



Clinical Teaching Semester I

COURSE SYLLABUS: Fall 2025

ELED 440: Instructional Strategies Across Content Areas (Science, S.S. & Math)

ELED 447: Data and Assessment in Field-Based Settings

RDG 448: Supporting Literacy Development of Emergent Bilingual Learners in Field Based Settings

INSTRUCTOR INFORMATION

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Communication Response Time: 24-48 hours, M-F

COURSE INFORMATION

Materials – Textbooks, Readings, Supplementary Readings

Textbook(s): No required textbooks for this course

[Field-Based Teacher Education Program Handbook](#)

Software Required:

- **Tk20:** You will be using Tk20, a comprehensive data management system to upload key artifacts related to teacher certification.
- **On-line TExES Resources:** T-Cert, 240 Tutoring, Learning Liaisons, Mometrix, or Certify Teacher – (invitations through email)
- **D2L** – university LMS system – navigate and check for announcements
- **Google Classroom** – used to demonstrate technology used by public school partners

Additional Readings and Web Resources:

All teacher candidates should be familiar with the Texas Teacher Standards in Chapter 149 which can be found at <https://tea.texas.gov/sites/default/files/ch149aa.pdf>

Website: The Iris Center, Vanderbilt University <https://iris.peabody.vanderbilt.edu>

Website: High Leverage Practices <https://highleveragepractices.org/>

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Website: PBIS strategies <https://www.pbis.org/>
Website: Conscious Discipline <https://consciousdiscipline.com/>
Website: Harry Wong Effective Teaching <https://www.effectiveteaching.com/>
Website: Teacher Vision <https://www.teachervision.com/teaching-strategies/classroom-management>
Website: Teach Like a Champion - <https://teachlikeachampion.com/books/teach-like-champion-2-0/transition-guide/new-revised-techniques/>
Youtube: https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLc7qiAsR5B_Q1VVMlUrBZ6_axwsfGHNe7
Website: Kagan Online https://www.kaganonline.com/online_magazine/

Course Description

Seminar I Course Work: Semester I seminar is taught in an integrated manner during seminar sessions by Center Faculty and includes these courses: ELED 440, 447, SPED 480, and RDG 448.

Individual Course Descriptions:

ELED 440 - Instructional Strategies Across Content Areas (Science, Social Studies, and Math)

Hours: 3

This course provides foundational knowledge and practical strategies for effective teaching in EC–6 classrooms. Emphasis is placed on instructional design, classroom organization, and the application of developmentally appropriate teaching models across core content areas. Topics include classroom management techniques, curriculum and lesson planning, communication skills that support student learning, and guidance related to teacher certification. Students will explore how to create engaging and well-structured learning experiences that meet a variety of learner needs.

Prerequisites: Full admission to the Teacher Education Program through placement in a NET CPDT Center for Clinical Teaching. (Tech Standards: 2.8s, 4.9s-4.11s, 5.3k, 5.3s, 6.1k, 6.2k, 6.2s, 6.8s, 6.9s, 6.12s, 6.15s, 6.17s-6.21s, 7.1k, 7.2k, 7.11s, 7.14s; PPR Standards 1.1k-1.6k, 1.9k, 1.19k-1.29k, 1.1s-1.29s, 2.2k, 2.4k, 2.5k, 2.8k, 2.11k, 2.12k, 2.4s-2.16s, 3.1k-3.16k, 3.1s-3.20s, 4.3k-4.7k, 4.9k-4.18k, 4.1s-4.19s; Math Standards 7.1s-7.24s, 8.1k-8.8k, 8.1s-8.7s, 9.1s-9.7s, SS Standards 7.1s-7.11s, 8.1s-8.12s, 9.1s-9.12s, 10.1s-10.10s Science 7.1k - 7.6s, 8.1k - 8.13s, 9.1k - 9.11s)

ELED 447 - Data and Assessment in Field-Based Settings

Hours: 3

Focuses on effective methods of assessment including formal and informal assessments. The role of formative assessment as a guide for instruction and the importance of data-driven decisions will be emphasized. Problem based learning and the use of technology to collect, manage, and analyze multiple data sources to interpret learning results for individual students and for groups of students will be demonstrated.

