

# Sul Ross State University

## EDUC 4308 The Teaching of Reading Course Syllabus

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**Course Description:** The Teaching of Reading is an intensive study of the foundations of reading readiness, beginning reading, remedial reading, reading assessment, reading devices, and the use of multimedia aids in reading instruction. Topics presented in this course will provide an understanding of reading pedagogy, best practices for reading assessment, and foundational skills for reading development. This course serves as a foundation to the reading component and is encouraged to be taken as the first course of the reading component.

### **Required Textbook and Materials:**

Moats, L.C., Glaser, D., & Tolman, C. (2005–to 2014). Language Essentials for Teachers of Reading and Spelling (LETRS). Modules 1-4. Voyager Sopris Learning.

**\*\*You can order your text materials through the SRSU bookstore here: [www.sulrossbookstore.com](http://www.sulrossbookstore.com).**

American Psychological Association (2020). Publication manual of the American psychological association (7th ed.). Washington, DC.

Supplemental module readings will be provided.

### **Student Learning Outcomes:**

SLO 1- Candidates will observe and identify the range of individual developmental differences that characterize students in early childhood through grade 6.

SLO - 2 Candidates will identify instructional strategies to analyze children's strengths and needs for planning instruction.

SLO - 3 Candidates will identify and select pertinent materials and resources including technological resources to enhance student learning and engagement in the planning process.

### **Marketable Skills:**

1. Candidates will acquire public speaking skills to a variety of audiences.
2. Candidates will acquire writing skills for lesson plans and other scholarly documents.

3. Candidates will acquire organizational skills to effectively manage time and meet deadlines.
4. Candidates understand human growth and development.
5. Candidates recognize the influence of diverse social-cultural factors.
6. Candidates utilize multiple methods and strategies to achieve a goal.
7. Candidates effectively use technology.

**Science of Teaching Reading (STR) Standards and Competencies:**

**Domain I:** Comp. 1 (001.A, 001.B, 001.C, 001.D, 001.E, 001.D, 001.F., 001.G, 001.H, 001.I, 001.J, 001.K, 001.L, 001.M, 001.N, 001.O, 001.P, 001.Q, 001.R., 001S)  
Comp. 2 (002.A, 002.B, 002.D, 002.I, 002.J)

**Domain II:** Comp. 3 (003.A, 003.B, 003.C, 003.D, 003.E, 003.F, 003.G, 003.H, 003.I, 003.J, 003.K, 003.L); Comp. 4 (004.A, 004.B, 004.C, 004.D, 004.E, 004.F, 004.G, 004.H, 004.I, 004.J), Comp. 5 (005.A, 005.B, 005.C, 005.D, 005.E, 005.F, 005.G, 005.H, 005.I, 005.J, 005.K), Comp. 6 (006.A, 006.B, 006.C, 006.D, 006.E, 006.G), Comp. 7 (007.A), Comp. 8 (008.A , 008.B, 008.C, 008.D, 008.E, 008.F, 008.G., 008.H, 008.I, 008.J)

**Domain III:** Comp. 9 (009.E, 009.F, 009.G)

**Domain IV:** Comp. 13 (013.A, 013.B, 013.C, 013.D)

**Course Format:**

- This is a hybrid course 16-week course, with a mix of TEAMS and online learning activities. Online learning is a very different kind of experience from the traditional face-to-face course. **Although online courses are convenient, you will shoulder a greater responsibility for your own learning than you might in a face-to-face course.** Candidates should plan to attend all synchronous video class discussions. These class meetings are a course requirement. Students can be dropped for excessive absences.
- A variety of approaches will be included in the online course delivery that includes synchronous discussion, online discussion, small collaborative group work, student presentations, lecture, gathering of assessment data, and observation. Your ability to devote a *minimum* of 6-8 hours per week to your course work is critical for success.
- Successful completion of an online course requires dedication and constant effort. Do not fall behind in your work! Begin your assignments as soon as possible and adhere to deadlines. Circumstances often arise that may prevent you from making a deadline if you wait until that time to submit your work.
- This course is writing intensive to prepare candidates to administer, analyze, plan and communicate assessment outcomes and instructional planning to stakeholders. It is advised that candidates use Smarthinking for written assignments.
- Submit professional quality work. Have someone proofread your submittals and always use the grammar and spell check functions on your computer before submission. Every submission you make is considered a final draft and your very best work!

