

**EDUA 4308 The Teaching of Reading  
Fall 2022 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 Text**

Vacca, J., Vacca, R., Gove, M., Burkey, L., Lenhart, L., and McKeon, C. (2018). 10th Edition. Reading and Learning to Read. Pearson.

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

### **Student Learning Outcomes and Marketable Skills**

#### **BS in Education Degree SLOs and Marketable Skills**

##### Marketable Skills

1. Students have the ability to teach diverse learners in an inclusive learning environment.
2. Students have the ability to assess student learning.
3. Students have the ability to critically think and creatively adapt instructional strategies to an instructional setting.
4. Students have the ability to teach classroom management.
5. Student have the ability to effectively use technology to communicate.

##### Student Learning Outcomes

1. Students will demonstrate effective lesson planning.
2. Students will demonstrate written and oral proficiency through a variety of instructional strategies.
3. Students will demonstrate effective evaluative processes for assessing student learning.

#### **Course 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.

### **Course 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.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)

### **Course Format**

- This is a hybrid 16-week course, with a mix of Blackboard Collaborate/Face-to-Face 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, Grammarly or other online proofreading services, 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)

## Course Expectations

### The instructor will:

- ⇒ Provide weekly communication and check-ins with students via announcements, videos, or email.
- ⇒ Be available during office hours posted in syllabus.
- ⇒ Respond to student emails within 24-hours of receipt during the hours of 9:00AM-5:00PM, Monday-Friday. Weekend communication will occur as available.
- ⇒ Provide grades/feedback to assignments within one week of the submission date.
- ⇒ Provide clear and concise instructions on how to complete the online course requirements. Rubrics will be provided when they apply.
- ⇒ Provide a range of opportunities to engage in the course content in a meaningful way.
- ⇒ Listen to student feedback and adjust the course as needed to meet the needs of the students.

### **The successful student:**

- ⇒ Will familiarize themselves with the course syllabus, policies, assessments, evaluation, grading criteria, and course design.
- ⇒ Will complete all coursework on assigned due date. If work cannot be completed by the due date due to illness, injury, family emergencies, etc., the student will make arrangements with the professor prior to the due date.
- ⇒ Will engage in the course, with their peers, and the instructor with open communication and active participation.
- ⇒ Will be respectful in their communication with the professor and classmates.
- ⇒ Will respond to professor communication in a timely manner.
- ⇒ Will not plagiarize and will demonstrate integrity in all their work.
- ⇒ Will be proactive and resourceful to problem solve in case of internet or technical issues.

### **Course Assignments & Grading Policy**

**All Written Assignments:** *To comply with **course standards and requirements** all written assignments should reflect all aspects of the project, be free of grammatical errors, well organized, and typed double-spaced using a **12-point Times New Roman** font. All written assignments should follow the guidelines indicated by the *Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association (7th edition)*.*

#### **Participation Grade (100 Points)**

Candidates are expected to attend class meetings and participate in class discussions. The candidate will demonstrate excellent participation, offer analysis and synthesis of article readings, and add to the development of ideas.

#### **Vocabulary Quizzes (20 Points)**

Candidates will take two vocabulary quizzes to assess their understanding of key vocabulary words. These two quizzes will be unannounced and occur during class.

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

Candidates will 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 (100 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.

#### **TEKS Vertical Alignment (50 Points)**

Candidates will examine the TEKS and consider how the Knowledge and Skills in English Language Arts & Reading connect and build.

### **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.

### **Running Record w/Fluency Rate (150 Points)**

Candidates will administer a Running Record, including calculating the fluency rate, to an elementary student and create a 400-word report communicating results and sharing research-based strategies for targeted intervention to build reading skills and fluency.

### **Textbook Quizzes (130 Points)**

Candidates will take Chapter Quizzes to assess their knowledge of concepts covered. There will be a total of 13 quizzes. Each quiz will be worth 10 points.