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2.4s-2.16s, 3.1k-3.16k, 3.1s-3.20s, 4.3k-4.7k, 4.9k-4.18k, 4.1s-4.19s; Math Standards 7.1s-7.24s, 8.1k-8.8k, 8.1s-8.7s, 9.1s-9.7s; ELPS d1-6)

SPED 480 - Issues for Inclusion

Hours: 3

This course is taught during EC-6 Generalist or 4-8 Content clinical teaching and is designed to explore academic and social/emotional needs of students with disabilities in field-based inclusive settings. (refer to course syllabus for specific requirements)

RDG 448 - Supporting Literacy Development of Emergent Bilingual Learners in Field Based Setting

Hours: 3

Attention will be given to the development of reading fluency and written communications in the content areas with emergent bilingual learners. The use of language assessments and student data for instructional decision-making will be explored. Prerequisites: Full Admission to the Teacher Education Program through placement in a NET CPDT Center for clinical teaching. (Tech Standards: 2.8s, 4.9s-4.11s, 5.3k, 5.3s, 6.1k, 6.2k, 6.2s, 6.8s, 6.9s, 6.12s, 6.15s, 6.17s-6.21s, 7.1k, 7.2k, 7.11s, 7.14s; ELPS b(3), C(1) A-H, C(2) C-E, c(3) G-J, c(4) D-K, c(5) E-G; ELPS standards b(3); c(1)A-G; (2)D-E, G-J; (4)D-K; (5)E-G; ELAR Standards 1.3s, 1.4s, 4.12s, 5.4k, 5.7s, 5.9s, 6.7k, 6.4s-6.6s, 7.13k, 7.23k, 7.7s, 7.9s, 7.14s-7.16s, 8.7k, 8.1s, 8.8s, 8.10s, 9.7s, 9.8s, 10.1k-10.4k, 10.6k, 10.1s-10.6s, 11.5s,

All courses are taught in an integrated manner during seminar by Center Faculty and include ELED 440, 447, SPED 480, and RDG 448.

Student Learning Outcomes

While engaged in learning and teaching, the teacher candidate will show evidence that s/he:

1. Uses knowledge and skills of all content areas, as defined by the TEKS, to plan and implement effective curriculum, instruction, assessment, and evaluation.
2. Is able to identify, create, and apply a variety of teaching and classroom management strategies in seminar and Field Based setting that meet the individual and developmental needs of young children.
3. Ensures that instructional goals and objectives, classroom activities, assessments, and other elements of the classroom environment convey high expectations for student achievement.
4. Uses critical thinking and problem solving to design and implement lessons with real-world application and that include effective classroom management strategies.
5. Understands the importance of ESL teaching methods and uses this knowledge to plan and implement effective, developmentally appropriate instruction with use of hands-on experiences, as well as content and vocabulary development for English language learners.
6. Recognizes and utilizes technology in planning and appropriately implementing learning activities with children in math, science, social studies, and reading, as well as when communicating with parents.
7. Identifies, creates, and applies a variety of teaching and classroom management strategies in seminar and Field Based settings that meet the individual and developmental needs of young children.
8. Utilizes the varied and appropriate assessments and assessment practices to monitor math, science, technology, social studies, and reading content comprehension and learning.

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9. Applies Early Childhood-Sixth Grade and PPR Standards (TExES) and ELPS for math, science, technology, social studies, and reading competencies with the course content and Field Based experience.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

