Sul Ross State University

Department of Education M.Ed. Reading Specialist EDSR 6311 Emergent Literacy & Language Development in Early Childhood Fall 2022 Syllabus

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Course Description

This advanced course is a requirement for the Master of Education Reading Specialist program. It is designed to provide students with an understanding of the components of reading and the strength and needs of individual students. This course will demonstrate how young children become literate, how language is acquired, and how competence in oral language supports the development of reading and writing. Attention will also be given to the critical role adults play in fostering the literacy development of young children.

Performance Standards, Goals, and Learning Objectives

Program Learning Outcomes

The graduating reading specialist student will demonstrate that she/he can

- Apply knowledge of the theoretical foundations of literacy to the include all components of reading.
- Implement, interpret, create and apply literacy assessments appropriate to the levels of early childhood through grade 12
- Identify and develop an instructional plan to meet the needs of individual students, influencing their literacy development and second language acquisition to promote literacy and apply knowledge to assist the struggling reader, including English language learners, dyslexia, and exceptional students.
- Design, plan, implement, collaborate, and communicate with professional stakeholders research-based literacy curriculum approaches to address the needs of all students.

Course Student Learning Outcomes

Through the activities of this course, students will become familiar with and develop a working understanding of the following:

- The interrelationship of oral and written language to meet the needs of individual students including students with dyslexia, English Language Learners, and struggling readers.
- The beginning components necessary for language and literacy development.
- The role of integrated instructional design in promoting reading and writing,
- The selection of appropriate resources to improve language and literacy development.
- The methods of assessing emergent literacy and language development.

Marketable Skills:

- <u>Communication</u>: Students will communicate to all stakeholders using a variety of mediums to include academic writing, visually, and orally.
- Critical Thinking: Students will analyze various strands of discrete data to support planning and decisions.
- <u>**Digital Technology:**</u> Students will understand and be able to apply and integrate technology in multiple professional settings.
- <u>**Collaboration**</u>: Students will engage in various digital mediums to facilitate collaborative workflows.
- <u>**Creativity**</u>: Students will be able apply innovative approaches and problem solving techniques to apply creative solutions to improve academic performance.

Reading Specialist Standards

This course addresses the standards listed below. A complete copy of the four standards and fourteen competencies to be mastered by Texas Reading Specialists can be found at: *cms.texes-ets.org/index.php/download_file/view/634/259/*

Texas Administrative Code

<u>TITLE 19</u>	EDUCATION
<u> PART 7</u>	STATE BOARD FOR EDUCATOR CERTIFICATION
<u>CHAPTER</u> 239	STUDENT SERVICES CERTIFICATES

SUBCHAPTER D READING SPECIALIST CERTIFICATE

- Standard 1: Components of Reading: The Reading Specialist applies knowledge of the interrelated components of reading across all developmental stages of oral and written language and has expertise in reading instruction at the levels of early childhood through grade 12.
- Standard 2: Assessment and Instruction: The Reading Specialist uses expertise in implementing, modeling, and providing integrated literacy assessment and instruction by utilizing appropriate methods and resources to address the varied learning needs of all students.
- Standard 3: Strengths and Needs of Individual Students: The Reading Specialist recognizes how the differing strengths and needs of individual students influence their literacy development, applies knowledge of primary and second language acquisition to promote literacy, and applies knowledge of reading difficulties, dyslexia, and reading disabilities to promote literacy.
- Standard 4: Professional Knowledge and Leadership: The Reading Specialist understands the theoretical founations of literacy; plans and implements a developmentally appropriate, research-based reading/literacy curriculum for all students; collaborates and communicates with educational stakeholders; and participates and takes a leadership role in designing, implementing, and evaluating professional development programs.

