

EDUA 3308 Language Acquisition and Emergent Literacy Summer II 2022 Syllabus

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Course Description

A course in language acquisition in children. Developmentally appropriate activities, diversity, and individual learning styles found in the educational setting are discussed as they facilitate language in young children. All theories and activities are presented as they ultimately contribute to an integrated curriculum. This course supports competencies within the Evaluative measure as identified by the State of Texas for Teaching Certification. In addition, this course utilizes the competencies prescribed for Early Childhood-6th grade as identified by the State of Texas.

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.

Performance Standards, Goals, and Learning Objectives

Standards and Competencies:

- Domain 1: Comp. 1 (001.A, 001.B, 001.D, 001.E, 001.G, 001.H, 001.I, 001.J, 001.K, 001.L, 001.N, 001.P, 001.Q, 001.R, 001.S), Comp. 2. (002.B, 002.D, 002.F, 002.H, 002.I, 002.J)
- Domain 2: Comp. 3 (003.A, 003.B, 003.C, 003.D, 003.E, 003.F, 003.G, 003.H, 00, 3.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.F, 006.G, 006.H, 006.L, 006.M)
- Domain 3: Comp.009(009.A, 009.D, 009.E, 009.L); Comp. 10(010A, 101C, 010D, 010E, 010K); Comp. 11(011.C 011D, 011E)
- Domain 4: Comp. 013 (013.A, 013B, 013C, 013D)

Student Learning Outcomes:

SLO 1- Candidates will observe and identify the range of individual developmental differences that characterize students in early childhood through grade 8.

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.

Required Texts

Machado, J. M. (2018). *Early childhood experiences in language arts: Early literacy*. Cengage Learning. (11th ed.). Mindtap

Additional Materials Provided to Students:

Birsh, J. R. (2011). *Multisensory teaching of basic language skills*. Brookes Publishing Company. (4th Edition) American Psychological Association (2020). *Publication manual of the American psychological association* (7th ed.). Washington, DC.

Clay, M. M. (1993). *An observation survey of early literacy achievement*. Heinemann, 361 Hanover St., Portsmouth, NH 03801-3912.

Various journal articles & Videos

Course Format

- This is a 5-week web-delivered course with live instruction through Blackboard Collaborate, and online learning activities. Remote learning is a different kind of experience from the traditional face-to-face course. **Although online courses and remote learning are convenient, you will shoulder a greater responsibility for personal learning than you might in a face-to-face course.** Online learning will encompass weekly video class meetings on **Tuesday and Thursday 4:30pm-7:00pm** that are necessary for content coverage. Candidates should plan to attend all synchronous video class discussions.
- A variety of approaches will be included in the online course delivery that includes online discussions, small collaborative group work, student presentations, lecture, and gathering assessment data. Your ability to devote a minimum of 6-8 hours per week to your course work is critical to your success. **Assignments will not be accepted after the due date.**
- 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 when possible, get at least one module ahead in preparation.
- This course is writing intensive to prepare candidates to administer, analyze, plan and communicate assessment outcomes and planning to stakeholders. This is an upper-level college course and requires all writing to conform to standard English structure. Assignments are dependent upon the conventions of writing as well as content. It is advised that candidates use Smarthinking for written assignments. It is also advisable to consult the writing center or other resources for proofreading and editing.
- **Submit professional quality work.** Have someone proofread your submittals and always use the grammar and spell check functions on your computer before submission. **APA format is required for all formal writing assignments.**

Course Assignments

Attendance/Participation: (10 @ 10 points each =100 points)

It is essential that you attend class and participate in discussions. This will help you to learn and be able to apply the information and skills.

Marie Clay's Concepts of Print Assessment (100 Points)

Candidates will complete training, practice, and administer Clay's (2000) Concepts of Print assessment to a Pre-K or Kindergarten student. Candidates will write a 400-500 word report to share the assessment administration protocol, outcomes and research based intervention strategies that may be helpful to support print concepts and alphabet knowledge.

Literacy Centers Design and Presentation (100 Points)

Design 3 early literacy centers to demonstrate knowledge of explicit, research-based strategies, tools, and techniques for assessing various aspects of a child's oral language development using information from literature and materials presented in module assignments. Activities should be differentiated to support English Language Learners and provide culturally responsive approaches to intervention. Incorporate multisensory approaches in each station to highlight the use of at least 2 senses with each activity.

Phonological Awareness Multisensory Lesson Plan (100 Points)

Candidates will create a lesson plan using research-based strategies and best practices for promoting phonological awareness skills and strategies to help make concepts of phonemes more concrete for young children.

