**Standards Identified for SPE 479**

**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.

**(g)** The candidate promotes responsible learner use of interactive technologies to extend the possibilities for learning locally and globally.

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.

**(h)** The candidate communicates with students, parents, and the public about Alabama’s assessment system and major Alabama educational improvement initiatives.

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.

**(b)**  The candidate engages in meaningful and appropriate professional learning experiences aligned with his/her own needs and the needs of the learners, school, and system.

**(d)** The candidate actively seeks professional, community, and technological resources, within and outside the school, as supports for analysis, reflection, and problem-solving.

1. **Leadership and Collaboration:** The candidate seeks appropriate leadership roles and opportunities to take responsibility for student learning, to collaborate with learners, families, colleagues, other school professionals, and community members to ensure learner growth, and to advance the profession.

**(a)** The candidate takes an active role on the instructional team, giving and receiving feedback on practice, examining learner work, analyzing data from multiple sources, and sharing responsibility for decision making and accountability for each student’s learning.

**(c)** The candidate engages collaboratively in the school-wide effort to build a shared vision and supportive culture, identify common goals, and monitor and evaluate progress toward those goals.

**(d)** The candidate works collaboratively with learners and their families to establish mutual expectations and ongoing communication to support learner development and achievement.

**(e)** The candidate, working with school colleagues, builds ongoing connections with community resources to enhance student learning and wellbeing.

**(f)** The candidate engages in professional learning, contributes to the knowledge and skill of others, and works collaboratively to advance professional practice.

**(g)** The candidate uses technological tools and a variety of communication strategies to build local and global learning communities that engage learners, families, and colleagues.

**(i)** The candidate seeks appropriate opportunities to model effective practice for colleagues, to lead professional learning activities, and to serve in other leadership roles.

**(j)** The candidate advocates to meet the needs of learners, to strengthen the learning environment, and to enact system change.

**(k)** The candidate takes on leadership roles at the school, district, state, and/or national level and advocates for learners, the school, the community, and the profession.

**(p)** The candidate actively shares responsibility for shaping and supporting the mission of his/her school as one of advocacy for learners and accountability for their success.

**(r)** The candidate takes initiative to grow and develop with colleagues through interactions that enhance practice and support student learning.

**(s)** The candidate takes responsibility for contributing to and advancing the profession.

**(t)** The candidate embraces the challenge of continuous improvement and change.