**TITLE 19 EDUCATION**

**PART 7 STATE BOARD FOR EDUCATOR CERTIFICATION**

## **CHAPTER 228 REQUIREMENTS FOR EDUCATOR PREPARATION PROGRAMS**

### **RULE §228.30 Educator Preparation Curriculum**

(a) The educator standards adopted by the State Board for Educator Certification (SBEC) shall be the curricular basis for all educator preparation and, for each certificate, address the relevant Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS).

(b) The curriculum for each educator preparation program shall rely on scientifically based research to ensure teacher effectiveness and align to the TEKS. The following subject matter shall be included in the curriculum for candidates seeking initial certification:

- (1) the specified requirements for reading instruction adopted by the SBEC for each certificate;
- (2) the code of ethics and standard practices for Texas educators, pursuant to Chapter 247 of this title (relating to Educators' Code of Ethics);
- (3) child development;
- (4) motivation;
- (5) learning theories;
- (6) TEKS organization, structure, and skills;
- (7) TEKS in the content areas;
- (8) state assessment of candidates;
- (9) curriculum development and lesson planning;
- (10) classroom assessment for instruction/diagnosing learning needs;
- (11) classroom management/developing a positive learning environment;
- (12) special populations;
- (13) parent conferences/communication skills;
- (14) instructional technology;
- (15) pedagogy/instructional strategies;
- (16) differentiated instruction; and
- (17) certification test preparation.

### **§235.15. Science of Teaching Reading Standards, Early Childhood: Prekindergarten-Grade 3.**

a) Early Childhood: Prekindergarten-Grade 3 Science of Teaching Reading (STR) standards. The STR standards identified in this section are targeted for classroom teachers of early learners (birth through age eight). The standards address the discipline that deals with the theory and practice of teaching early reading. The standards inform proper teaching techniques, strategies, teacher actions, teacher judgements, and decisions by taking into consideration theories of learning, understandings of students and their needs, and the backgrounds and interests of individual students. The standards are also aligned with the *Texas Prekindergarten Guidelines* and Chapter 110 of this title (relating to Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills for English Language Arts and Reading). The standards address early reading content knowledge in Prekindergarten-Grade 5, with an emphasis on Prekindergarten-Grade 3, in order to meet the needs of all learners and address vertical alignment.

(b) Reading Development. The Early Childhood: Prekindergarten-Grade 3 classroom teachers demonstrate understanding of Kindergarten-Grade 5 Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS) and *Texas Prekindergarten Guidelines* pertaining to reading and apply knowledge of developmentally appropriate, research- and evidence-based assessment and instructional practices to promote students' development of grade level skills within the following components of reading:

- (1) oral language development;
- (2) print awareness;
- (3) phonological and phonemic awareness;
- (4) phonics;
- (5) fluency;
- (6) vocabulary development;
- (7) comprehension of literary text;
- (8) comprehension of informational text; and
- (9) beginning strategies and reading comprehension skills.

(c) Reading Pedagogy. The Early Childhood: Prekindergarten-Grade 3 classroom teachers demonstrate understanding of the principles of reading instruction and assessment and use a range of instructional strategies and assessment methods to promote students' development of foundational reading skills, including:

- (1) implementing both formal and informal methods of measuring student progress in early reading development.
- (2) designing and executing developmentally appropriate, standards-driven instruction that reflect evidence-based best practices; and

(3) acquiring, analyzing, and using background information (familial, cultural, educational, linguistic, and developmental characteristics) to engage all students in reading, including students with exceptional needs and English language learners.

Texas Pre-K Guidelines: [https://tea.texas.gov/sites/default/files/PKG\\_Final\\_2015\\_navigation.pdf](https://tea.texas.gov/sites/default/files/PKG_Final_2015_navigation.pdf)

## **Assignment Descriptions**

### **Vocabulary Interactive Notebook (100 Points)**

Candidates will maintain a vocabulary interactive notebook throughout the course. Candidates will be expected to include key vocabulary words in the notebook as well as summary entries for article readings (and any other important information). The journal will be submitted at the end of each module to be reviewed (20 points per module = 100 points).

