**Standards Identified for SPE 471**

**InTASC/ACTS Standards and Components**

The Interstate New Teachers Assessment and Support Consortium (InTASC) was established to provide support to new teachers and raise the levels of learning in U.S. classrooms. Each of the ten (10) standards requires teachers to possess and use essential knowledge required to meet the standard. The InTASC standards have been aligned into the Alabama Cores Teaching Standards (ACTS), which are unique to education in the state of Alabama.

1. **Learning Environments:** The candidate works with others to create environments that support individual and collaborative learning, and that encourage positive social interaction, active engagement in learning, and self-motivation.

**(r)** The candidate is a thoughtful and responsive listener and observer.

1. **Content Knowledge:** The candidate understands the central concepts, tools of inquiry, and structures of the discipline(s) he or she teaches and creates learning experiences that make these aspects of the discipline accessible and meaningful for learners to assure mastery of the content.

**(l)** The candidate knows and uses the academic language of the discipline and knows how to make it accessible to learners.

1. **Application of Content:** The candidate understands how to connect concepts and use differing perspectives to engage learners in critical thinking, creativity, and collaborative problem solving related to authentic local and global issues.

**(f)** The candidate engages learners in generating and evaluating new ideas and novel approaches, seeking inventive solutions to problems, and developing original work.

**(i)** The candidate understands the ways of knowing in his/her discipline, how it relates to other disciplinary approaches to inquiry, and the strengths and limitations of each approach in addressing problems, issues, and concerns.

**(j)** The candidate understands how current interdisciplinary themes (e.g., civic literacy, health literacy, global awareness) connect to the core subjects and knows how to weave those themes into meaningful learning experiences.

**(q)** The candidate is constantly exploring how to use disciplinary knowledge as a lens to address local and global issues.

**(s)** The candidate values flexible learning environments that encourage learner exploration, discovery, and expression across content areas.

1. **Planning for Instruction:** The candidate plans instruction that supports every student in meeting rigorous learning goals by drawing upon knowledge of content areas, curriculum, cross-disciplinary skills, and pedagogy, as well as knowledge of learners and the community context.

**(k)** The candidate understands learning theory, human development, cultural diversity, and individual differences and how these impact ongoing planning.

1. **Professional Learning and Ethical Practice:** The candidate engages in ongoing professional learning and uses evidence to continually evaluate his/her practice, particularly the effects of his/her choices and actions on others (learners, families, other professionals, and the community) and adapts practice to meet the needs of each learner.
2. The candidate engages in ongoing learning opportunities to develop knowledge and skills in order to provide all learners with engaging curriculum and learning experiences based on local and state standards.

**ISTE Standards and Components**

The International Society for Technology in Education (ISTE) Standards for Educators are the road map to helping students become empowered learners. The standards are designed to help deepen the educational practice of the educator, promote collaboration with peers, challenge educators to rethink traditional approaches and prepare students to drive their own learning. (Adapted from <https://www.iste.org/standards/for-educators>)

1. **Empowered Professional - Leader**. Educators seek out opportunities for leadership to support student empowerment and success and to improve teaching and learning.
2. Model for colleagues the identification, exploration, evaluation, curation and adoption of new digital resources and tools for learning.
3. **Learning Catalyst - Facilitator.** Educators facilitate learning with technology to support student achievement of the 2016 ISTE Standards for Students.
4. Model and nurture creativity and creative expression to communicate ideas, knowledge or connections.