

**George Mason University
College of Education and Human Development
Literacy Program**

EDRD 630 (HYBRID)

**EDRD 630 - Literacy Foundations and Instruction for Diverse Populations: Birth through
Middle Childhood**

3 Credits

Fall 2014

Time: 5:15 pm – 7:55 pm
Dates: Tuesdays: Sept.2 – December 16, 2014
Room: Triangle Elementary, Dumfries, VA
In-person class attendance is required on Sept. 2, Sept 9, Oct. 4, Nov 4, Dec 2, Dec. 9.

Synchronous online meeting will be required on the following dates: TBA

Assignments for asynchronous classes will be due on as noted in the class schedule included in the syllabus.

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Course Description

A. Prerequisite(s): Admission to the literacy emphasis, or permission of program coordinator.

B. University Catalog Course Description: Study of literacy theory, research, and practice as it relates to younger learners. Includes teaching of reading to English Language Learners and language acquisition for diverse populations (Special Education students who access the general curriculum). Addresses sociocultural, cognitive, linguistic, psychological, and developmental influences on children's literacy. Includes reading, writing, and oral communication.

C. Expanded Course Description: N/A

LEARNER OBJECTIVES

This course addresses required state and national competencies for K-12 Reading Specialists. This course also provides an advanced, research-based study of early literacy development for teachers seeking a Virginia Reading Specialist License.

PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS (Standards for Reading Professionals):

International Reading Association Standards 2010

Standard 1: Foundational Knowledge. Students understand the theoretical and evidence-based foundations of reading and writing processes and instruction.

Element 1:1 – Understand major theories and empirical research that describe the cognitive, linguistic, motivational, and sociocultural foundations of reading and writing development, processes, and components, including word recognition, language comprehension, strategic knowledge, and reading-writing connections.

Element 1:2 – Understand the historically shared knowledge of the profession and changes over time in the perceptions of reading and writing development, processes, and components.

Element 1.3 – Understand the role of professional judgment and practical knowledge for improving all students' reading development and achievement.

Standard 4: Diversity. Students recognize, understand, and value the forms of diversity that exists in society and their importance in learning to reading and write.

Element 4.1 – Assist teachers in understanding the relationship between first and second language acquisition and literacy development.

Virginia Department of Education Standards:

Candidates demonstrate expertise in:

- Developing students' phonological awareness skills
- Promoting creative thinking and expression, as through storytelling, drama, choral/oral reading, etc.
- Explicit phonics instruction, including an understanding of sound-symbol relationships, syllables, phonemes, morphemes, decoding skills, and word attack skills.
- Morphology of English including inflections, prefixes, suffixes, roots, and word relationships.
- Structure of the English language, including an understanding of syntax, semantics, and vocabulary development.
- Systematic spelling instruction, including awareness and limitations of "invented spelling" and orthographic patterns.

NATURE OF COURSE DELIVERY: HYBRID

This course uses a blended online and face-to-face seminar format based on discussion of class topics and readings as well as related experiences and assignments from your classroom-based practice. You are expected to complete all class readings prior to each session and to be prepared to engage in active dialogue and sharing of ideas. Online and in-person activities will include small group discussions, blogging, video and live presentations, whole class sharing and discussion, and reflection. You will also engage in activities designed to encourage application of materials from the readings and discussions to the role of a reading specialist in Virginia.

REQUIRED TEXTS:

Morrow, L. M. (2009). *Literacy development in the early years: Helping children read and write*. Sixth Edition. Boston: Allyn & Bacon.

Scanlon, D.M., Anderson, K.L., & Sweeney, J.M. (2010). *Early intervention for reading difficulties: The interactive strategies approach*. New York, NY: Guilford.

Optional Texts:

American Psychological Association (2009). *Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association 6th ed.*. Washington, DC: Author.

Course Assignments:

1. The **completion of all readings** assigned for the course is assumed. In addition, reading in professional journals is required for the annotated bibliography. Because the class will be structured around discussion and small group activities pertaining to literacy from birth to grade four, it is imperative that you keep up with the readings and participate in class. As you read, examine both the content and the writing style (craft) of the piece. Consider the historical context, adequacy of the research, application in classrooms, and overall impact on the field of each reading. Readings will be selected from a variety of sources (journals, edited books, and selected book chapters) and time periods (current and seminal work).

2a. **Article Critiques:** Each student will choose two (2) articles from the assigned readings to be summarized and critiqued: the two articles should come from two different class topics noted on the schedule. The critiques will be due on the day the article is discussed (as listed on schedule). An example will be provided.

Objective: To read seminal and current work in the field of early literacy, and to learn to provide effective critique regarding the research foundation, content, and impact of the piece.

