www.mylabschool.com for more information!

Contemporary Issues in Learning and Teaching looks at current issues across the three key areas of policy, learning and practice. It will help you to think critically on your Education course, and to make connections between the processes of learning and the practicalities of teaching. The book addresses key issues in primary, secondary and special education, and includes examples from all four countries of the UK. The contributors reflect on current thinking and policy surrounding learning and teaching, and what it means to be a teacher today. Looking at the practice of teaching in a wider context allows you to explore some of the issues you will face, and the evolving expectations of your role in a policy-led environment. The book focuses on core areas of debate including: - education across different contexts and settings - teaching in an inclusive environment - Continuing Professional Development (CPD) for practitioners Each chapter follows the same accessible format. They contain case studies and vignettes providing examples and scenarios for discussion; introduction and summary boxes listing key issues and concepts explored in the chapter; key questions for discussion reflection; and further reading. This essential text will be ideal for undergraduate and postgraduate courses, including BED/BA degrees, initial teacher-training courses, and Masters in Education programmes. All editors and contributors are based in the Faculty of Education at Glasgow University, UK.

This book provides an insight into the current situation of PE in schools across Europe as a forerunner to addressing PE related existing and emerging issues in various contexts.

Enduring Issues in Special Education is aimed at any course in the undergraduate or graduate special education curriculum that is wholly or partly devoted to a critical examination of current issues in special education. The book organizes 28 chapters into seven sections using familiar structuring principles—what, who, where, how, when, why, and whither. Each section begins with an introduction that provides historical, legal, and theoretical background information and organizing commentary for the chapters that follow. The book’s objective, in addition to informing readers about the issues, is to develop critical thinking skills in the context of special education. Key features include the following: Dialectic Format – Each of the 28 chapters presents compelling reasons for addressing the issue at hand and specific ways to do so. Because each issue is written from different perspectives and focuses on a variety of aspects, readers are encouraged to weigh the arguments, seek additional information, and come up with synthesized positions of their own. Organizing Framework - The book's seven sections have been arranged according to a scheme that is the essence of most investigative reporting and provides a coherent, easy-to-understand framework for readers. Expertise – All chapters are written by leading scholars who are highly regarded experts in their fields and conclude with suggested readings and discussion questions for additional study.

Special education is now an established part of public education in the United States—by law and by custom. However, it is still widely misunderstood and continues to be dogged by controversies related to such things as categorization, grouping, assessment, placement, funding, instruction, and a variety of legal issues. The purpose of this 13-part, 57-chapter handbook is to help profile and bring greater clarity to this sprawling and growing field. To ensure consistency across the volume, chapter authors review and integrate existing research, identify strengths and weaknesses, note gaps in the literature, and discuss implications for practice and future research. Key features include: Comprehensive Coverage—Fifty-seven chapters cover all aspects of special education in the United States including cultural and international comparisons. Issues & Trends—In addition to synthesizing empirical findings and providing a critical analysis of the
status and direction of current research, chapter authors discuss issues related to practice and reflect on trends in thinking. Categorical Chapters—In order to provide a comprehensive and comparative treatment of the twelve categorical chapters in section IV, chapter authors were asked to follow a consistent outline: Definition, Causal Factors, Identification, Behavioral Characteristics, Assessment, Educational Programming, and Trends and Issues. Expertise—Edited by two of the most accomplished scholars in special education, chapter authors include a carefully chosen mixture of established and rising young stars in the field. This book is an appropriate reference volume for anyone (researchers, scholars, graduate students, practitioners, policy makers, and parents) interested in the state of special education today: its research base, current issues and practices, and future trends. It is also appropriate as a textbook for graduate level courses in special education.

Special Education in Contemporary Society: An Introduction to Exceptionality is designed for use by preservice and inservice teachers who will teach students with special needs in the general classroom. The text provides a rare glimpse into the lives of persons with exceptionalities, including their families and teachers. Focusing on human exceptionalities across the life span, the text employs a traditional organization beginning with four foundations chapters that introduce teachers to special education, followed by 10 "categorical" chapters each on a different "disability."

Each categorical chapter features sections on transition, cultural diversity, technology, instructional strategies, and family considerations.