### **Personal Narrative: How I learned to Read (50 Points)**

Write a personal narrative reflecting on and describing how you learned to read. Include individuals who were influential and what you remember about transitioning from the home literacy environment to a more formal educational literacy environment (public/private school). The minimum acceptable length for this assignment is 400 words.

### **Motivation to Read Profile: (150 Points)**

Candidates will administer the Motivation to Read Profile to an elementary student and create a 400-word report communicating results and sharing relevant resources and research-based strategies for parents to incorporate at home.

### **Phonological Awareness Skills Test: (150 Points)**

Candidates will administer the PAST assessment to a Pre-K or kindergarten student and create a 400-word report communicating results and sharing research-based strategies for phonemic and phonological development.

### **The Art of Questioning (150 Points)**

Appropriate questioning technique is critical to student comprehension. Candidates will choose a children's picture book or chapter book and construct a 400-word report to include 1) Title and Author 2) Appropriate Age for Use 3) Original Summary 4) 3 Closed Questions 5) 3 Open Questions 6) Coding of Each Question (literal, inferential or critical). Students will record the reading session with a student and include a transcript of the questions/answers in the report.

### **5 Point Fluency Scale for Oral Reading: (50 Points)**

Candidates will administer the 5 Point Fluency Scale for Oral Reading to an elementary student and create a 400-word report communicating results and sharing research-based strategies for targeted intervention to build fluency.

### **My Philosophy of Teaching Reading (50 Points)**

Over the period of 16 weeks, candidates should be gaining knowledge that influences their own personal philosophy of teaching reading as well as an appreciate and deeper understanding of the learning process involved in reading. After considering the content

covered, along with the STR standards and competencies, each candidate will develop and deliver their personal philosophy of teaching reading.

### **LETRS Units 1-4 Completed Sessions (100 Points)**

Each LETRS unit is comprised of 8 online sessions with accompanying reading materials. You will complete this training outside of class, but your completion of each unit will earn credit toward your overall course grade. Each unit will have a due date. Completing your online session and scoring 80% or higher on the individual unit test by the due date will earn you 25 points per unit. See the course schedule for due dates.

### **Midterm Exam (100 points)**

### **Final Exam (100 points) LETRS posttest score**

#### **Grading Scale:**

A= 900-1000 POINTS – Exceeds Expectation/highest level

B= 800-899 POINTS – Proficient/proficient level

C= 700-799 POINTS – Acceptable/average level

D= 600-699 POINTS – Emerging/inadequate level

F= less than 600 POINTS – Unacceptable

#### ***Grading.***

- No late assignment will be accepted after its due date without prior instructor consent. Blackboard will notate if your assignment is “late”. Though late work will not be calculated into your grade, you will often receive feedback on quality of work. This policy is to support marketable skill development (3).
- Candidates seeking certification are required to complete a constructed response prompt that is formatted using APA style; therefore, all style and citation requirements should be formatted using the American Psychological Association (APA) manual. Papers with APA citation errors will receive a reduction in points or no credit.
- All assignments are due at 10 pm on the designated date.
- There are no optional assignments in this course. All assignments are representative of required skills that must be demonstrated according to certification standards. Please do not request opportunities for “extra credit” to replace assignments that are missed or poorly executed.
- Do not ask for preferential treatment regarding course grading policies or deadlines. Each student in this class has a unique set of circumstances and while it is not uncommon for you to face challenges throughout the session or semester, it is expected that you will meet the course expectations as stated. My expectation is that everyone adheres to the same policies. No student should expect treatment that would not be offered to the entire class, so please do not ask for exceptions.

## Understanding Grades:

**Course grades are not meant to be elusive. It is important to understand what constitutes a grade. Some students think that merely meeting an assignment expectation warrants the highest level of performance, but that is not the case. Review the below descriptions of each letter grade and contemplate what goal you are going to set for yourself during this grading period. Work toward that goal realistically.**

**A** – A work exhibits excellent work that demonstrates not only a clear understanding of the material (content) but also a superior ability to utilize that material in the assignment submitted. Not only is all criteria met, the student’s work goes beyond the task and contains *additional, unexpected* or *outstanding features*.