MindTap Resource (450 Points)

Each chapter has supplemental resources via the MindTap learning platform. Refer to your **course schedule for deadlines on chapter quizzes and video responses for each chapter.**

Grading Scale:

A= 90-100% – Exceeds Expectation/highest level

B= 80- 89% – Proficient/proficient level

C= 70- 79% – Acceptable/average level

D= 60- 69% – Emerging/inadequate level

F= less than 60% – Unacceptable

Grading Policy

1. No late assignment will be accepted after its due date without prior instructor consent.
2. Formal writing should follow APA style. All citations should be formatted using the American Psychological Association (APA) manual. Papers with APA citation errors will receive a reduction in points or no credit.
3. **All assignments are due by 11:59 pm CST.**
4. There are no optional assignments in this course. All assignments must be completed to pass this class.
5. **Please note that discussion board posts and peer reviews cannot be completed after the end date.** Complete your work in a timely manner. Do not wait until a few

hours before an assignment is due to submit your work, especially when your classmates are relying on your submission to complete their peer review.

6. Candidates who fail to participate in Discussion Boards, attend synchronous video class sessions, or complete any assignment may not pass this course.

Course Assignments & Schedule

Assignments are due by 11:59PM of the due date. Late work will not be accepted.

Module	Assignments	Due Dates
<u>Week 1 7/6-7/12</u> Module 1: The Beginnings of Communication: Language Development	<input type="checkbox"/> Review syllabus, STR competencies, and PreK Guidelines <input type="checkbox"/> Read Chapters 1-3 <input type="checkbox"/> Explore Support Materials <input type="checkbox"/> Complete MindTap Assignments	July 13th
<u>Week 2 7/13-7/19</u> Module 2: Promoting Language and Literacy	<input type="checkbox"/> Read Chapters 4-7 <input type="checkbox"/> Explore Support Materials <input type="checkbox"/> Complete MindTap Assignments	July 20th
<u>Week 3 7/20-7/26</u> Module 3: Instructional Techniques and Resources for Scaffolding	<input type="checkbox"/> Read Chapters 8-9 <input type="checkbox"/> Explore Support Materials <input type="checkbox"/> Complete MindTap Assignments <input type="checkbox"/> Literacy Centers Assignment	July 27th July 29th
<u>Week 4 7/27-8/2</u> Module 4: Support Structures for Language Growth and Experiences with Print	<input type="checkbox"/> Read Chapters 12-15 <input type="checkbox"/> Explore Support Materials <input type="checkbox"/> Complete MindTap Assignments <input type="checkbox"/> Concepts of Print Assessment	August 3rd August 5th
<u>Week 5 8/3-8/8</u> Module 5: The Classroom Environment and Family Literacy	<input type="checkbox"/> Read Chapters 16-17 <input type="checkbox"/> Explore Support Materials <input type="checkbox"/> Complete MindTap Assignments <input type="checkbox"/> Phonological Awareness Lesson Plan	August 7th August 7th

This course syllabus is intended to be a guide and may be amended at any time.

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.

Blackboard Collaborate Etiquette for Classes

1. Join the meeting early – Show your respect for the other meeting attendees, join the meeting up to five (5) minutes before it is scheduled to start.

2. Dress appropriately – One of the magical things about working remotely is the freedom to wear anything to work. It's the dream, right? Still, there is no reason to show your fellow students your PJs and bedhead. Take a few minutes to throw on a clean shirt and brush your hair. The best part of actually getting ready while attending class remotely is that you will put yourself in the right headspace to be productive.

3. Be aware of your surroundings – Your fellow students will not be able to hear your ideas or take you seriously when there is a pile of dirty clothes in the corner behind you. You also want to avoid looking like you work from the inside of a cave because of bad lighting. Adjust your work setup so that you face a window or are exposed to plenty of light. And make sure your background is professional and work appropriate. This means:

- No beds (unmade or made) in the background
- No messy rooms or open closets where everyone can see your clutter
- No NSFW artwork

While kids and pets are adorable (and a much needed distraction when you're feeling overwhelmed), your fellow students will not love having to talk over a screaming child or barking dog. So, be mindful of noise.

4. Mute your microphone when you are not talking – There is nothing more frustrating than hearing that alien echo noise from conflicting microphones. Save everyone from the ear-splitting madness by joining the meeting while on mute. Unless you live alone, your house is probably pretty noisy these days. Muting your microphone when you're not speaking gives other participants the ability to chime in and share their thoughts without distraction or frustration.

5. Have your camera turned on – Remember to look into the camera when talking instead of looking at yourself. If you are looking at yourself on the screen while you are talking, it will seem like your attention is elsewhere. Direct eye contact into the camera while speaking gives attendees the impression that you are looking at them rather than off to the side, which creates an environment where everyone feels engaged and present in the conversation. Again, as much as possible, position your web camera and monitor at eye level so you can look into the camera and simulate that eye-to-eye connection with other attendees. If you are sharing a screen to discuss a report, chart, worksheet, etc., try to place the image on your screen close to your webcam, this will help your eyes align with the camera.

