



READ 4320.001 (80293) Literacy Assessment & Instruction
The University of Texas at Tyler
School of Education

Course:	READ 4320.001 Literacy Assessment & Instruction I
Semester & Year:	Spring 2020
Time & Day:	Wednesdays 2:00 PM-4:45 PM
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First Day of Class:	Monday, January 13, 2020
Census Date:	Day 12 of Class
Last Day to Withdraw:	March 30, 2020
Final Exam:	Week of April 28-May 2, Specific TBD

***Last Day to Withdraw from Courses: March 30, 2020**

Catalog Description. A course designed to afford the student opportunity to implement the skills of assessment, instruction, and evaluation in a tutorial setting that utilizes a peer coaching model. Prerequisite: Admission to the School of Education. Must have completed the EC-6 Core Curriculum.

Knowledge Base(s)

This course introduces students to the development of literacy in young children, beginning from birth and continuing into the upper elementary grades. Students will learn about the theories of early literacy development as well as research and effective instruction practices that have shape how teachers and others have approached their work with young children. Course content incorporates the following standards for the preparation of reading professionals:

1. *International Literacy Association* standards for the preparation of Pre-K and elementary teacher candidates (ILA, 2010);
2. *Texas State Board for Educator Certification* standards for the preparation of English Language Arts and Reading Generalist ED-6 teacher candidates (Texas State Board for Educator Certification, 2016);
3. *Texas Education Agency Reading Competencies:*
Domain I. Reading Pedagogy – Competencies 001-002
Domain II. Reading Development: Foundational Skills - Competencies 003-008
Domain III. Reading Development: Comprehension- Competencies 009-012
Domain IV. Analysis and Response- Competency 013

**Please refer to a detailed list of competencies after the bibliography of this syllabus.*

Engagement: *Students enrolled in this course will be given multiple opportunities to collaborate with peers in class to reinforce the readings and lectures.*

Guest Speakers are scheduled to add depth to the lectures.

Students are encouraged to participate in research opportunities based on research questions that develop in the class.

Group study sessions are offered throughout the semester by Dr. Neel to help students master ELAR Content for the state content test.

Class celebrations will also be scheduled on campus, to celebrate student successes.

Student Learning Outcomes

Upon successful completion of the requirements of this course, teacher candidates will have opportunities to:

1. Develop foundational knowledge of the development of literacy in young children, beginning from birth and continuing into the upper elementary grades.
2. Explore an understanding of literacy development theories, research, and effective instructional practices, and how they can be used to inform and promoted reading, writing, and oral language development in young children.
3. Apply the knowledge gained about the development of literacy in young children to develop, implement, and evaluate literacy instruction in EC-6 settings.
4. Develop vocabulary based on the Texas English Arts Content Exam, per the Texas Education Agency. Students will learn and develop how to apply the terms throughout this semester. Number of words tested this semester in this course: 500.

Assessment and Standards Matrix:

Student Learning Outcomes	Topics/ Activities	Assessment (including performance-based)	Standards Alignment
1. Develop foundational knowledge of the development of literacy in young children, beginning from birth and continuing into the upper elementary grades.	Course Overview: TEKS K-6 Overview ELPS K-6 Overview Pre-K Guidelines Preview Literacy Lessons Developmental Stages for Reading and Writing	Posts in Canvas Review Key Topics	TES: (A) (i) (ii) (iii) (B) (i) (ii) (iii) (C) (i) (ii) (D) (i) (E) (i) (ii) (F) (ii) (iii) (2) (B) (i) (C) (iii) (3) (B) (i) (ii) (iii) (C) (i)1Ai-ii. TEKS: ELAR K-6 ELPS: K-6 Pre-K Guidelines: all College Readiness Standards: ELAR: Reading & Writing ISTE: 1c INTASC: 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8
2. Explore an understanding of literacy development	Literacy Development Theories Research	Canvas Discussions Quizzes	TES 1: all; 2: all TEKS: ELAR K-2

theories, research, and effective instructional practices, and how they can be used to inform and promoted reading, writing, and oral language development in young children.	Effective Instructional Practices Reading Writing Oral Language Development		ELPS: K-2 Pre-K Guidelines: Overview College Readiness Standards: ELAR: Reading & Writing ISTE: 1a; 5a; 7b;7c INTASC: 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8
3. Apply the knowledge gained about the development of literacy in young children to develop, implement, and evaluate literacy instruction in EC-6 settings.	Develop, Implement, & Evaluate literacy instruction in EC-6 settings.	Literacy Articles Website, and Program Resources Running Records Small Group Discussions Quizzes/	TES: 3Ai-iii; TEKS: ELAR K-2 ELPS: K-2 Pre-K Guidelines: Overview College Readiness Standards: ELAR: Reading & Writing ISTE: 1c; 7b; 7c INTASC: 7, 8

Course Evaluation and Grading

The assignments and projects outlined below are designed to contribute in different, and yet complementary ways in achieving the learning outcomes outlined above.

