



School of Education

**READ 4326.001 (80293) Literacy Assessment & Instruction II**  
The University of Texas at Tyler  
School of Education

**Course:** READ 4326.001 Literacy Assessment & Instruction II  
**Semester & Year:** Fall 2021  
**Time & Day:** Mondays & Thursdays 8:00 AM-9:20 AM  
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**First Day of Fall 2020:** Monday, August 24, 2020  
**First Day for READ 4326:** Monday, August 24, 2020 (8:00AM-9:20 AM)  
**Census Date:** September 4, 2020  
**Last Day to Withdraw:** November 2, 2020  
**Final Exam:** Finals Week December 8-12, 2020 (Specific Date TBD).  
**Required Attendance**

**\*Last Day to Withdraw from Courses: November 1, 2021**

**NOTE: We will be tutoring at The University of Texas at Tyler's University Academy located on Old Omen Road, Tyler, after the first two weeks of class.**

**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);

*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);

***Texas Educator Certification Examination Program Science of Teaching Reading***

***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 an understanding of test-taking strategies including scenarios that will be on the state teaching exams. Key scenarios and practice exams will be infused across the semester.

**Assessment and Standards Matrix:**

<b>Student Learning Outcomes</b>	<b>Topics/ Activities</b>	<b>Assessment (including performance-based)</b>	<b>Standards Alignment</b>
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<p>1. Develop foundational knowledge of the development of literacy in young children, beginning from birth and continuing into the upper elementary grades.</p>	<p>Course Overview:          TEKS K-6 Overview          ELPS K-6 Overview          Pre-K Guidelines          Preview Literacy Lessons          Developmental Stages for Reading and Writing</p>	<p>Posts in Canvas          Review Key Topics</p>	<p>(1) <b>TES:</b> (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.  <b>TEKS:</b> ELAR K-6  <b>ELPS:</b> K-6  <b>Pre-K Guidelines:</b> all  <b>College Readiness Standards:</b> ELAR:          Reading &amp; Writing  <b>ISTE:</b> 1c  <b>INTASC:</b> 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8</p>
<p>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.</p>	<p>Literacy Development          Theories          Research          Effective Instructional Practices            Reading          Writing          Oral Language Development</p>	<p>Canvas Discussions          Quizzes</p>	<p><b>TES 1: all;</b>  <b>2: all</b>  <b>TEKS:</b> ELAR K-2  <b>ELPS:</b> K-2  <b>Pre-K Guidelines:</b>          Overview  <b>College Readiness Standards:</b> ELAR:          Reading &amp; Writing  <b>ISTE:</b> 1a; 5a; 7b;7c  <b>INTASC:</b> 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8</p>
<p>3. Apply the knowledge gained about the development of literacy in young children to develop, implement, and evaluate literacy instruction in EC-6 settings.</p>	<p>Develop, Implement, &amp; Evaluate literacy instruction in EC-6 settings.</p>	<p>Literacy Articles          Website, and Texas Education Agency/          International Literacy Association Resources          Data Analysis          Running Records          Small Group          Discussions          Quizzes/</p>	<p><b>TES:</b> 3Ai-iii;  <b>TEKS:</b> ELAR K-2  <b>ELPS:</b> K-2  <b>Pre-K Guidelines:</b>          Overview  <b>College Readiness Standards:</b> ELAR:          Reading &amp; Writing  <b>ISTE:</b> 1c; 7b; 7c  <b>INTASC:</b> 7, 8</p>

### Course Evaluation and Grading

The assignments and projects outlined below are designed to contribute in a different, yet complimentary way in achieving the stated learning outcomes.

1. **Class Participation** (20 points or 20% of course grade). Throughout the semester, you will be expected to attend every class, complete assigned 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 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
2. **Project #1: Analysis of a child’s language/ reading/ writing sample** (20 points or 20 % of course grade). Students analyze one oral language, reading, and /or writing sample from a struggling reader or writer. Then discuss findings in relation to the child’s language, reading, and writing development.
3. **Project #2: Observation of a child’s reading/ writing in action.** (20 points or 20% of course grade). Students spend approximately five hours observing a classroom in action. They will collect three or more oral language, reading, and/ or writing samples from children differing in language background, socio-economic status, or educational achievement. They will write a report describing patterns of language, reading, and/or writing development with recommendations for further assessment and instruction. **Technology & Literacy Integration:** Included in this report will be a list of technology resources, sites, and books that integrate early literacy strategies that might help support and build language and literacy.
4. **Quizzes** (40 points or 40% of course grade). There will be 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 course grade are outlined below. Course grades will be determined based on percentage.

	<b>Projects &amp; Grading Criteria</b>		
Class Projects	Percentage of grade	Points	Due Dates
1. Class Participation	20%	20	On-going
2. Literacy Sample Analysis	20%	20	Week 5
3. Child Observation	20%	20	Week 110

4. Quizzes	40%	40	Weekly
TOTAL=	100%	100 Points	

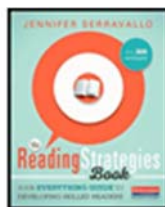
Performance standards			
Points	Percent	Grade	Standard
90-100	90%	A	(Excellent) Superior
80-89	80%	B	(Good) Above Average
70-79	70%	C	(Undeveloped) Average
60-69	60%	D	(Poor) Below Average
00-59	59% or below	F	(Unacceptable) Mediocre

### 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 4320. 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.***

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: Reutzell, R., & Cooter, R. (2016). *Strategies for Reading Assessment & Instruction: Helping Every Child Succeed*. New York: Allyn & Bacon. ISBN: 97801334888**



### READING STRATEGIES BOOK

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

ISBN: 9780325074337



FOUNTAS+PINNELL LITERACY CONTINUUM

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

- **ISBN:** 9780325060781



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).