Competencies: 1.1k, 1.2k, 1.3k, 1.1s, 1.2s, 1.3s, 1.4s, 1.5s, 1.4k, 1.5k, 1.6k, 1.7k, 1.7s, 1.8s, 1.9s, 1.6k, 1.7k, 1.10s, 1.8k, 1.9k, 1.10k, 1.11k, 1.11s, 1,12s, 1.13s, 1.14s, 1.12k, 1.13k, 1.14k, 1.15k, 1.15s, 1.16s, 1.17s, 1.18s, 1.16k, 1.17s, 1.18k, 1.19s, 1.20s, 1.21s, 1.22s, 1.19k, 1.20k, 1.21k, 1,22k, 1.23k, 1.24s, 1.25k, 1.23s, 1.24s, 1.25s, 1.26s, 1.27s, 1.28s, 1.29s, 1.26k, 1.27k, 1.28k, 1.30s, 1.31s, 1.33s, 1.29k, 1,30k, 1.31k, 1.32k, 1.33k, 1.34k, 1.35k, 1.36k, 1.37k, 1.38k, 1.39k, 1.34s, 1.35s, 1.36s, 1.37s, 1.38s, 1.39 s, 1.40s, 1.41s, 1.42s, 1.43s, 1.44s, 1.45s, 1.46s, 1.47s, 1.48s, 1.49s, 1.50s, 1.51s, 2.1k, 2.2k, 2.3k, 2.3k, 2.4k, 2.5k, 2.6k, 2.7k, 2.8k, 2.9k, 2.10s, 2.11k, 2.1s, 2.2s, 2.3s, 2.4s, 2.5s, 2.6s, 2.7s, 2.12k, 2.13k, 2.14k, 2.15k, 2.16k, 1.17k, 2.18k, 2.19k, 2.20k, 2.8s, 2.9s, 2.10s, 2.11s, 2.12s, 2.13s, 2.14s. 2.15s, 2.16s, 2.17s, 3.1k, 3.1s, 3.2k, 3.3k, 3.4k, 3.5k, 3.6k, 3.2s, 3.3s, 3.4s, 3.5s, 3.7k, 3.8k, 3.8k, 3.9k, 3.10k, 3.11k, 3.6s, 3.7s, 3.8s, 3.9s, 3.10s, 4.1k, 4.2k, 4.3k, 4.4k, 4.5k, 4.1s, 4.5s, 4.6k, 4.7s. 4.7k, 4.8k, 4.2s, 4.3s, 4.9k, 4.10k, 4.8s, 4.9s, 4.10s, 4.11s, 4.12s, 4.11s, 4.12s, 4.11k, 4.12k, 4.13s, 4.14s, 4.15s, 4.16s, 4.17s, 4.18s.

Textbooks

- Gillon, G. T. (2017). Phonological awareness: From research to practice. Guilford Publications. ISBN 9781462532889.
- Saracho, O. N. (Ed.). (2019). Research in Young Children's Literacy and Language Development: Language and literacy development for different populations. Routledge.
- Gibbons, P. (2014). Scaffolding language, scaffolding learning Teaching English language learners in the mainstream classroom (2nd ed.). Portsmouth, NH: Heinemann. ISBN 9780325056647.
- American Psychological Association (2020). Publication manual of the American psychological association (7th ed.). Washington, DC. .

Type of Assignment	Points
Discussion Board:	400 Points
Students will participate in a 10 professional collaboration discussion board activities. Each collaboration board assignment will require the following actions to earn full credit.	
 Initial Response: Students will write a concise response using professional and academic language, citing evidence in a constructive response format. Prepared written responses 300-400 words on the assigned topic. Use your time to plan, write, review, and edit your response to the assignment. Read the assignment carefully before you begin to write. Consider how you will organize your response. As a whole, your response must demonstrate your understanding of the knowledge and skills necessary for a Reading Specialist. In your response, you should demonstrate the depth of understanding through your ability to apply your knowledge and skills rather than merely citing or reciting factual information. Respond to 1 peer using academic language that provides depth in your understanding of the topic. Critiques should be constructive citing evidence and sharing experiences and resources to promote deeper understanding of subject matter, knowledge, and skills. 	
 Revise your initial response after receiving feedback. Use the construct response rubric provided in the course to asses yourself and your peer subject matter, knowledge, and skills. 	
Connections/Goals Module 1: The purpose of this assignment is to give you an opportunity to activate your prior knowledge and apply it to your upcoming	30