Required components:

- Include the purpose of the article; main points of the article; comments/reflection on the strengths & weaknesses of the research (including lingering questions you have after reading) and your own reflection on the article (reflection is based on previous knowledge or experience).
- The critiques must demonstrate graduate level writing (at a minimum this means that words are properly spelled; punctuation is appropriate; sentences are complete; verb/subject, pronoun/antecedent agree; and writing is appropriately concise and clear).
- Length: one to two pages (avoid exceeding two pages)
- Your article critique must include the article reference in APA style.
- Each student will need to discuss and critique the papers during the regular class discussion of that article (see Quad Blog Discussions below)

Each summary is worth 6 points for a total of 12 points. Please note that this assignment is a component of the Performance-Based Assessment described later in the syllabus. You will upload your (graded) article critiques to Taskstream as directed in the PBA description. This will be discussed in class.

2b. Small Group Blog Discussion of selected articles:

Objectives:

- a) To explore within a small group the early literacy content and writing craft of selected research-based readings
- b) To develop leadership skills within a small group of peers

Process: Working within a fixed small group of four peers, students will take turns leading online discussions through blog use. By the scheduled due date for chosen articles, the leader will begin a new blog by posting his/her critique paper and giving a brief (2-5 minute) video summary and critique of the article to begin an informal discussion within the group. All videos must include at least two questions for the group or a few discussion points that include strengths or weaknesses of the article. *NOTE:* You must summarize the article, not re-state the article in full since your group members have also read it. Then, group members blog their responses to the article and your paper, video critique and summary, as you respond and comment on blog posts during the week. Each person is responsible for leading 2 article discussions and participating in all discussions within your group. **The discussion leader activity is worth 5 points each (total of 10), and your blog responses for each article discussion are worth 1 point each (total of 8).**

3. Ongoing Journals:

Objective: To reflect upon and express individual understanding of course material.

Process: Five electronic journal entries are required throughout the semester. Journals will be kept on Blackboard and will be read only by the instructor, who will provide feedback to encourage additional thinking and connections to class topics and application. After reading and considering class materials and discussions, students will write to synthesize the material, citing readings and class materials to support assertions. Students will complete entries on three required topics and choose among other topics to complete a minimum of five entries (more entries are welcomed and feedback will be provided on all submissions). **Each required entry is worth 2 points for a total of 10 points for this assignment.**

4. Theory Application Maps:

Objective: To demonstrate understanding and application of learning theories by relating to early literacy classroom practices

Process: Students will create an electronic visual representation of literacy practices occurring in their classroom (may include photos, drawings, or other materials in a brief, narrated PowerPoint, Prezi, Glog, video, or other online format). Students will include literacy practices or strategies that are used in instructing students in literacy. The theory application assignment will consist of aligning literacy practices with literacy theories (behaviorism, constructivism, schema theory, transactional theory, psycholinguistics, sociolinguistics, motivation, & engagement – discussed in class). Students must be specific about what aspects of the instructional approach reflect the theories learned. Note that instructional implications/examples may draw from more than one theory. Students will briefly explain their theory/practice understanding.

***If you are not teaching P-4, please adapt this assignment to represent what you would include in your ideal P-4 classroom. You may present as if you are a literacy coach assisting a new teacher at your school.

This assignment is worth 8 points.

6. **Annotated Bibliography:**

Each student will research a literacy topic from class discussions (topics stated on the class schedule). *Since this class focuses on literacy from birth to grade four the topic must address typical literacy learners in this age range.* The research needs to draw from multiple sources (including library resources (see below the suggested list of literacy related journals) and assigned in-class readings) and address your understanding of the literacy needs of the diverse families and children who live in Northern Virginia. You will read 6-8 related, peer-reviewed research articles and provide annotated bibliographic information for each. This includes a full APA citation, a 1-2 paragraph summary and 1-2-paragraph critique per article. Do not exceed 2 paragraphs for either summary or critique- your goal is to write succinctly. You will also write a detailed synthesis statement that explains the overall message in the articles and how they relate and support each other (2 paragraph minimum, 2 page maximum). Additional details about the project will be provided and discussed in class, and a rubric is provided below. We will also discuss in class when you will be responsible for having drafts of your writing to share with classmates and formats in which to provide and receive feedback.

Criteria for evaluation will include ability to analyze and synthesize reference materials and other sources as well as writing clarity and coherence (writing that demonstrates graduate level writing). Each student will also make a 5-minute informal class presentation on her/his topic to the class during the last class session.

The paper and presentation are worth 12 points.

