

EDUA 4313 Reading Comprehension and Enrichment Fall 2023 Syllabus

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Course Description

An intensive examination of the development and teaching of phonics, word identification, vocabulary, and structural analysis related to the development of reading comprehension for all readers. His course will prepare candidates to provide multisensory instruction and culturally responsive intervention in the following areas: vocabulary development, critical-analytical reading, research-based strategies, and metacognitive approaches to assist with understanding varied texts. 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.

Prerequisites: EDUA/EDSR 4308 and EDUA/EDSR 3308

Required Text

Bear, D. R., Invernizzi, M., Templeton, S. Johnston, S. (2020). Words their way: Word study for phonics, vocabulary, and spelling instruction. Upper Saddle River, N.J: Merrill. (7th ed).

Gehsmann, K., & Templeton, S. (2021). Teaching Reading and Writing (2nd ed.). Pearson Education (US). <https://bookshelf.vitalsource.com/books/9780134985015>

Student Learning Outcomes

- SLO 1- Candidates will observe and identify the range of individual developmental differences that characterize students in early childhood through grade 6.
- SLO - 2 Candidates will identify instructional strategies to analyze children's strengths and needs for planning instruction.
- SLO - 3 Candidates will identify and select pertinent materials and resources including technological resources to enhance student learning and engagement in the planning process.

Marketable Skills

1. Candidates will acquire public speaking skills to a variety of audiences.
2. Candidates will acquire writing skills for lesson plans and other scholarly documents.
3. Candidates will acquire organizational skills to effectively manage time and meet deadlines.
4. Candidates understand human growth and development.
5. Candidates recognize the influence of diverse social-cultural factors.
6. Candidates utilize multiple methods and strategies to achieve a goal.

7. Candidates effectively use technology.

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.N, 001.O, 001.P, 001.Q, 001.R, 001.S); Comp. 2 (002.A, 002.B, 002.C, 002.D, F, 002.H, 002.I, 002.J, 002.K)
- **Domain II:** Comp. 3 (003.E, 003.F, 003.I, 003K, 003L); 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.D, 005.E, 005.G, 005.J); Comp. 6 (006A, 006B, 006C, 006D, 006E, 006F, 006G, 006H, 006I, 006J, 006K, 006L, 006M); Comp. 7(007A, 007B, 007C, 007D, 007E, 007F, 007G, 007H, 007I, 007J); Comp 8 (008A, 008B, 008C, 008D, 008E, 008F, 008G, 008H, 008I, 008J)
- **Domain III:** Comp. 9 (009A, 009B, 009C, 009D, 009E, 009F, 009G, 009H, 009I, 009J, 009K, 009L, 009M); Comp. 10(010A, 010B, 010C 010D, 010E, 010F, 010G, 010H, 010I, 010J, 010K, 010L); Comp. 11 (011A, 011B, 011C, 011D, 011E, 011F, 011G, 011H); Comp. 12 (012A, 012C, 012 G, 012I)
- **Domain IV:** Comp. 13 (013A, 013B, 013C, 013D, 013E, 013F, 013G)

Course Format

This is a synchronous class, meaning we will meet weekly for live instruction virtually through Blackboard Collaborate. 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).*

Class Introduction Discussion Board Assignment: (50 Points)

Get to know your classmates! Each candidate will introduce themselves in a self-selected mode of presentation. Make your introduction as interactive as possible by using your choice of media tools (power point, screencast, YouTube, PowToon, etc.) In your introduction, please tell us the following: where you are located, pertinent experiences with school, goals for the semester, what you remember about learning to read at home/school, a positive impact a teacher made on you, fun fact and a picture of you or an avatar that represents you if you are not using a video presentation. Once you posted your introduction, view posts of your fellow colleagues, find someone you have something in common with and find someone who intrigues you and reply to both their original posts explaining what you have in common and why you are intrigued.