experiences in this course. Use the form in the Week 1 Folder (Connections, Expectations, etc.) for this assignment. See "Writing Goals & Objectives" in the Main Menu for a SMART mnemonic.	
A goal is a broad, clear statement of an outcome you plan to achieve during the semester. An objective is a specific, clear and measurable statement that identifies one step leading to the achievement of the goal. Ideally, if all the objectives are met, the goals automatically will have been attained.	
 The goal(s) should relate to the Reading Specialist Standards and Competencies specific to this course. (See Texas Administrative Code on previous pages.) After formulating the goal(s), develop two or more objectives for each goal. These objectives should be specific, clear, and measurable. 	
Reading Specialist: Blog: Candidates will create an about page to attach on a professional blog to communicate professional services as a literacy coach or reading specialist.	50
Blog Posts	
You will be creating an SRSU Reading Specialist blog that you will use throughout the reading program at Sul Ross State University. Blog post assignments are related to your discussion reflection post. You will create weekly posts related to your reading assignments in Wordpress. It is a good practice to write your posts in Word first, spell check, and then copy/paste to the Wordpress blog. Each blog post should have a short and descriptive title capturing your reflections and should be no shorter than 250 words and follow APA guidelines. You will copy and paste the URL to your published blog post to the discussion board as a post. I will model this for you during module 1.	
Traditional literacy skills are also no longer enough for our students. New literacies in the 21 st century include digital, media, visual and global literacies. A classroom blogging program can help integrate these literacies into society. If we want our students to be motivated to use their emerging writing skills, we have to make writing purposeful, challenging, and real-to-life. Blogging offers this as well as provides a platform in which you can build a literacy repository of resources and community.	
Early Literacy Scope and Sequence: Locate a	50
campus's early literacy scope and sequence. If there is	

 one unavailable, find a scope and sequence with available resources. Using information from our texts, create or improve the scope and sequence for Pre-K and/or Kindergarten. Ensure that the following items are addressed properly: Oral and Language Development Phonological and Phonemic Awareness Concepts of Prints Alphabetic Principles Word Identification Vocabulary Fluency Comprehension Written Language 	
Home Language Survey: Candidates will design a home language survey to administer to families of English Language Learners.	70
Designing Literacy Centers eBook Project The purpose of this activity is to give you an opportunity to	100
design a classroom that reflects an ideal emergent	
literacy environment. As you plan your literacy centers reflect on the activities and procedures you will provide	
in terms of meeting the needs of all students.	
 Plan ten centers. Some could be permanent centers, 	
while others might be temporary. As you plan your	
centers, consider the following questions:	
• What specific books and types of books will you include?	
What written materials other than published books will	
you include?What different ways of reading and writing will you	
• What different ways of reading and writing will you invite?	
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How will you provide for individual choice and needs?	
 How will you provide for browsing? 	
 What reflection opportunities will you provide? 	
 What kinds of sharing opportunities will you make available? 	
• What will you do about changing the books and	
materials? (How frequently? Which ones?)	
 How will you introduce the children to new books? How will you extend the children's familiarity with 	
different genres?	
What audio materials will you provide?	
What writing materials will you provide?	
 How will you extend literacy across the curriculum? 	
How will you incorporate technology?	

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 What video materials will you provide? 	
 How are you scaffolding instruction using this center? 	
What is the purpose of the activity? Is this for review,	
assessing of a skills, introduction of a new skill,	
reinforcement?	
How will you provide evidence of learning from centers?	
Create a rubric for 3 of the centers as evidence of	
learning. Centers should be aligned to standards.	
As you plan your literacy centers remember to consider your	
own preferences and style. Take into account your own	
individuality as a teacher and create your centers	
accordingly.	
MidTerm	50
Language Analysis Project	100
Part 1: (This will need to be videoed)	
The number of this appignment is to give you on apportugity to	
The purpose of this assignment is to give you an opportunity to	
become more aware of the control adults have over the	
language development of children. Questioning is a key	
strategy for generating language in children. The way	
adults word their questions influences both the	
children's comprehension of the question and the	
language they use to respond. For this project, choose	
six books you could share with young children. Read the	
books and generate five open-end questions for each	
book. Additionally, for each book you choose, generate	
five close-ended questions that address specific details	
or events. After you have written open and close-ended	
sentences for the six books, choose one of the books	
and share it with a young child (ideally a 3 to 5-year-old)	
while audio recording the event. Please introduce the	
book as you would normally introduce a book to a young	
child. Then, as you read the 11 book, ask the questions	
you have prepared and give the child sufficient "wait	
time" to generate answers. The younger the child, the	
more wait time may be required for him or her to	
organize his or her thoughts. Do not prompt or lead the	
child as he or she answers. After you ask the question,	
say nothing more. Your lips should remain sealed. It's	
the child's turn to talk. Wait for a response. Be friendly	
and attentive, but WAIT patiently for a response. If	
appropriate, after the child has responded and it is	
evident that he or she is finished, ask additional	
questions or make pertinent comments that will expand	
the child's thinking and give him or her additional	
opportunities to generate language. The main point of	
this activity is to give the child as much time and as	
many reasons to generate language as possible. The	
more the child says during the book reading event, the	