1. Class Participation (20 points or 20% of course grade). Throughout the semester, you will be expected to attend every class, complete assigned textbook and other readings, and engage actively in class discussions and related activities. Your contribution to assigned class work is an important part of the course grade and an important component of your growth as a classroom reading teacher. The following criteria will be used to evaluate your class participation and engagement.

- 0-10 points = Low level of participation and engagement
- 11-15 points = Moderate level of participation and engagement
- 16-20 points = High level of participation and engagement

Texas Educator Standard 1.a.i-ii;

Project #1: Using Assessment Data to Inform Instruction: (20 points or 20% of course grade). In this assignment, you will have an opportunity to gain knowledge, skills, and experience in (a) using data-based decision-making techniques and procedures to gather, analyze, make sense of various types of literacy assessment data to identify students' strengths and needs, and (b) using information gained to design, implement, and evaluate literacy instruction for an individual and/or group of students in EC-6 grades. You will also learn how to adapt instruction for an individual student, a small group of students, or a whole classroom. More details about this project along with guidance will be provided throughout the course.

Texas Education Standards (1) Standard 1: Instructional Planning and Delivery. Teachers demonstrate their understanding of instructional planning and delivery by providing standards-based, data-driven, differentiated instruction that engages students, makes appropriate use of technology, and makes learning relevant for today's learners.

(A) Teachers design clear, well organized, sequential lessons that build on students' prior knowledge.

(i) Teachers develop lessons that build coherently toward objectives based on course content, curriculum scope and sequence, and expected student outcomes.

(ii) Teachers effectively communicate goals, expectations, and objectives to help all students reach high levels of achievement.

(iii) Teachers connect students' prior understanding and real-world experiences to new content and contexts, maximizing learning opportunities.

2. BENCHMARK ASSIGNMENT: Project #2: Tutoring Notebook & Portfolio Prepared to Teach in READ 4326 (20 points or 20 % of total grade). In this assignment, you will have an opportunity to gain knowledge, skills, and experience in planning and preparing research-based lessons to tutor next semester with a student(s) assigned to you. You will learn how to write a brief report supported by a portfolio of your work with the student, which could be organized along the following sections: A profile of your student(s), a summary of assessments used to determine strengths and needs, an outline of your goals for literacy improvement along with a sample lesson plan, and a reflective summary of progress made along with your growth as a literacy educator. More details about this project along with guidance will be provided throughout the course.

Texas Educator Standards (C) Teachers design lessons to meet the needs of diverse learners, adapting methods when appropriate. (i) Teachers differentiate instruction, aligning methods and techniques to diverse student needs, including acceleration, remediation, and implementation of individual education plans

(ii) Teachers plan student groupings, including pairings and individualized and small-group instruction, to facilitate student learning.

(iii) Teachers integrate the use of oral, written, graphic, kinesthetic, and/or tactile methods to teach key concepts.

3. Quizzes (40 points or 40% of course Grade). There will four scheduled quizzes (10 points each or 10% of course grade) throughout the semester. Quizzes will cover material addressed in lectures, discussions, and assigned readings. The content of quizzes, which will consist of a mix of objective and/or constructed response answers, is designed to probe your level of preparedness in understanding and using knowledge gained throughout the course to promote and support students' literacy development in EC-6 classroom settings.

Evaluation and Grading Guidelines and Criteria: All written work should be typed (using a 12 pt. New Times Roman font, with one-inch margins, & page numbers), properly labeled, and carefully proofread and edited. The criteria for determining your final grade are outlined below.

Projects & Grading Criteria			
Class Projects	Percentage of grade	Points	Due Dates
Class Participation	20%	20	On-going
Literacy Sample Analysis	20%	20	Week 7
Child Observation	20%	20	Week 13
Quizzes	40%	40	Weeks 3,7, 9,11,13
TOTAL=	100%	100 Points	

Performance standards			
Points	Percent	Grade	Standard
90-100	90%	A	(Excellent) Superior
80-89	80%	B	(Good) Above Average
70-79	70%	C	(Undeveloped) Average
60-69	60%	D	(Poor) Below Average
00-59	59% or below	F	(Unacceptable) Mediocre

Required Texts and Materials:

Please NOTE: Three of the textbooks for this course, *The Literacy Continuum*, *Reading Strategies*, and *Writing Strategies*, are also required in READ 3320 and READ 4326. This is strategic to help you build a strong foundational knowledge of literacy strategies with practical applications. This also save you money since the books are resources you will use repeatedly. It is recommended you purchase rather than rent these texts since they are valuable resources for your future classroom.