**B** – B work represents solid work that demonstrates a good understanding of the material under study and utilizes material well in assignments submitted. The student meets the assignment criteria, with few errors or omissions.

**C** – C work demonstrates a technical, or basic, understanding of the material under study and utilizes that material adequately in the assignment submitted. The work meets the minimum assignment criteria.

**D** – D Work fails to demonstrate a basic, or technical, understanding of the material under study and fails to use relevant material in the assignment submitted. Work may not address one or more criteria or may not accomplish what was asked.

**F** – F Work is incomplete, inappropriate, and/or shows little or no comprehension of the class material in the assignment submitted.

## University and Course Policies:

**Classroom Demeanor.** Candidates are expected to maintain professional and courteous behavior at all times. This includes being respectful to other both your peers and the instructor, arriving on time, being attentive, and following ethical behavior as outlined in the [TEA Educator Code of Ethics](#). Importantly, this class will foster free expression, critical investigation, and the open discussion of ideas. This means that all of us must help create and sustain an atmosphere of tolerance, civility, and respect for the viewpoints of others. Similarly, we must all learn how to probe, oppose and disagree without resorting to tactics of intimidation, harassment, or personal attack. No one is entitled to harass, belittle, or discriminate against another on the basis of race, religion, ethnicity, age, gender, national origin, or sexual preference. Still we will not be silenced by the difficulty of fruitfully discussing politically sensitive issues.

**Dropping a Class.** During the course of a semester, circumstances can prevent students from completing a class successfully. Dropping a class may be necessary and/or advised in your specific case. Please feel free to contact me to discuss this option. Should dropping the class be the best course of action, you are responsible for completing the necessary actions by March 28, 2022 at 4:00 pm.

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### ***Technical Support***

The Support Desk is where you can direct your more technical questions. For example, the Support Desk can help you if you are having issues submitting a document, getting videos to play, or using BlackBoard. The support desk is open 24 hours a day/7 days a week for your convenience.

You can reach the support desk:

- By calling 888.837.6055
- Via email [blackboardsupport@sulross.edu](mailto:blackboardsupport@sulross.edu)
- Using resources from the Technology Support tab within blackboard
- Clicking the Support Desk graphic on the course homepage

**Remote Learning Guidelines: Please refer and follow Distance Learning/Zoom Guidelines provided in the blackboard course as a participation requirement in this class.**

### ***SRSU Library Services.***

The Bryan Wildenthal Memorial Library in Alpine offers FREE resources and services to the entire SRSU community. Access and borrow books, articles, and more by visiting the library's website, [library.sulross.edu](http://library.sulross.edu). Off-campus access requires your LoboID and password. Check out materials using your photo ID. Librarians are a tremendous resource for your coursework and can be reached in person, by email ([srsulibrary@sulross.edu](mailto:srsulibrary@sulross.edu)), or phone (432-837-8123).

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**ACADEMIC INTEGRITY:** Academic dishonesty hurts everyone and reduces the value of college degrees. Doing someone else's work, presenting the ideas and work of others as your own, submitting the same paper for multiple classes, and/or failing to cite your sources when you utilize the ideas of others, are all examples of academic dishonesty. Academic misconduct, for which a student is subject to penalty, includes all forms of cheating, such as illicit possession of examinations or examination materials, forgery, or plagiarism. Plagiarism is unacceptable and, for the purpose of this course, is defined as using in part or in whole any material written or designed by someone other than the student, unless appropriate credit is given to the person or resource material used. This includes, but is not limited to: lesson plans found on the internet, lessons provided by classroom teachers, materials located in any form of publication (books, magazines, internet sites, etc.), book reviews, and coursework completed by previous students. Disciplinary action for academic misconduct will first be considered by the faculty member assigned to the course and can result in failure of individual assignments and/or course credit.