Discussion Board and Peer Review Assignments: (4 @ 50 points each=200 points)

Modules will include discussion board opportunities centered on research-based approaches to understand foundational concepts, principles, and best practices related to reading instruction. Discussion Forums are opportunities to extend thinking and share perspectives. A typical discussion forum post should be between 300-500 words. Your task is not to “recall” information read in the text; rather, you will be applying what you read and responding to a teaching scenario. A portion of your credit will be credited for your post and another portion will be for responding to one of your classmates. In writing your response, strive to have a conversation, a beneficial exchange between professional colleagues. Ask questions, offer suggestions, make comments, give your opinions, and generally react to what your classmates have written. You will not be credit for simply agreeing with someone or telling them how much you like what they wrote. Look critically for the opportunity to share your own knowledge and fill in misunderstandings.

Writing Attitude Survey (100 Points)

Candidates will administer the Writing Attitude Survey to an elementary student and create a 400-word report communicating results and sharing research-based strategies for parents to incorporate at home.

Learning Essay (100 Points)

Candidates will discuss what they have learned in this course and how they will apply it to their future career as a teacher. Candidates will write an essay between 300-500 words using academic language and providing support in APA from our readings.

Phonics Concepts Test (100 Points)

Candidates will complete a Phonics Concepts Test and are required to obtain a minimum score of 85% accuracy to pass this class. Candidates take the test up to 3 times, if necessary. If you fail this test, you must reach out to me for an alternative assignment requirement.

Quizzes (2 @ 50 points each=100 points)

There are 2 quizzes for this course. Each quiz will cover textbook material as well as lecture content. The quiz dates are posted in your schedule and will be completed in Blackboard.

Words Their Way Spelling Inventory (100 points)

Candidates will review and score the Words Their Way ESI inventory of a 2nd grade student. Candidates will then analyze the data and craft a 300-500-word report that would inform stakeholders of the student's strengths, weaknesses, and a research-based plan to address the student's word development needs.

Intervention Lesson Plan (100 Points)

Based on the results of the spelling inventory, candidates will create a lesson plan using research-based strategies and best practices for promoting young children's spelling development.

Class 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 Learning & Effective Instruction Aug. 29th – Sept. 17th	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Review Syllabus• Review STR Standards & TEKS• Read Gehsmann Textbook Ch. 1-4• Watch Videos• Class Intro DB	Sept. 10th
Module 2: Executive Function & Multisensory Learning Sept. 18th – Sept. 24th	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Read Articles• Watch Videos• DB #1• Quiz #1	Sept. 22nd Sept. 24th
Module 3: Developmental Word Knowledge Sept. 25th – Oct. 8th	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Read Word Their Way Textbook Ch. 1-3• Watch Videos• DB #2	Oct. 8th
Module 4: Word Study for Emergent Readers & Writers Oct. 9th - Oct. 15th	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Read WTW Textbook Ch. 4 & Gehsmann Textbook Ch. 6• Watch Videos• Phonics Concepts Test• Writing Attitude Survey	Oct. 11th Oct. 15th

Module	Assignments	Due Date
Module 5: Word Study for Beginning Readers & Writers Oct. 16th – Oct. 29th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Read WTW Textbook Ch. 5 & Gehsmann Textbook Ch. 7 • Watch Videos • WTW Inventory 	Oct. 31st
Module 6: Word Study for Transitional Readers & Writers Oct. 30th -Nov. 5th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Read WTW Textbook Ch. 6 & Gehsmann Textbook Ch. 8 • Watch Videos • DB #3 • Intervention Lesson Plan 	Nov. 1st Nov. 5th
Module 7: Word Study for Intermediate Readers & Writers Nov. 6th -Nov. 12th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Read WTW Textbook Ch. 7 & Gehsmann Textbook Ch. 9 • Watch Videos • Quiz #2 	Nov. 12th
Module 8: Word Study for Proficient Readers & Writers Nov. 13th - Nov. 19th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Read WTW Textbook Ch. 8 & Gehsmann Textbook Ch. 10 • Watch Videos • DB #4 	Nov. 19th
Module 9: Literacy Instruction for English Learners & Struggling Readers Nov. 28th – Dec. 12th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Read Gehsmann Textbook Ch. 5 & Ch. 11 • Watch Videos • Learning Essay 	Dec. 5th

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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