Required Seminar Courses: ELED 440, ELED 447, SPED 480, and RDG 448

1. *Attendance*— on time—at **all** scheduled university seminars (virtual and face-to-face – as scheduled), school-based class sessions, and school-based meetings.
2. Actively participate and collaborate in seminar and field based settings.
3. Professionalism is exemplified by preparation and enthusiasm for all school-based and seminar activities.
4. Reflection of informal observations, reflections, and/or writing-to-learn activities in which teaching strategies, learning strategies, organization/management systems and effective instruction are discussed.
5. Two formal lesson observations - planned, taught, and evaluated by the field supervisor.
6. Informal walkthrough observations evaluated by the field supervisor.
7. Participate in formal and informal Instructional Leadership Team (ILT) meetings. Performance evaluations at Mid-Term and Final ILT meetings.
8. Must pass TExES Certification Exam to enter Clinical Teaching Semester II. **(All sections of the EC-6 CORE exam or 4-8 Content Area passed by the end of semester I of Clinical Teaching)**
9. Check degree evaluation in Degree Works for accuracy.
10. Demonstrate dispositions for teaching as outlined by ETAMU.
11. Upload assignments/artifacts in TK20 by the deadline.

Instructional Methods

This course utilizes a practicum approach such as observations, small group/whole group instruction, co-teaching, and full-time teaching in the field. Seminars will be held as scheduled and will use an integrated approach to connect learning and experiences.

The purpose of clinical teaching within the field-based program is two-fold: (1) to demonstrate knowledge about content, pedagogy, technology, classroom management, assessment and evaluation, and the teaching and learning process; and (2) to demonstrate the ability to work with and manage students, plan lessons, and teach students using relevant and meaningful learning experiences in a professional manner. Thus, the assessment and evaluation of teacher candidates is also twofold as it addresses performance in both field based and seminar settings.

The ***instructional leadership team*** is the primary decision-making team that is coordinated by the cooperating teacher(s) and field supervisor with input from the clinical teacher and principals. Most decisions about the activities and experiences of each clinical teacher will have been determined by the *ILT* through discussion and consensus. The ILTs are usually composed of at least one cooperating teacher, a clinical teacher, and field supervisor.

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The clinical teacher's responsibilities should include:

- Understand the physical and cultural environment of the school, faculty, and staff, and students.
- Learn the students' names as soon as possible.
- Demonstrate the ability to respond appropriately to all learners.
- Understand the cooperating teacher's yearly curricular and instructional goals.
- Become familiar with the content objectives, and curriculum in order to utilize them for planning and instruction.
- Demonstrate a rich knowledge of content areas.
- Demonstrate effective interpersonal communication skills orally and in writing with professionals and students.
- Display the highest standards of professionalism and a commitment to improve the learning environment and the teaching profession.
- Observe the planning process which may include attending planning meetings.
- Assist the cooperating teacher in planning, developing, and preparing materials.
- Become familiar with the classroom instructional and discipline management plan.
- Assist the teacher in supervising student performance and working with individual students.
- Observe and reflect upon curricular and instructional practices and research alternate learner-centered methods of instruction.
- Demonstrate a rich knowledge of pedagogy including effective teaching practices and relevant and meaningful learning experiences for students.
- Demonstrate knowledge and use of effective assessment and evaluation strategies to promote student learning.
- Explore and demonstrate knowledge in the use of the technology to enhance instruction and classroom management.
- Exhibit a commitment to teaching, learning, and excellence in the profession.
- Assume other responsibilities based upon ILT recommendations.

Professionalism:

Student Learning Outcomes: 1-10 (see Student Learning Outcomes)

Assessment Method: Determined by the Instructional Leadership Team,

Professionalism, self-assessment, and lesson evaluations.

- Attendance and being on time at **ALL** university seminars, assigned campus days, school/university meetings, and field-based staff development. You are **required** to contact your field supervisor and cooperating teacher if you will be missing your assigned campus day or seminar. Your grade could be impacted if you are absent or tardy (see performance evaluation for details).
- Professionalism at the highest level to be demonstrated at all school and university functions. An educator demonstrates his/her professionalism in ways such as being on time, participating in, and contributing to class activities, accepting responsibility, and consistently demonstrating professionalism during seminar, on assignments, and in the field (see performance evaluation for details).

