

Course: Literacy for English Learners

Department: Bilingual Education, Special Education, General Education, Speech-Language Pathology

Student Selection: Undergraduate or graduate students preparing to teach elementary grade levels

Description: This course addresses the science of reading instruction for English learners. The course begins with a historical perspective of instruction in U.S. classrooms for language-minority children. Students learn the public policy that supports the science of reading in schools today. The course continues with a description of the language and literacy development of first and second language learners. The language basis for reading is explored, as the course considers the role of language for the development of reading and writing in the native language and English. Subsequent lectures explore the subskills of successful reading and writing development.

SCHEDULE FOR CLASS MEETINGS AND ASSIGNED CHAPTERS		
Class Schedule	Description	Assignment
Week 1	Overview of Syllabus	Read Preface
Week 2	Introduction to Literacy Foundations	Read Chapter 1
Week 3	Discussion and Extended Reading Review	Read Chapter 2
Week 4	Role of Language for Literacy	Extended Reading: Chapter 2
Week 5	Discussion and Extended Reading Review	Read Chapter 3
Week 6	Federal Legislation and Standards	Extended Reading: Chapter 3
Week 7	Discussion and Extended Reading Review	Read Chapter 4
Week 8	Phonological Awareness Development	Extended Reading: Chapter 4
Week 9	Discussion and Extended Reading Review	Read Chapter 5
Week 10	Phonics Development Among English Learners	Extended Reading: Chapter 5
Week 11	Discussion and Extended Reading Review	Read Chapter 6
Week 12	Fluency Development Among English Learners	Extended Reading: Chapter 6
Week 13	Discussion and Extended Reading Review	Read Chapter 7
Week 14	Vocabulary Development Among English Learners	Extended Reading: Chapter 8
Week 15	Discussion and Extended Reading Review	Read Chapter 9
Week 16	Spelling Development Among English Learners	Read Chapter 10 and Appendix
Week 17	Writing Development and Technology Resources	Prepare for Final Exam