

**Course Title: Addition and Subtraction Concepts**

**Grades: 2-3**

**AIMS Publication: *Awesome Addition & Super Subtraction***

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**Course Number: MAT 948**

**Number of Credit Units: 3 semester units**

**Course Description:**

Discover how to develop meaning and understanding of addition and subtraction using hands-on activities that build a strong sense of place value, develop meaning for addition and subtraction, and construct an understanding of addition and subtraction, with and without regrouping, using models and algorithms.

**Primary Learning Outcomes**

**Students will:**

1. Participate in opportunities for implementation and sustained use of hands-on experiences in mathematics in a classroom setting
2. Engage in reflective practice through the use of instructional planning, focused questions, and reflective responses
3. Make connections for conceptual understanding by showing alignment of instructional experiences with national reform documents and state content standards for mathematics
4. Develop positive attitudes and confidence in teaching and learning
5. Expand their knowledge base of mathematics education
6. Will make connections to professional literature regarding content, theory and practice.
7. Will identify State or National Standards that apply to the selected AIMS activities by aligning learning goals with State or National Content Standards

**Course Materials**

*AIMS Book – Awesome Addition & Super Subtraction*

**Manipulatives** for one class to be used with lessons from text.

Base Ten Blocks

Area Tiles 2cm

Number/Operation Boards (set of 3)

**An Overview of AIMS** (online- PDFs;

<http://www.aimsedu.org/downloads/pdf/download.php?file=sps.pdf>)

with required reading and application of ideas from the following:

*A Model of Learning*

*The Skills for Thinking*

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Focus questions and guidelines for responses based on understanding and application of materials and ideas.

Overall plan for Implementation during half of a school year.

Summary of Alignment with State Content Standards

Application of the Model of Learning

Application of Thinking Skills and Alignment with Standards and Learning Goals

Reflective Response and Focus Questions

Integrated Curriculum Form

Professional Growth and Reflection: A Response to Articles and Experience

## **Course Requirements/Schedule of Topics and Assignments**

### **Option A - With a Classroom of Students**

1. Read completely the related *AIMS* publication, *Awesome Addition and Super Subtraction*.
2. Read the selected articles in **An Overview of AIMS** (online- PDFs; <http://www.aimsedu.org/downloads/pdf/download.php?file=sps.pdf>) with required reading and application of ideas from the following:  
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3. Design a plan for implementation of ten (10) experiences from *Awesome Addition and Super Subtraction* including a summary of and rationale for the selection of *AIMS* lessons.
4. Choose one lesson from *Awesome Addition and Super Subtraction* and describe how it addresses the four learning environments of the **Model of Learning**.
5. Prior to teaching each lesson, apply the *Skills for Thinking* to the design of tasks and discussion questions reflecting important concepts, skills and processes integral to each lesson. Record these on pages labeled **Applying Thinking Skills**. Also record the Learning Goal and appropriate State Standards on pages labeled Applying Thinking Skills.
6. Implement ten (10) lessons in the classroom with students over a three to four week period.
7. After each lesson, reflect upon your teaching by responding to the Reflective Response focus questions.
8. Show summary of alignment of learning goals with **State Content Standards**. Content Standards for each state may be found at this Web-site address: US Department of Education has links to the state department of education for each state.  
[http://wdcrobcolp01.ed.gov/Programs/EROD/org\\_list.cfm?category\\_ID=SEA](http://wdcrobcolp01.ed.gov/Programs/EROD/org_list.cfm?category_ID=SEA)
9. Complete a **Professional Growth and Reflection** form describing how the selected articles (see number 2 above) and the teaching experience impacted you and your teaching.

## **Method of Assessment**

Provide evidence of the design, implementation, evaluation and reflection of the collective experiences by returning the completed assignments.

Unless otherwise indicated, students **successfully** completing this course will earn a Credit/No credit grade or where a letter grade is requested by checking the appropriate box on the Fresno Pacific University grade form, a letter grade of B will be issued. [Credit is equivalent to a letter grade of B.] In order to earn a letter grade of A, additional work beyond what is described will be required.

## **Additional requirement for an earned letter grade of A**

Develop an assessment plan focusing on addition **or** subtraction with and without regrouping. The assessment plan must address all five areas of the AIMS Skills for Thinking. Submit completed assessment plan for evaluation.

The discernment between an A or a B is at the discretion of the instructor of record based on the quality of the evidence submitted.

## **Option B - Without a Classroom of Students**

1. Students will read completely the related *AIMS* publication, *Awesome Addition and Super Subtraction*.
2. Students will read the selected articles in **An Overview of AIMS** (online- PDFs; <http://www.aimsedu.org/downloads/pdf/download.php?file=sps.pdf>) with required reading and application of ideas from the following:  
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3. Design a plan for implementation of ALL experiences from *Awesome Addition and Super Subtraction* including a summary of and rationale for the teaching of these experiences.
4. Choose one lesson from *Awesome Addition and Super Subtraction* and describe how it addresses the four learning environments of the **Model of Learning**.
5. Apply the *Skills for Thinking* to the design of tasks and discussion questions reflecting important concepts, skills and processes integral to each lesson. Students will record these on pages labeled **Applying Thinking Skills**. Students will also record the Learning Goal and appropriate State Standards on pages labeled Applying Thinking Skills.
6. Show summary of alignment of learning goals with **State Content Standards**. Content Standards for each state may be found at this Web-site address:  
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7. Select 8 - 10 AIMS activities to integrate into the Language Arts/Reading, Science, or Social Studies curriculum. Design a plan including your rationale for your selection of activities and how you are going to connect these activities with other subject areas.

8. Complete a **Professional Growth and Reflection** form describing how the selected articles (see number 2 above) and the AIMS investigations **will** impact your teaching.

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