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Lesson Plans and Evaluation:

Learning Outcomes: 1-10 (see Student Learning Outcomes)

Assessment Method: Documentation through lesson plans, evaluations, observations (Cooperating Teacher/Field Supervisor)

- Teacher Candidates will participate in all components of the POP Cycle performance assessment – pre-conference, observation, and post-conference. The POP Cycle observation will be evaluated from your field supervisor. Prior to the pre-conference, you will provide your field supervisor with the lesson plan at least 48 hours in advance. You will discuss the components of the lesson plan with your field supervisor at the pre-conference. At the post conference with your field supervisor you will share your reflections and receive feedback from your field supervisor.
- Teacher Candidates will create a pre-assessment, collect and analyze data prior to the lesson observation and plan for support and extension activities based on data. Teacher candidates will review post assessment data after the lesson implementation and plan for a re-teach or support for students that did not meet the objective.
- Informal walkthrough observations evaluated by the field supervisor.
- Midterm Evaluation covering experiences from field and seminar as completed by the ILT. (see performance evaluation for details)
- Final Evaluation covering experiences in the field and seminar as completed by the ILT. (see performance evaluation for details)

Field-Based Investigative Report:

Student Learning Outcomes: (ELA/Reading Standards 1-12; PPR Standards 1.1k-1.6k, 1.25k; TEC §38.003 Screening and Treatment for Dyslexia and Related Disorders; TAC §74.28. Students with Dyslexia and Related Disorders)

Assessment Method: Narrative Report or other format as determined by Center Faculty

Each clinical teacher will conduct a field-based investigation on their assigned campus of the procedures used for identifying, assessing and serving ELL and non-ELL students with dyslexia or a related disorder. The investigation includes detecting the array of instructional support services available to identified students and the resources available to teachers. Findings will be compiled in a narrative report or another format determined by Center Faculty and will be presented in seminar where the different campus processes will be compared and contrasted.

Student Responsibilities

Teacher Candidates are expected to:

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- ✓ Report to their assigned school for teaching responsibilities. During semester I, EC-6 and 4-8 Teacher Candidates will participate in clinical teaching for a total of three days per week. Teacher Candidates will be in the field for the contract hours for teachers in that district. Teacher Candidates are expected to follow the check-in procedures of the school.
- ✓ Participate in all activities in the school and the district, and to take part in after-school programs, special programs, PTA meetings, faculty meetings, and any other activities of the school as much as the Teacher Candidates are able.
- ✓ Follow the academic calendar of the assigned public-school district. Any changes or exceptions to this will be noted by the Center Coordinator.
- ✓ It is expected that Teacher Candidates will be present and on time to their assigned campus except in cases of serious illness or other extenuating circumstances. In those instances, the Teacher Candidate must contact the Cooperating Teacher and Field Supervisor no later than the morning of the necessary absence AND prior to the required arrival time at the campus.
- ✓ Notify your Field Supervisor anytime there is a change in plans due to early dismissal, assembly program, PTA meetings, unscheduled holidays, or any unforeseen event. Field Supervisors occasionally stop by unannounced and must always know where Teacher Candidates will be.

Active Participation: Successful class participation is expected, including, but not limited to, the following: appropriately responding to class discussion questions and individual comments; on-time submission of all required course assignments; verbal and written contributions to assigned session discussion topics; active participation in group activities; sharing of ideas, theories, and concepts related to the teaching profession, and other session or content related topics.

Attendance: Procedure Statement

At East Texas A&M University, students (1) and faculty (2) are expected to be present for **all** face-to-face and interactive video classes in which they are enrolled. Students are responsible for providing faculty members with reason(s) for their absences and are responsible for requesting makeup information for any missed work and/or quizzes, projects, or assessments. For detailed information regarding the ETAMU Attendance Policy, reference the *ETAMU Attendance* section of this syllabus.

Excessive absences that interfere with the successful completion of clinical teaching may require you to be placed on a growth plan and/or dismissed from the program. Decisions regarding extenuating circumstances will be made in coordination between the TC, Cooperating Teacher, Field-Supervisor and Center Coordinator on a case-by-case basis.

