

In-Demand Skills

Skills Recommended for Education Studies Students

Behavior and Classroom Management Skills

How to Start: Learning classroom management means setting clear expectations and supporting positive behavior to create a safe learning environment. You can build this skill by observing experienced teachers during fieldwork, practicing proactive routines in your coursework, and reflecting on how you handle disruptions. Mastering these strategies proves to schools that you can maintain an organized, engaging, and supportive classroom.

Data-Driven Instruction

How to Start: Data-driven instruction means using student test scores, work samples, and daily checks to guide your teaching. You can learn this skill by analyzing real student data during fieldwork, planning targeted re-teaching lessons in your classes, and tracking student progress over time. Showing you can adjust your lessons based on actual student results proves you can help every learner succeed.

Trauma-Informed Pedagogy

How to Start: Trauma-informed pedagogy means understanding how stress and trauma affect learning, and creating a safe, supportive classroom where all students can thrive. You can learn this skill by taking courses on child development, practicing de-escalation strategies during field placements, and incorporating predictable routines into your lesson plans. Showing you can build a calm, compassionate environment proves you can support every student's emotional and academic success.

Culturally-Responsive and Sustaining Pedagogy

How to Start: Culturally-Responsive and Sustaining Pedagogy means valuing students' diverse backgrounds and bringing their lived experiences into daily lessons. You can learn this skill by studying inclusive teaching practices, integrating diverse perspectives into your lesson plans, and learning directly from your local school community during fieldwork. Showing you can create a respectful, relevant classroom helps every student feel seen, valued, and ready to learn.

Communication Skills

How to Start: Learning communication skills means practicing how to speak and write clearly, empathetically, and professionally with students, families, and colleagues. You can build this skill by delivering mock lessons, drafting clear family updates in your coursework, actively contributing to class discussions, participating in the Education student club or the Student Government Association (SGA), and collaborating with classroom instructors during field placements, internships, or volunteer opportunities. Showing you can communicate effectively proves you can build strong relationships and run a supportive classroom.

Critical Digital Literacy

How to Start: Critical digital literacy means teaching students how to evaluate online information and use technology safely, ethically, and responsibly. You can build this skill by creating digital lesson plans in your coursework, evaluating online educational tools for safety and bias, and guiding students through digital media during field placements. Showing you can navigate digital spaces thoughtfully helps you prepare your students to be smart, safe, and critical consumers of technology.