Note: A student of this institution is not under any obligation to purchase a textbook from a university-affiliated bookstore. The same textbook may also be available from an independent retailer, including an online retailer.

Core Readings: The core readings selected for purposes of this course consist of required texts and recommended materials. These materials will provide a focus for the course and information useful for class discussions, projects, and related activities.

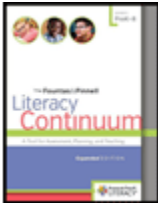
Required Text:

1) Reutzell, R., & Cooter, R. (2016). *Strategies for Reading Assessment & Instruction: Helping Every Child Succeed*. New York: Allyn & Bacon. ISBN: 9780133488814



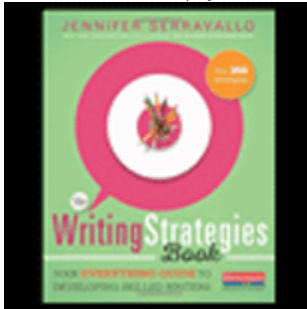
2) READING STRATEGIES BOOK ISBN: 9780325074337

REQUIRED |By *SERRAVALLO* EDITION: 15 PUBLISHER: HEINEMANN



- 3) FOUNTAS+PINNELL LITERACY CONTINUUM ISBN: 9780325060781

REQUIRED |By *FOUNTAS* EDITION: 17 PUBLISHER: HEINEMANN



WRITING STRATEGIES BOOK **RECOMMENDED** |By *SERRAVALLO*

EDITION: 17 PUBLISHER: HEINEMANN ISBN: 9780325078229

- Clay, M. ,Running Records for Classroom Teachers Heinemann, ISBN: 9780325002996
- Fountas, I., Pinnell, G. (2016). Literacy Continuum K-8, Heinemann ISBN: 9780325060781.

Additional readings to supplement course content may be selected from various journal publications, book chapters, and reports (See sample resources in attached references).

Bibliography:

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Tomlinson, C.A. (2014). The differentiated classroom: Responding to the needs of all learners (2nd edition). Alexandria, VA: ASCD.

Vygotsky, Lev S. (1986). *Thought and language*. Newly revised and edited by Alex Kozulin. Cambridge, MA: The MIT Press.

Wormeli, R. (2007). Differentiation: From planning to practice grades 6-12. Portland, ME: Stenhouse Publishers.

Topical Outline & Schedule

Learning Outcomes:	Course Topics:	Readings & Project Due Dates:
Develop foundational knowledge of the development of literacy in young children, beginning from birth and continuing into the upper elementary grades.	Literacy processes: reading, writing, listening, and speaking Stages of language development Stages of reading development Stages of writing development Stages of spelling development Theoretical orientation to reading profile (pre-assessment)	Morrow- Chapter 1: Foundations of early literacy development Morrow- Chapter 2: Assessment in early literacy Morrow- Chapter 3: Literacy and diversity Morrow- Chapter 4: Language & vocabulary development
Explore literacy development theories, research, and effective instructional practices, and how they can be used to inform and promote reading, writing, and oral language development in young children.	Essential components of reading: Phonemic awareness, phonics, fluency, vocabulary, comprehension Factors impacting literacy development among diverse learners Understanding student needs relative to oral language, reading, and writing development	Shanahan- Phonemic Awareness Strategies to figure out words: Phonological awareness, phonics, and more Shanahan- Phonics Assessment in early literacy Shanahan-Oral reading fluency Writing, spelling, and literacy development Shanahan- Vocabulary
Apply the knowledge gained about the development of literacy in young children to develop, implement, and evaluate literacy instruction in EC-6 settings.	Applying knowledge gained to understand students' needs relative to language, reading, and writing development Applying knowledge gained to understand the students' contexts for instruction. Theoretical orientation to reading profile (post-assessment) Applying knowledge to develop List of technology sites and games that integrate early literacy strategies.	Shanahan-Comprehension strategies Morrow- Chapter 8: Motivating reading and writing with well-known and new literacies Morrow- Chapter 9: Organizing and managing the literacy program Morrow- Chapter 10: Family literacy partnerships

NOTE: Daily Attendance, Class Participation, and Strategy Grades will be Taken during each class session.