GRADING

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Grading will reflect a combination of seminar and field work. ***Field focus: prior preparation, strength and delivery of lessons, knowledge of subject matter, utilization of lesson design, and assessment of student progress.***

The following holistic scoring will be utilized:

A (90 – 100%) = Commendable. Well above average in initiative, thought, organization, reflection, and implementing professional choices. Evidence of extensive control of own decision-making and learning processes. Monitors, adjusts, and manages independently. Excellent attitude, attendance, participation, and completion of assignments by due date

B (80 – 89%) = Developing. Functional, but in need of instruction regarding initiative, thought, organization, reflection, and implementing professional choices. Evidences some control of own decision-making and learning processes. Monitors, adjusts, and manages--but requires intervention. Good attitude, attendance, participation, and completion of assignments by due date

C (70 – 79%) = Needs Improvement. Some lack of initiative, thought, organization, reflection, and responsibility. Evidences little to no control of own decision-making and learning processes. Does not adequately monitor, adjust, and manage. Sometimes exhibits poor attitude, attendance, participation and completion of assignments by due date.

D (less than 70%) = Not recommended for teacher certification

Grading (Determined by criteria shared below)

- **Performance Evaluation**
- **ILT meetings**

Final assessed grade will then be translated into courses for internship / Clinical Teaching Semester I:

- ELED 440: Instructional Strategies Across Content Areas (Science, Social Studies, and Math)
- ELED 447: Data and Assessment in Field-Based Settings
- SPED 480: Issues for Inclusion
- RDG 448: Content Reading Methods for Teacher Candidates

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TECHNOLOGY REQUIREMENTS

LMS

All course sections offered by East Texas A&M University have a corresponding course shell in the myLeo Online Learning Management System (LMS). Below are technical requirements

LMS Requirements:

<https://community.brightspace.com/s/article/Brightspace-Platform-Requirements>

LMS Browser Support:

https://documentation.brightspace.com/EN/brightspace/requirements/all/browser_support.htm

Zoom Video Conferencing Tool

https://inside.tamuc.edu/campuslife/CampusServices/CITESupportCenter/Zoom_Account.aspx?source=universalmenu

ACCESS AND NAVIGATION

You will need your campus-wide ID (CWID) and password to log into the course. If you do not know your CWID or have forgotten your password, contact the Center for IT Excellence (CITE) at 903.468.6000 or helpdesk@tamuc.edu.

Note: Personal computer and internet connection problems do not excuse the requirement to complete all course work in a timely and satisfactory manner. Each student needs to have a backup method to deal with these inevitable problems. These methods might include the availability of a backup PC at home or work, the temporary use of a computer at a friend's home, the local library, office service companies, Starbucks, an ETAMU campus open computer lab, etc.

ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE USE

AI is allowed **with attribution**: Use of AI tools, including ChatGPT, is permitted in this course for students who wish to use them. To adhere to our scholarly values, **students must cite any AI-generated material that informed their work** (this includes in-text citations and/or use of quotations, and in your reference list). Using an AI tool to generate content without proper attribution qualifies as academic dishonesty.

COMMUNICATION AND SUPPORT

If you have any questions or are having difficulties with the course **material**, please contact your instructor.

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Technical Support

If you are having **technical difficulty** with any part of Brightspace (D2L), please contact Brightspace Technical Support at 1-877-325-7778. Other support options can be found here:

<https://community.brightspace.com/support/s/contactsupport>

Interaction with Instructor Statement

I enjoy getting to know my students. Please contact me with any questions you may have. I strive to provide quick feedback on assignments, etc. Please allow 24-48 hour response time during the business week.

COURSE AND UNIVERSITY PROCEDURES/POLICIES

Syllabus Change Policy

The syllabus is a guide. Circumstances and events, such as student progress, may make it necessary for the instructor to modify the syllabus during the semester. Any changes made to the syllabus will be announced in advance.

University Specific Procedures

Student Conduct

All students enrolled at the University shall follow the tenets of common decency and acceptable behavior conducive to a positive learning environment. The Code of Student Conduct is described in detail in the [Student Guidebook](#).

