

## Div 4

### Education: Theory and Practice

#### Curriculum Project

For this project you will be creating a projected curriculum map for two months of instruction, as well as a specific unit plan for a particular subject and grade level.

The projected curriculum map should be modeled after the example found in the curriculum mapping text on pages 17 and 18. You should also read through chapters 4 and 5 for additional information on projection mapping. The essential idea is for you to come up with a two month general outline that includes content, skills, assessments, standards and resources for a particular subject area and grade level.

You will then take one specific area from the projection map and create a detailed unit plan. You can utilize the "Inquiry in Curriculum Design" packet, as well as some websites listed below for guides to creating this specific unit. Here you will use the backwards planning method in order to plan your unit. Begin with asking what the students should know at the conclusion of your unit, then ask how we will know that students have achieved understanding, and lastly think about what specifically needs to be taught and what skills students will need in order to achieve the results.

In addition to these two pieces, you will write a one page (or more) rationale for your projection map and unit plan. Why did you make the choices you did? What pedagogical choices did you make? Did you use Friere, Dewey, Duckworth, or other sources for your thinking? Attached to this piece should be a bibliography of texts and sources you used for the project.

For those of you with teaching internships, if you have an opportunity to teach a piece of your unit, you should! If you do, write a reflection about your experiences and what you learned though the process of writing curriculum and teaching it.

All pieces of the project will be due December 5.

Useful websites:

<http://learnweb.harvard.edu/alps/tfu/design.cfm> : This has some nice organizers for planning.

[www.doe.mass.edu/frameworks/current.html](http://www.doe.mass.edu/frameworks/current.html) : *This site has current Massachusetts standards that you will use in both the projection maps and unit plans.*

See the resource guide at the end of the curriculum design packet.