

EDUA 3308 Language Acquisition & Emergent Literacy Spring 2023 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.

Required Text

Vulkelich, C., Enz., B., Roskos, K., and Christi, J., (2020). 5th Edition. Helping Young Children Learn Language and Literacy: Birth Through Kindergarten. Pearson.

Student Learning Outcomes and Marketable Skills

- 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.
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.

STR 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)

Course Format

This is a hybrid course. Students who attend the Alpine Campus will attend class in-person. Those who reside elsewhere will attend class via Blackboard Collaborate for live instruction. You will find all information in Blackboard. The course contains module readings, discussions, and written assignments. Instruction will be delivered through lecture notes, Bb collaboration, and individual/group discussions when working with projects.

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 due 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

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).*

TEKS Vertical Alignment (50 points)

Candidates will create a vertical alignment document on oral language. Candidates will compose a 400-word statement as to how to meet the targeted needs of struggling kindergarten students.

In-Class Writing Prompts (2 total=50 points)

Candidates will be provided with two writing prompts during the course. Candidates will respond to the prompts based on the information presented.

Read Aloud Activity (50 points)

There are two parts to this assignment. Part 1: Candidates will create an interactive read aloud lesson plan to include a pre-reading activity, reading activity, and after reading activity. Part 2: Candidates will compose a reflection in 400 words or more about the interactive read-aloud experience.

Phonemic Awareness Screener (50 points)

Candidates will administer the Phonemic Awareness Screener to a child in grade 2nd-5th to assess their phonemic awareness skills.

Phonological Awareness Lesson Plan (100 points)

Candidates will create a lesson plan (explicit teaching) 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.

Concepts of Print Assessment (50 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 Center Design (100 points)

Candidates will 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.

Midterm Exam (100 points) & Final Exam (150 points)

The Midterm will cover textbook Chapters 1-6. The Final Exam will be a comprehensive exam over all material covered in this course.

Participation (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.

Course Assignments & Schedule

Assignments are due by 10:00PM (CT) on the due date. Late work will not be accepted.

Module	Assignments	Due Date
Module 1: Foundations of Literacy and Oral Language Jan. 18th – Feb. 5th	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Review Syllabus• Review STR and TEKS Resources• Read Ch. 1 & 4• Watch Videos• TEKS Vertical Alignment	Feb. 5th
Module 2: The Role of Family and Environment Feb. 6th – Feb. 19th	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Read Ch. 2 & 3• Read “Ehri’s Phases article• Watch Videos• Enhancing Early Language• In-Class Writing Prompt	Feb. 16th
Module 3: Oral Language Comprehension and Interactive Read-Alouds Feb. 20th – March 26th	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Read Ch. 5 & 6• Read Paquette (2008) article• Oral Language Additional Resources• Read Aloud Activity• Midterm Exam (text Ch. 1-6)	March 19th March 23rd
Module 4: Teaching Early Foundational Skills March 27th – April 9th	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Read Ch. 7• Watch Videos• Literacy Strategy• In-Class Writing Prompt• Phonemic Awareness Screener	April 6th April 9th
Module 5: Early Orthographic Development April 10th – April 23rd	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Read Ch. 8• Read Clay (2000) article• Support Materials• Phonological Awareness Lesson Plan• Concepts of Print Assessment	April 16th April 23rd
Module 6: Assessment of Early Literacy Development April 24th – May 17th	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Read Ch. 9• Support Materials• Literacy Center Design• Final Exam (Comprehensive)	May 7th May 11th

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

Grading Policy

No late work accepted without prior approval from the instructor. If you have a dyer emergency and cannot get your work in by the deadline, please email me as soon as possible, so we can

discuss the ramifications. ALL late work grades will be reduced and will not receive the full grade/points. If there is no communication about the late work, the grade will be a 0.

Grading Scale:

A= 90-100%

B= 80- 89%

C= 70- 79%

D= 60- 69%

F= less than 69%

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

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. 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. 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), 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 located 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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