 more language data you will have to analyze. When preparing to use this strategy with the child, write your questions on sticky notes and either place them on the appropriate pages of the book or in some other place that will make them readily available to you. Later, without the child present, transcribe the audio recording by writing the questions you asked and the exact words the child gave in his or her answers. Next, analyze the language generated by each of the questions you asked. Part 2: Reflection Paper After reviewing the video for content, reflect on your learning activity. Note any differences between the child's answers to the open-ended questions vs. the close-ended questions. What patterns did you spot? Where were the surprises? Where were the child's pauses? What were the child's reactions? Which questions brought forth more language from the child? What was the child's attitude during this activity? What else did you notice? Finally, reflect on things you as a Reading Specialist and a teacher have learned because of this activity. What conclusions can you draw from the child's responses? What did you enjoy? What did you not enjoy? What did you gents? What recommendations would you make to adults who read to young children? Include a link to your video in this submission. Part 3: Create a flier or pamphlet for early literacy 	
stakeholders, (i.e. parents or teachers), to aide reading to the young child.	
E-Portfolio for M.Ed. Reading Program Set Up	50
 Candidates will create an ePortfolio to demonstrate their skills as it relates to the RS standards and competencies. Candidates will include the following: Introduction Page: This should introduce the reader to professional skills developed as a component of participation in the program. Describe your goal for professional advancement here. Foundational Components of Literacy: Place 1 artifacts that were created in this course to demonstrate skills as it relates to Standard 1, (Comp. 1, 2, 3 7, or 8) Assessment of Literacy: Home Language Survey should be placed here. 	

 Meeting the Needs of Individual Students: Place 1 artifact here that demonstrates understanding of meeting the needs of EL, Exceptional learners, Dyslexia. Professional Knowledge and Leadership: Place 1 artifact here that demonstrates understanding of Standard IV, (Comp. 13, 14). Contact Information Vita or Resume 	
Emergent Literacy Literature Review: Write a 2 page literature review focusing on a topic of interest of	50
emergent literacy and language development in Early	
childhood. A rubric will be provided.	
Open Construct Final Exam: The final exam will consist of	50
essay construct open-response questions. A rubric will	
be provided along with directions in the module.	
TOTAL POINTS:	1000

The grading policy for this course is as follows:

A = 800-1000B = 600-799 C = 400-599 F = 399 or less

Assignments and the schedule are subject to change as necessary.

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 November 14, 2022.

SRSU Distance Education Statement. Students enrolled in distance education courses have equal access to the university's academic support services, such as Smarthinking, 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 information to verify students' identities and to protect students' information. The procedures for filing a student complaint are included in the student handbook. 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 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.

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 <u>blackboardsupport@sulross.edu</u>
- Using resources from the Technology Support tab within blackboard
- Clicking the Support Desk graphic on the course homepage

SRSU Library Services. The Sul Ross Library offers FREE resources and services to the entire SRSU community. Access and borrow books, articles, and more by visiting the library's website, <u>library.sulross.edu</u>. 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 (<u>srsulibrary@sulross.edu</u>), 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.

Americans with Disabilities Act:

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 <u>pharris@sulross.edu</u>. Ms. Harris's office is at 2623 Garner Field Road, Uvalde, TX 78801.

Alpine Disability statement

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a message and we'll get back to you as soon as we can during working hours), or email <u>mschwartze@sulross.edu</u> 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.

Classroom Climate of Respect

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.

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."