This volume provides an international perspective on special education issues. There is limited literature examining issues in special education from an international perspective, as such this volume will add considerably to the knowledge base across the globe.

Classroom management is a topic of enduring concern for teachers, administrators, and the public. It consistently ranks as the first or second most serious educational problem in the eyes of the general public, and beginning teachers consistently rank it as their most pressing concern during their first teaching years. Management problems continue to be a major cause of teacher burnout and job dissatisfaction. Strangely, despite this enduring concern on the part of educators and the public, few researchers have taken the time to focus on classroom management or to identify themselves with this critical field. The Handbook of Classroom Management has four primary goals: 1) to clarify the terms classroom management; 2) to demonstrate to scholars and practitioners that there is a distinct body of knowledge that directly addresses teachers' managerial tasks; 3) to bring together disparate lines of research and encourage conversations across different areas of inquiry; and 4) to promote a vigorous agenda for future research in this area. To this end, 47 chapters have been organized into 10 sections, each chapter written by a recognized expert in that area. Cutting across the sections and chapters are the following themes: *First, positive teacher-student relationships are seen as the very core of effective classroom management. *Second, classroom management is viewed as a social and moral curriculum. *Third, external reward and punishment strategies are not seen as optimal for promoting academic and social-emotional growth and self-regulated behavior. *Fourth, to create orderly, productive environments teachers must take into account student characteristics such as age, developmental level, race, ethnicity, cultural background, socioeconomic status, and ableness. Like other research handbooks, the Handbook of Classroom Management provides an indispensable reference volume for scholars, teacher educators, in-service practitioners, and the academic libraries serving these audiences. It is also appropriate for graduate courses wholly or partly devoted to the study of classroom management.

Provides students preparing for careers as special educators with an analysis of some of the basic professional and policy issues being rethought in the context of the beginning of the 21st century.

Real People, Real Classrooms, Real Research. In the second edition of Marilyn Friend's introductory special education text, emphasis is on contemporary concepts and evidence-based practices that prepare teachers for their evolving role in the education and well-being of students with disabilities and other special needs. Informed by her years of experience working with students with disabilities and their teachers, this trusted author combines research-informed concepts and skills with student-friendly language to equip educators with needed knowledge and challenging questions and issues. Practical strategies, professional collaboration, student diversity, and legislative change. The second edition fully reflects NCLB and IDEA 2004 legislation and regulations so that readers understand the most recent expectations for professional educators and their students. Throughout the book, the author grounds the discussion in the real-life experiences of today's classrooms in a way that is concrete and compelling to future teachers. The text strikes a careful balance between the immediate concerns of novice educators with the broader human needs and experiences of students with exceptionalities and their families. Real People, Real Classrooms: Chapter Opening Vignettes describe the experiences of three different students of varying ages as they relate to the topics discussed in each chapter and are referenced at key points in the chapter. Firsthand Accounts from students directly from teachers, students, parents, and school professionals as they share their own experiences and perspectives relating to life and learning with special needs. Back to the Classics: A review of key parts of every chapter reveal the students introduced in the chapter material. Questions are added to each chapter that guide students throughout the chapter. A new chapter on children's rights. Praise for First Edition "The book has been extensively revised to take account of recent legislation in education, health and social services, and includes a new chapter on children's rights. It brings together the views of many of the most prominent and well-respected figures in the early years sector." - Nursery World It is now widely accepted that during the first few years of life the foundations are laid for all future development. If children are to reach their full potential, then high quality services are required that meet their needs for education and care, and the needs of their parents for support. Yet it is only very recently that government has recognized the importance of this. 'This is probably one of the most accessible books I have read lately in relation to SEN and Inclusion, and I intend to make it an essential core text for my inclusion module. It would be very accessible to students who are relatively new to the theoretical aspects behind the idea or concept of inclusion’ - Escalate Complex and diverse, special educational needs and inclusion can be a difficult area of study for approach for undergraduate students. Understanding the current context of SEN and inclusion means getting to grips with an often perplexing mix of social, political, ideological, educational and personal perspectives. This book explores and critically examines the field, providing a detailed introduction to the topic for students - helping them to develop understanding, without assuming any prior knowledge. Part One defines the concepts of SEN and disability and how the concepts have been defined through ideological models that have developed over time. It examines provision for SEN across the UK, and looks at how attitudes of teachers, parents and children have affected inclusion. Part Two explores the historical development of SEN internationally, including a comparative look at legislation and practice in England and a number of other countries. The third part details how SEN practice in England works, including the Every Child Matters agenda and the roles and responsibilities of education, health and social care professionals. Each chapter includes short case studies, points for reflection, student activities and suggestions for further reading.