**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.*

**Bibliography:**

Bransford, J., Brown, A., & Cocking, R. (2000). How people learn: Brain, mind, experience, and school (expanded edition). Washington, DC: National Academy Press.

Darling-Hammond, L, & Bransford, J. (Eds.). (2005). Preparing teachers for a changing world. What teachers should learn and be able to do. San Francisco, CA: Jossey- Bass.

Nutta, J., Mokhtari, K., & Nutta, J. (Eds.). (2012). Preparing every teacher to reach English learners: A practical guide for teacher educators. Cambridge, MA: Harvard Education Press.

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:
1. Develop foundational knowledge of the development of literacy in young children, beginning from birth and continuing into the upper elementary grades.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Literacy processes: reading, writing, listening, and speaking</li> <li>• Stages of language development</li> <li>• Stages of reading development</li> <li>• Stages of writing development</li> <li>• Stages of spelling development</li> <li>• Theoretical orientation to reading profile (pre-assessment)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Literacy Continuum</li> <li>• Reading Strategies Book</li> <li>• Writing Strategies Book</li> </ul>
2. 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.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Essential components of reading: Phonemic awareness, phonics, fluency, vocabulary, comprehension</li> <li>• Factors impacting literacy development among diverse learners</li> <li>• Understanding student needs relative to oral language,</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Literacy Continuum</li> <li>• Reading Strategies Book</li> <li>• Writing Strategies Book</li> </ul>

	reading, and writing development	
3. Apply the knowledge gained about the development of literacy in young children to develop, implement, and evaluate literacy instruction in EC-6 settings.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Applying knowledge gained to understand students' needs relative to language, reading, and writing development</li> <li>• Applying knowledge gained to understand the students' contexts for instruction.</li> <li>• Theoretical orientation to reading profile (post-assessment)</li> <li>• Applying knowledge to develop List of technology sites and games that integrate early literacy strategies.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Literacy Continuum</li> <li>• Reading Strategies Book</li> <li>• Writing Strategies Book</li> </ul>

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.
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**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 Report & Portfolio (20 points or 20 % of total grade).** In this assignment, you will have an opportunity to gain knowledge, skills, and experience in summarizing and reporting on your literacy work with students 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.

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#### **Projects & Grading Criteria**

<b>Class Projects</b>	<b>Weight</b>	<b>Points</b>	<b>Due Dates</b>
1. Class Participation	20%	20 points	On-going
2. Project #1	20%	20 points	Week
3. Project #2	20%	20 points	Week
4. Quizzes	40%	40 points	Weeks 4, 9, 15
<b>Totals</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100 points</b>	

#### **Performance Standards**

<b>Points</b>	<b>Percent</b>	<b>Grade</b>	<b>Standard</b>
90-100	90%	A	Superior
80-89	80%	B	Above
Average			
70-79	70%	C	Average
60-69	60%	D	Below
Average			
00-59	59% or Below	F	Mediocre

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**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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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](http://www.uttyler.edu/education) (access School of Education; School of Education Disposition Assessment). It is expected that all students enrolled in READ 4326 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

### UT Tyler Honor Code

Every member of the UT Tyler community joins together to embrace: Honor and integrity that will not allow me to lie, cheat, or steal, nor to accept the actions of those who do.

For a full list of university policies including information related to the topics listed below, click [here](#).

- Students Rights and Responsibilities
- Campus Carry
- 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](mailto:writingcenter@uttyler.edu), <http://www.uttyler.edu/writingcenter/>
- UT Tyler Tutoring Center (903.565.5964), [tutoring@uttyler.edu](mailto: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/>

[University Guidelines, Links and Policies](#)

## COLLEGE OF EDUCATION AND PSYCHOLOGY (CEP) VISION AND MISSION

**Vision:** The College of Education and Psychology is nationally recognized and respected for its academic programs and opportunities. It is a center of academic excellence, scholarly inquiry, and public service. The College prepares leaders to meet the critical challenges of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century through productive contributions to local and global communities and toward individual and cultural equity.

**Mission:** The mission of the College of Education and Psychology is to provide a positive environment that fosters the acquisition of knowledge and skills. The mission is individually and collectively realized through a community of scholars that contributes to knowledge through scholarly inquiry; organizes knowledge for application, understanding and communication; and provides leadership and service. We affirm and

promote global perspectives that value individual and cultural diversity to enhance learning, service, and scholarship.

## **UT TYLER'S SCHOOL OF EDUCATION STANDARDS FOR EDUCATOR PREPARATION PROGRAMS**

**Texas Education Standards**: The School of Education are committed to teaching and implementing the Texas Educator Standards at the highest level. The School of Education faculty use the Texas Education Standards, along with the Interstate New Teacher Assessment and Support Consortium (InTASC) standards used by educator preparation programs throughout the United States.

The list of [Texas Education Standards](#) can be accessed [here](#).

Access the [Code of Ethics and Standard Practices for Texas Educators](#).