6. Speak up – Don't be afraid to project your voice. Your classmates will appreciate being able to hear you without having to strain their ears or turn their volume all the way up.

7. Stay seated, focused and stay present – It may be tempting to check your inbox or carry on a side conversation during a dull moment in a meeting, but don't do it. You might miss out on key information or an opportunity to give input. If you are using your webcam, use attentive body language: sit up straight, do not make big extraneous movements, and do not let your eyes wander too much.

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 July 29th, 2022 by 4 p.m.

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. 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. The Student Handbook can be found at: <https://www.sulross.edu/about/administration/university-policies/> (select SRSU Student Handbook, page 88). 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.

Attendance. Attending scheduled synchronous class meetings is a course requirement. There is no distinction between excused and unexcused absences.

Class 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](#).

SRSU Distance Education Statement. Students enrolled in distance education courses have equal access to the university's academic support services, such as library resources, online databases, and instructional technology support. For more information about accessing these resources, visit the SRSU website. Students should correspond using Sul Ross email accounts and submit online assignments through Blackboard, which requires secure login. Students enrolled in distance education courses at Sul Ross are expected to adhere to all policies pertaining to academic honesty and appropriate student conduct, as described in the student handbook. Students in web-based courses must maintain appropriate equipment and software, according to the needs and requirements of the course, as outlined on the SRSU website. Directions for filing a student complaint are located in the student handbook.

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
- Using resources from the Technology Support tab within blackboard
- Clicking the Support Desk graphic on the course homepage

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. Off-campus access requires logging in

with your LobolD and password. Librarians are a tremendous resource for your coursework and can be reached in person, by email (srsulibrary@sulross.edu), or phone (432-837-8123). The Southwest Texas Junior College (SWTJC) Libraries at Uvalde, Del Rio, and Eagle Pass. Offer additional access to library spaces and resources. Del Rio, Eagle Pass, and Uvalde students may also use online resources available through SWTJC website, library.swtjc.edu. The SWTJC Libraries serve as pick-up locations for InterLibrary Loan (ILL) and Document Delivery from the Alpine campus.

Alpine Disability Statement. SRSU Disability Services. Sul Ross State University (SRSU) is committed to equal access in compliance with Americans with Disabilities Act of 1973. It is SRSU policy to provide reasonable accommodations to students with documented disabilities. It is the student's responsibility to initiate a request each semester for each class. Alpine students seeking accessibility/accommodations services must contact Mary Schwartz Grisham, M.Ed., LPC, SRSU's Accessibility Services Coordinator at 432-837-8203 (please leave a message and we'll get back to you as soon as we can during working hours), or email mschwartz@sulross.edu Our office is located on the first floor of Ferguson Hall (Suite 112), and our mailing address is P.O. Box C-122, SUI Ross State University, Alpine, Texas, 79832.

Any student who because of a disability, may require special arrangements in order to meet the course requirements should contact the instructor as soon as possible to make necessary arrangements. If an accommodation is needed, students must present their accommodation letter, obtained from Accessibility Services, as soon as possible. Please note that instructors are not permitted to provide classroom accommodations to a student until the appropriate verification has been received. Accessibility Services is in Ferguson Hall room 112. You can make an appointment by calling Mary Schwartz Grisham at 432 837-8203.

RGC Disability Statement. SRSU Disability Services. Sul Ross State University (SRSU) is committed to equal access in compliance with Americans with Disabilities Act of 1973. It is SRSU policy to provide reasonable accommodations to students with documented disabilities. It is the student's responsibility to initiate a request each semester for each class. RGC students seeking accessibility services should contact Paulette Harris, Executive Assistant to the Vice President and Dean, at 830-279-3023 or email pharris@sulross.edu. Ms. Harris's office is at 2623 Garner Field Road, Uvalde, TX 78801 (this is the mailing address, too).

Diversity Statement. I aim to create a learning environment for my students that supports a diversity of thoughts, perspectives and experiences, and honors your identities (including race, gender, class, sexuality, religion, ability, socioeconomic class, age, nationality, etc.). I also understand that the crisis of COVID, economic disparity, and health concerns, or even unexpected life events could impact the conditions necessary for you to succeed. My commitment is to be there for you and help you meet the learning objectives of this course. I do this to demonstrate my commitment to you and to the mission of Sul Ross State University to create an inclusive environment and care for the whole student as part of the Sul Ross Familia. If you feel like your performance in the class is being impacted by your experiences outside of class, please don't hesitate to come and talk with me. I want to be a resource for you.

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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: PrekindergartenGrade 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

19 TAC §228.30(b): The curriculum is research-based. TEA Evidence: Syllabi/course outlines with bibliographies/references.

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