This is an abridged version of the course syllabus. A complete final version will be available on Blackboard the first week of class.

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Course Description:
EDF 500, Conceptions of Schooling: Context and Process includes an exploration of the following:
- professional aspects of teaching, schools and society,
- the governance and support structure of American Education,
- historical foundations of education from early antecedents of education through recent developments in education,
- philosophical concepts,
- educational views in relation to teaching styles and student learning,
- and school programs and practices for the 21st century.

Required Readings:

Do not purchase any other edition of this textbook; only the 3rd edition will work for this course.
Course Delivery:

- This course is offered online though the use of UNC’s Blackboard system. It is the student’s responsibility to learn and be able to access Blackboard. If you do not have adequate internet capabilities at home, or adequate computer access at home, then it is suggested you complete the assignments, etc. in any one of the computer labs on the UNC campus, or other reliable venue.

- A direct internet connection works best vs. a wifi/router connection. It is your responsibility to make sure you have an appropriate internet connection.

- This course is “module” based; this means that assignments are scheduled and completed on a weekly basis. All online assignments will open up on Blackboard on Sundays at 6:00 a.m. and close down on Thursdays at 10:00 p.m. for the assigned week.

- DO NOT wait until the last minute to complete weekly assignments. If you do and experience technical difficulties, you will not be able to go back and complete assignments for the assigned week.

- In this course, there is no extra credit, alternative assignments, or additional time provided.

This course will also utilize video voicethreads and live classroom sessions (Collaborate). As such, the required materials listed below are not optional; they are needed to fulfill these interactive components of this course.

Required Materials:

- Webcam (not necessary if your computer has a built in webcam).
- Computer capable headset (not necessary if your computer has built in audio).

Be sure to check your Bear mail for e-mail from the Professor.