**Standards Identified for SPE 420**

**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 Differences:** The candidate uses understanding of individual differences and diverse cultures and communities to ensure inclusive learning environments that enable each learner to meet high standards.

**(e)** The candidate incorporates tools of language development into planning and instruction, including strategies for making content accessible to English language learners and for evaluating and supporting their development of English proficiency.

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.

**(e)** The candidate develops learners’ communication skills in disciplinary and interdisciplinary contexts by creating meaningful opportunities to employ a variety of forms of communication that address varied audiences and purposes.

**(g)** The candidate facilitates learners’ ability to develop diverse social and cultural perspectives that expand their understanding of local and global issues and create novel approaches to solving problems.

**(h)** The candidate develops and implements supports for learner literacy development across content areas.

**(n)** The candidate understands communication modes and skills as vehicles for learning (e.g., information gathering and processing) across disciplines as well as vehicles for expressing learning.

1. **Instructional Strategies:** The candidate understands and uses a variety of instructional strategies to encourage learners to develop deep understanding of content areas and their connections, and to build skills to apply knowledge in meaningful ways.

**(h)** The candidate uses a variety of instructional strategies to support and expand learners’ communication through speaking, listening, reading, writing, and other modes.