

**EDCI 588**  
**2024 OPI Summer Institute**

**\*2 graduate credits**  
*Cost: \$250.00*

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**Required texts:** none

**Course Description:**

*\*Please note that 588 courses are intended as professional development for practicing teachers and cannot be applied toward credit requirements for graduate degree programs at Montana State University.*

The Office of Public Instruction's Summer Institute is a comprehensive staff development venture created to improve the capacities of schools and communities to meet the diverse and increasing complex social, emotional, and behavioral needs of students. The initiative assists educators and community services personnel in developing the attitudes, skills, and systems necessary to help each student leave public education with the social competence needed to succeed in society and the workplace. The overall goal of this Summer Institute is to motivate and equip individuals, schools, and communities to unite in creating nurturing competent, caring and responsible children and adolescents with an emphasis on safe schools.

**Learning Outcomes**

Participants will be able to:

1. Analyze school resources that support teaching the whole child.
2. Analyze and reflect on how session information might be adapted or implemented in different contexts.
3. Evaluate their role as educators, part of a larger educational system.

**Requirements for Academic Credit**

- 1) Students taking the course for credit must attend 30 hours of instruction during the institute.
- 2) After the institute, students submit a word-processed 2-page summary paper of the most important concepts learned. **No** references nor footnotes are needed. Submit the paper electronically as a Google doc or a pdf. file. **Send to [ann.ellsworth@montana.edu](mailto:ann.ellsworth@montana.edu).**

**Assessment**

The final paper will be assessed on content and organization of ideas. A traditional grading scale will be used.

**Final Paper Due Date**

Final papers are due **August 1** unless previous arrangements have been made in writing with the instructor. **Papers are to be submitted electronically to the instructor.**

**Transcript Information:**

You may also request a transcript. Complete instructions are available at <http://www.montana.edu/registrar/>