<http://www.tamuc.edu/Admissions/oneStopShop/undergraduateAdmissions/studentGuidebook.aspx>

Students should also consult the Rules of Netiquette for more information regarding how to interact with students in an online forum:

<https://www.britannica.com/topic/netiquette>

ETAMU Attendance

For more information about the attendance policy please visit the [Attendance](#) webpage and [Procedure 13.99.99.R0.01](#).

<http://www.tamuc.edu/admissions/registrar/generalInformation/attendance.aspx>

<http://www.tamuc.edu/aboutUs/policiesProceduresStandardsStatements/rulesProcedures/13students/academic/13.99.99.R0.01.pdf>

Academic Integrity

Students at East Texas A&M University are expected to maintain high standards of integrity and honesty in all of their scholastic work. For more details and the definition of academic dishonesty see the following procedures:

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[Undergraduate Academic Dishonesty 13.99.99.R0.03](#)
[Undergraduate Student Academic Dishonesty Form](#)

<http://www.tamuc.edu/aboutUs/policiesProceduresStandardsStatements/rulesProcedures/documents/13.99.99.R0.03UndergraduateStudentAcademicDishonestyForm.pdf>

[Graduate Student Academic Dishonesty Form](#)

<http://www.tamuc.edu/academics/graduateschool/faculty/GraduateStudentAcademicDishonestyFormold.pdf>

<http://www.tamuc.edu/aboutUs/policiesProceduresStandardsStatements/rulesProcedures/13students/undergraduates/13.99.99.R0.03UndergraduateAcademicDishonesty.pdf>

Students with Disabilities-- ADA Statement

The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) is a federal anti-discrimination statute that provides comprehensive civil rights protection for persons with disabilities. Among other things, this legislation requires that all students with disabilities be guaranteed a learning environment that provides reasonable accommodation of their disabilities. If you have a disability requiring an accommodation, please contact:

Office of Student Disability Resources and Services

East Texas A&M University

Velma K. Waters Library Rm 162

Phone (903) 886-5150 or (903) 886-5835

Fax (903) 468-8148

Email: studentdisabilityservices@tamuc.edu

Website: [Office of Student Disability Resources and Services](#)

<http://www.tamuc.edu/campusLife/campusServices/studentDisabilityResourcesAndServices/>

Nondiscrimination Notice

East Texas A&M University will comply in the classroom, and in online courses, with all federal and state laws prohibiting discrimination and related retaliation on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, disability, age, genetic information or veteran status. Further, an environment free from discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation, gender identity, or gender expression will be maintained.

Campus Concealed Carry Statement

Texas Senate Bill - 11 (Government Code 411.2031, et al.) authorizes the carrying of a concealed handgun in East Texas A&M University buildings only by persons who have been issued and are in possession of a Texas License to Carry a Handgun. Qualified law enforcement officers or those who are otherwise authorized to carry a concealed handgun in the State of Texas are also permitted to do so. Pursuant to Penal Code (PC)

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46.035 and East Texas A&M University Rule 34.06.02.R1, license holders may not carry a concealed handgun in restricted locations.

For a list of locations, please refer to the [Carrying Concealed Handguns On Campus](#) document and/or consult your event organizer.

Web url:

<http://www.tamuc.edu/aboutUs/policiesProceduresStandardsStatements/rulesProcedures/34SafetyOfEmployeesAndStudents/34.06.02.R1.pdf>

Pursuant to PC 46.035, the open carrying of handguns is prohibited on all East Texas A&M University campuses. Report violations to the University Police Department at 903-886-5868 or 9-1-1.

East Texas A&M University Supports Students' Mental Health

The Counseling Center at East Texas A&M University, located in the Halladay Building, Room 203, offers counseling services, educational programming, and connection to community resources for students. Students have 24/7 access to the Counseling Center's crisis assessment services by calling 903-886-5145. For more information regarding Counseling Center events and confidential services, please visit www.tamuc.edu/counseling-center

Mental Health and Well-Being

The university aims to provide students with essential knowledge and tools to understand and support mental health. As part of our commitment to your well-being, we offer access to Telus Health, a service available 24/7/365 via chat, phone, or webinar. Scan the QR code to download the app and explore the resources available to you for guidance and support whenever you need it.



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