It is your responsibility to read and understand the university's policy on academic dishonesty in the SRSU Student Handbook, as all violations will be taken seriously and handled through the appropriate university process. In addition, please note that plagiarism detection software will be used in this class for written assignments, as well as monitoring software for course exams. In addition, please note that plagiarism detection software will be used in this class for written assignments, as well as monitoring software for course exams.

# Course Schedule

(This schedule is subject to change. Any updates or modifications will be posted to Bb.)

Module	Topic
<p><b>Module 1: Reading Theory and Learning to Read</b></p>	<p>Welcome, review course syllabus            Discuss STR Standards            Participate in class lectures</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Supplemental Resources</li> </ul> <p>Module Readings: Three landmark reports completed over the past twenty years provide detailed information on reading instruction. Download to review the reports below and be prepared to discuss in class.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• National Reading Panel (US), National Institute of Child Health, Human Development (US), National Reading Excellence Initiative, National Institute for Literacy (US), United States. Public Health Service, &amp; United States Department of Health. (2000). <i>Report of the National Reading Panel: Teaching children to read: An evidence-based assessment of the scientific research literature on reading and its implications for reading instruction: Reports of the subgroups</i>. National Institute of Child Health and Human Development, National Institutes of Health.</li> <li>• August, D., Shanahan, T., &amp; Escamilla, K. (2009). English language learners: Developing literacy in second-language learners—Report of the National Literacy Panel on Language-Minority Children and Youth. <i>Journal of literacy research, 41</i>(4), 432-452.</li> <li>• Cambourne, B. (1995). Toward an educationally relevant theory of literacy learning: Twenty years of inquiry. <i>The Reading Teacher, 49</i>(3), 182.</li> </ul> <p><b>LETRS Pacing Unit 1: Sessions 1- 4</b>  <b>Personal Narrative: How I learned to Read</b>  <b>Vocabulary Interactive Notebook</b></p>

<p><b>Module 2: Early &amp; Emergent Literacy</b></p>	<p>Participate in class lectures  Supplemental Resources</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Abbott, S., and C. Grose. “I Know English So Many, Mrs. Abbott’: Reciprocal Discoveries in a Linguistically Diverse Classroom.” <i>Language Arts</i> 75, no. 3 (1998).</li> <li>• Neuman, S. (1990). Play, print and purpose: Enriching Play Environments for Literacy Development. <i>Reading Teacher</i>, 44, 214-221.</li> </ul> <p><b>Phonological Awareness Skills Test (PAST)</b>  <b>LETRS Pacing Unit 1: Sessions 5-8</b>  <b>LETRS Unit 1 Assessment</b>  <b>Vocabulary Interactive Notebook</b></p>
	<p>LETRS Pacing Unit 2: Sessions 1- 4</p>
<p><b>Module 3: The Alphabet and its Role in Early Reading</b></p>	<p>Participate in class lectures  Supplemental Resources</p> <p><b>Motivation to Read Profile</b>  <b>LETRS Pacing Unit 2: Sessions 1-8</b>  <b>LETRS Unit 2 Assessment</b>  <b>Vocabulary Interactive Notebook</b></p>
	<p><b>Midterm Exam</b></p>
<p><b>Module 4: Extending Word Knowledge and Enhancing Comprehension</b></p>	<p>Participate in class lectures  Supplemental Resources</p> <p><b>Developing Comprehension Questions</b>  <b>LETRS Pacing Unit 3: Sessions 1-8</b>  <b>LETRS Unit 3 Assessment</b>  <b>Vocabulary Interactive Notebook</b></p>
<p><b>Module 5: Building Fluency</b></p>	<p>Participate in class lectures  Supplemental Resources</p> <p>Word Study &amp; Fluency Workshop: <i>Annenberg Learner</i>  Student Case Study Cassandra Becomes A Fluent Reader: <i>Annenberg Learner</i></p> <p><b>5 Point Fluency Scale for Oral Reading</b>  <b>Philosophy of Teaching Reading</b>  <b>LETRS Pacing Unit 4: Sessions 1-8</b>  <b>LETRS Unit 4 Assessment</b>  <b>Vocabulary Interactive Notebook</b></p>
	<p><b>Final Exam: LETRS Posttest Assessment</b></p>