READ 4320 Specific Quiz & Project Due Dates Schedule:

Assignment:	Due Date:	Date:	
Quiz #1	Week 3	In Class Wed. 1-29	
Quiz #2	Week 7	In Class Wed. 2-26	
Project #1	Week 7	In Class Wed. 2-26	
Quiz #3	Week 9	In Class Wed. 3-18	
Quiz #4	Week 11	In Class Wed. 4-1	
Project #2	Week 13	In Class Wed. 4-15	
Quiz #5	Week 13	In Class Wed. 4-15	

Course Policies:

- **Attendance.** Your attendance and participation are important and required to do well in this course. Students are expected to come to class and be well prepared to engage in scholarly discussion on the day's scheduled subject matter. A student will not be able to do well in the class without prompt and regular attendance. Class attendance and participation is expected. Arriving late or leaving early is considered an absence. If you are absent on the day an assignment is due, you are still expected to submit the assignment on time (e.g., via email or through another student). Points will be deducted from the final grade due to absences. Students will not be penalized for religious holidays (see policy below). Absences will be treated as follows:

1 Absence = No Point Loss

2 Absences = 10 Point Deduction* **Must schedule conference after 2nd absence**

3 Absences = 25 Point Deduction

4 Absences = 40 Point Deduction

- **Make/Up exam.** There will be NO make/up activities or exams for this course unless absence is due to an emergency. Students are expected to submit relevant documentation (e.g. doctor's note, funeral notice, tow-truck receipt, etc.) when requesting a make/up activity.
- **Written Assignments.** Written assignments MUST be typed using **double spaced lines and have page numbers**. In addition, work submitted should reflect a professional quality in terms of scope, depth, writing mechanics, and appearance that would be expected of students at a prestigious university. Proofread all assignments as only materials with minimal or no errors will receive high scores. **Type assignments in an easily-readable 12 point (e.g. Times New Roman, Helvetica, Tahoma)**

Late Assignments (turning in after due date) Assignments are due at the beginning of class. **Assignments that are one day late will be lowered 20%. Papers that are two days late will be lowered 50%. No assignments will be accepted after 48 hours unless arrangements have been made with the instructor.**

- **Academic Dishonesty.** To be successful in this class, you must invest time for study. Honesty is expected. Academic dishonesty (cheating, plagiarism, collusion) will NOT be tolerated and will result in a grade of zero (0) for the assignment. A second infraction will result in automatic failure of the class. Dishonesty is defined as (i) the use of unauthorized materials, (ii) any communication with peers during quizzes, (iii) representing another's work as one's own (i.e. plagiarism) or (iv) fabricating information. The professor reserves the right to determine occurrences of cheating. Additional information on Academic Dishonesty is found in the Selected University Policies section of this syllabi.

- **Canvas:** Students will access class notes, assignments, grades and course information through Canvas. Any changes to the course schedule, schedule of assignments, or any special assignments will be posted on Canvas. Students are expected to regularly check Canvas for updates and to download any class handouts.
- **Cell Phone / Pager / PDA / Blackberry usage:** Cell phones, pagers, etc., are not to be used during class. Turn such devices off or on vibrate and do NOT access them during class. The use of cell phone or other electronic communication devices during exams is prohibited. *Text messaging should be done before or after class!*
- **Person First Language:** Our language is a reflection of our attitudes. Always refer to persons with disabilities with respect. Degrading terminology will not be tolerated. In this class we will strive to use “people first” language at all times. “People First” language always refers to the person first and not as a label or a category. For example, refer to “a student with autism” and not “an autistic”.
- **Teacher Candidate Dispositions.** The University of Texas at Tyler School of Education has developed **Teacher Candidate Disposition Assessment** outlining professional behaviors educators are expected to demonstrate in their interactions with students, families, colleagues and communities. The process assumptions, dispositions to be assessed, and examples of deficiencies within each disposition assessment categories are available at the UT-Tyler School of Education website: www.uttyler.edu/education (access School of Education; School of Education Disposition Assessment). It is expected that all students enrolled in EDSP 4269 will adhere to and demonstrate these teacher candidate dispositions at all times.

Safe Zone

The professor considers this classroom to be a place where you will be treated with respect as a human being - regardless of gender, race, ethnicity, national origin, religious affiliation, sexual orientation, political beliefs, age, or ability. Additionally, diversity of thought is appreciated and encouraged, provided you can agree to disagree. It is the professor's expectation that ALL students consider the classroom a safe environment.

UNIVERSITY POLICIES

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- Tobacco-Free University
- Grade Replacement/Forgiveness and Census Date Policies
- State-Mandated Course Drop Policy
- Disability Services

- Student Absence due to Religious Observance
- Student Absence for University-Sponsored Events and Activities
- Social Security and FERPA Statement
- Emergency Exits and Evacuation
- Student Standards of Academic Conduct

UT Tyler Resources for Students:

- UT Tyler Writing Center (903.565.5995), writingcenter@uttyler.edu, <http://www.uttyler.edu/writingcenter/>
- UT Tyler Tutoring Center (903.565.5964), tutoring@uttyler.edu, <https://www.uttyler.edu/tutoring/>
- The Mathematics Learning Center, RBN 4021, This is the open access computer lab for math students, with tutors on duty to assist students who are enrolled in early-career courses.
- UT Tyler Counseling Center (903.566.7254) <https://www.uttyler.edu/counseling/>

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