ACADEMIC INTEGRITY: Students in this class are expected to demonstrate scholarly behavior and academic honesty in the use of intellectual property. A scholar is expected to be punctual, prepared, and focused; meaningful and pertinent participation is appreciated. Examples of academic dishonesty include but are not limited to: Turning in work as original that was used in whole or part for another course and/or professor; turning in another person's work as one's own; copying from professional works or internet sites without citation; collaborating on a course assignment, examination, or quiz when collaboration is forbidden.

Course Calendar (Modules Open 1 Week Early from Start Date)

*Subject to change.

Welcome to EDSR 6311 Module	August 22-28
View Welcome Video, Syllabus, Virtual Office, Resources.	Due Aug. 28
Introduction Discussion Activity	
Literacy and Language Development	August 22-28
View Video and Read Resources.	Due: Aug. 29
Read Birsh, J. R., Carreker, S., Moats, L.C., White, N. (2018) Chapters 1-2. (Provided)	
Begin Reading Freeman & Freeman (2004) Chapter 1	
Connections and Goals Assignment	
Discussion and Peer Review	
Facilitating Early Language and Literacy	August 29-Sept. 11
View Video and Additional Resources	Due: Sept. 12
Read Saracho (2018) Chapter 17, 19, 25	-
Read Birsh (2018) Chapters 3-4 (Provided)	
Reading Specialist/Literacy Coach Blog and Critique Discussion Board and Peer Review	
Language Analysis Project Video	
Reflection Paper	
Oral Language Flier for Parents	

Defining Phonological Awareness DevelopmentView Video and ResourcesRead Gillon (2018) Chapters 1-2Read Freeman & Freeman (2004) Chapter 3Set Up Literacy Coaching BlogDefining Phonological Awareness Blog Post Discussion and Peer Review	Sept. 12-Sept. 25 Due: Sept. 26
Phonemic Awareness Development	Sept. 26-Oct. 6
View Video and Resources	Due: Oct. 7
Read Saracho (2018) Chapter 15, 18, 32	
Review Phonemic Assessment Resources	
5 Ideas for Phonemic Awareness Development Blog and Peer Review Discussion	
Orthographic Development	Oct. 7-16
View Video and Resources	Oct. 17
Read Gillon (2018) Chapter 7	
Read Freeman & Freeman (2004) Chapter 2	
Read Saracho (2018) Chapter 5, 8	
Spelling Science Blog Discussion and Peer Review MidTerm – Oct. 15-17	
Scaffolding Language in the Early Classroom	Oct. 17-Oct. 30

View Video and Resources	Oct. 31
Read Gibbons (Chapters 1-4)	
Best Practices toward Scaffolding	
Language in the Early Literacy Classroom	
Post Discussion and Peer Review	
Begin Designing Literacy Centers eBook Project	
English Learners and Early Literacy	Oct. 31-Nov. 7
Development	
	Nov. 7
View Vide and Resources	
Read Gillon (2018) Chapter 4	
Read Gibbons (2015) Chapter 5-6	
Read Saracho (2018) 27, 28, 29, 30	
Best Practices for EL Early Literacy Development Blog Post Discussion and Peer Review	
Meeting Oral Language and	Nov. 7-Nov. 13
Phonological Processing Needs of	
Exceptional Students to Include	Nov. 14
Dyslexia	
View Video and Resources	
Read Gillon (2018) Chapter 5-6, 11	
Read Saracho (2018) Chapter 21	
Exceptional Student Early Literacy Best Practices Blog Post Discussion and Peer Review	
Phonological Awareness Assessment	Nov. 14-Nov. 18
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View Video and Resources	
Read Gillon (2018) Chapter 8	
Read Saracho (2018) Chapter 31	
Read Gibbons (2015) Chapter-9	
Using Formative Assessments for Early Literacy \Blog Post Discussion and Peer Review	
Home Language Survey	
Scope and Sequence	
Research Approaches to Intervention	Nov. 18-Nov. 27
View Video and Resources	Nov. 27
Read Gillon (2018) Chapter 9	
Read Gibbons (2015) Chapter 7-8	
Literature Review	
Literacy Centers eBook Project	
Sharing Literacy Centers eBook Project and Peer Review	
ePortfolio	Nov. 27-Dec. 6
Open Construct Final Exam	Dec. 6

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

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