Featuring chapters written by a diverse collection of educators within the discipline, Contemporary Issues in Special Education presents readers with insight regarding topics within the field of special education that are often deemed controversial in nature. The text encourages future educators to think critically regarding various challenges and opportunities they are likely to encounter during their educational careers. Over the course of nine distinct sections, students are exposed to chapters that discuss sensory friendly classrooms, positive behavior intervention and support, dangerous behaviors and crisis management, least restrictive environment, the relationship between special education and socioeconomic status, and the connection between English language learners and special education assignment. Readers learn about service and support animals in the school setting, assistive technology, transition services, mental health...
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Unpacking the vital elements of SEND, Special Educational Needs in the Early Years seeks to empower students to not only understand the impact of policy on practice, but to question it.

Caribbean Discourse in Inclusive Education is an edited book series that aims to give voice to Caribbean scholars, practitioners, and other professionals working in diverse classrooms. The book series is intended to provide an ongoing forum for Caribbean researchers, practitioners, and academics, including those of the Diaspora, to critically examine issues that influence the education of children within inclusive settings. The book series is visionary, timely, authoritative and presents pioneering work in the inclusive education in the Caribbean, as part of the broader South/South dialogue. It is essential reading for students in undergraduate and postgraduate programmes, scholars, teachers, researchers and policy makers at the regional and international level. The first book in this series entitled Historical and Contemporary Issues will trace the history and examine the Caribbean's trajectory towards the development of inclusive education in the 21st Century. The main premise of the book is that inclusion remains an ideologically sound goal, which remains elusive in the Caribbean. It will also provide a wider platform to discuss other factors that influence the development of inclusive education such as school climate, culture and ethos, LGBT issues, teacher-training and professional development, pedagogy, pupil perspective, curriculum, policy and legislation.

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The purpose of the Handbook of Special Education is to help profile and bring greater clarity to the already sprawling and continuously expanding field of special education. To ensure consistency across the volume, chapter authors review and integrate existing research, identify strengths and weaknesses, note gaps in the literature, and discuss implications for practice and future research. The second edition has been fully updated throughout to take into account recent changes to federal laws as well as the most current academic research, and an entirely new section has been added on research methods in special education.

The Encyclopedia of the Social and Cultural Foundations of Education provides a comprehensive introduction to this major discipline supported by documentary, photographic, and visual resources.

This book represents the contributions of prominent researchers, teacher educators, policy makers, teachers, and parents on current and emerging issues facing the field of special education, and their critical thinking on how to ensure that students with disabilities receive free appropriate education in the least restrictive environment. The authors present divergent perspectives on the issues and concerns, including: (a) the emergence of more constructivist instructional approaches; (b) the increasing use of high stakes testing; (c) the changing student population and the increasingly diverse demographics of the students served in the public schools; (d) the onset of the information age and the increasingly visible role of technology in the schools and the workplace; (e) concerns about student discipline and violence in schools; (f) the continuing shortage of qualified and certified special education teachers, and (g) trends in higher education focused on the reform of teacher education such as changing standards for knowledge and skills, preparing teachers for changing roles as mentors, and changes in the teacher education process that may have precipitated or influenced issues in the field. For special education providers such as parents and teachers and for anyone interested in the field of special education.

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Truly comprehensive in scope - and arranged in A-Z format for quick access - this eight-volume set is a one-source reference for anyone researching the historical and contemporary details of more than 170 major issues confronting American
society. Entries cover the full range of hotly contested social issues - including economic, scientific, environmental, criminal, legal, security, health, and media topics. Each entry discusses the historical origins of the problem or debate; past
means used to deal with the issue; the current controversy surrounding the issue from all perspectives; and the near-term and future implications for society. In addition, each entry includes a chronology, a bibliography, and a directory of
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