### **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 appreciation 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 a 400-word report communicating their personal philosophy of teaching reading. The candidate's philosophy of teaching reading should be a self-reflective statement about their beliefs about the teaching and learning of reading. It should convey the candidates core ideas about being an effective reading teacher with specific, concrete examples.

### **Midterm Exam (100 Points) & Final Exam (100 Points)**

The Midterm Exam and Final Exam will cover class lectures, supplemental readings, as well as information covered in the textbook.

### **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 Policy:**

- 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).
- Contribution credit for synchronous virtual courses includes attendance and class participation effort. Student engagement will be measured through various opportunities for interaction including open discussion of readings, questions, leading groups, etc. Simply showing up to all classes does not provide for full contribution credit.
- 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.

### Course Assignments & Schedule

Module	Assignments	Due Date
Module 1: Reading Theory & Learning to Read	<input type="checkbox"/> Welcome & Review Syllabus <input type="checkbox"/> Discuss STR Standards <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Vacca Ch. 1 &amp; 2</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Module Readings <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <i>Report of The National Reading Panel</i></li> <li>○ <i>English Language Learners</i></li> <li>○ <i>Theory of Literacy Learning</i></li> </ul> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Personal Narrative: How I Learned to Read</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Chapter 1 &amp; 2 Quizzes</b>	<b>Sept. 3<sup>rd</sup></b> <b>Sept. 9<sup>th</sup></b>
Module 2: The Foundations of Literacy	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Vacca Ch. 3-5</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Module Readings <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <i>I Know English</i></li> <li>○ <i>Play, Print and Purpose</i></li> </ul> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Phonological Awareness Skills Test (PAST)</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Chapters 3, 4 &amp; 5 Quizzes</b>	<b>Sept. 24<sup>th</sup></b> <b>Sept. 30<sup>th</sup></b>
Module 3: The Alphabet and its Role in Early Reading	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Vacca Ch. 6 &amp; 13</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Module Readings <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <i>Interactive Writing</i></li> <li>○ <i>Acquisition of Letter Naming</i></li> <li>○ <i>Enhancing Alphabet Knowledge</i></li> <li>○ <i>Sharing Alphabet Books</i></li> </ul> <input type="checkbox"/> View Supplemental Video Resources <input type="checkbox"/> <b>TEKS Vertical Alignment Presentations</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Chapters 6 &amp; 13 Quizzes</b>	<b>Oct. 13<sup>th</sup></b> <b>Oct. 21<sup>st</sup></b>
<b>Midterm</b>	<i>Will be taken during class.</i>	<b>Oct. 20th</b>
Module 4: Extending Word Knowledge and Enhancing Comprehension	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Vacca Ch. 8-10</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Module Readings <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Motivation to Read Profile (MRP)</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Chapters 8, 9 &amp; 10 Quizzes</b>	<b>Nov. 9<sup>th</sup></b> <b>Nov. 11<sup>th</sup></b>

Module 5: Building Fluency	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Vacca Ch. 7, 11 &amp; 12</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Module Readings <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Running Record w/Fluency Rate</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Philosophy of Teaching Reading</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Chapters 7, 11 &amp; 12 Quizzes</b>	Nov. 27 <sup>th</sup> Nov. 30 <sup>th</sup> Dec. 3 <sup>rd</sup>
<b>Final</b>	<i>Virtual during class.</i>	<b>Dec. 6<sup>th</sup></b>

*Items in bold are to be turned in through Blackboard by 10PM on the due date.*

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

## University and Course Policies

### ADA 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 Rebecca Greathouse Wren, LPC-S, 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](mailto:mschwartz@sulross.edu). Our office is located on the first floor of Ferguson Hall (Suite 112), and our mailing address is P.O. Box C122, SUI Ross State University, Alpine, Texas, 79832.

### Library Information

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 logging in with your LoboID and password. 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).

### 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 in the student handbook.

### 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.

### **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.

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

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