7. Performance Based Assessment (PBA): A detailed description is included in the syllabus. This PBA blends the blogged article critiques and online discussion in Assignment #1 above with a synthesis project that includes a professional development presentation for early literacy teachers. The synthesis project is worth 30 points. **This performance-based assessment (PBA) MUST be uploaded and submitted to Taskstream for evaluation when the assignment is due. ONLY PBAs posted to Taskstream will be graded. This means NO final grades will be posted until all materials are on Taskstream.**

8. Overall class participation: You are expected to fully participate in all in-person and online activities. This class will involve Blackboard online participation and may also involve other online tools for communication in both synchronous and asynchronous formats. **Your overall class participation is worth a total 10 points. Keep in mind that minimum participation requirements are posted. To earn full points, you must exceed minimum expectations.**

Grading Policies:

The assessments are designed to provide evidence that program candidates meet **required program completion standards**. Successful completion of these performance-based assessments **and a grade of B or better** in the course are required to move to the next course in the Literacy course sequence. **If you are concerned that you may be having difficulty meeting these standards, please speak to your course instructor and your advisor.**

All assignments will be discussed in class. Rubrics for major assignments will be posted on Blackboard and are included later in the syllabus.

EVALUATION:

Assignment	Points
Article Summaries [2 summaries]	[6 each] 12 total
Small Group Blog Discussion of Selected Articles (ongoing throughout semester)	[Leadership: 5 each] [Participation: 1 each] 18 total
Reflection Journals [5 required entries]	Quality, not quantity 10 total

Theory Application Map	8
*Performance Assessment Assignment: Emergent literacy scenario/presentation	30
Annotated Bibliography	12
Overall Participation in Class	10
All Course Assignments	100

Grading Scale

A	93 – 100
A-	90 – 92
B+	85–89
B	80–84
C	75–79

General Course Expectations:

A. Class attendance (face to face and online) is both important and required. If, due to an emergency, you will not be in class, you must contact the instructor via phone or email. Students with more than two absences may drop a letter grade or lose course credit.

B. Electronic Requirements: After introductory training, students will also be expected to access Blackboard prior to every class session and module to download readings and other pertinent course documents. Students are also expected to visit the course site a minimum of twice weekly to participate in online activities with peers. Our online course sessions and modules will be hosted on Blackboard. We will use Collaborate for synchronous class meetings, which require audio capabilities of a speaker and microphone. Video capabilities are highly encouraged. A variety of Blackboard media will be used for asynchronous class meetings.

Blackboard can be accessed through <https://mymasonportal.gmu.edu/webapps/portal/frameset.jsp>

C. It is expected that assignments will be turned in on time (the beginning of the class in which they are due, or the time stated in the schedule for online assignments). However, it is recognized that students occasionally have serious problems that prevent work completion. If such a dilemma arises, please speak to the instructor in a timely fashion.

D. Graduate students must become familiar with APA (American Psychological Association) writing/formatting style. All written assignments prepared outside of class will be evaluated for content and presentation as graduate-level writing. The American Psychological Association, Sixth Edition (APA) style will be followed for all written work. All written work unless otherwise noted must be completed on a word processor and should be proofread carefully. The organization of your papers (e.g. headings, organization, references, citations, etc.) should follow APA style. APA has a helpful website – <http://www.apastyle.org/pubmanual.html>. Portions of the APA manual also appear at the Style Manuals link on the GMU library web guide at <http://library.gmu.edu/resources/edu/>. It is HIGHLY recommended that you purchase a copy of the APA manual since you are required to successfully use it throughout your program.

E. The completion of all readings assigned for the course is assumed. Because the class will be structured around discussion and small group activities in person and online, it is critical for you to keep up with readings prior to the class on which they are due and to fully participate in class.

F. Students can expect turnaround time for assignments to be seven to ten business days for written projects and papers, including course Performance Based Assessments (PBAs). For brief assignments such as online wikis, blogs, discussion forum posts, and journals, instructor turnaround time will be two to four days. Please allow 24 hours response time for email and phone replies during the week, and 48 hours response time during weekends and holidays.

G. Students are expected to use proper online etiquette at all times. This includes respect for all participants and careful wording of responses. Remember that your writing reflects your voice in this class, and your tone or demeanor cannot be

inferred from your writing. Therefore, thoughtful, respectful, and reflective comments are critical to participation. For a helpful guide, please visit <http://www.albion.com/netiquette/corerules.html>

Performance Based Assessment (detailed description)

NCATE Assessment #2: Content Knowledge

Early Literacy Project

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IRA Standards Addressed: 1 (Foundational Knowledge) and 4 (Diversity)

IRA Elements for Reading Specialists/Literacy Coaches: 1.1, 1.2, 1.3. 4.1

Please note that in rubrics, numbers and letters (e.g. 2.1a) indicate alignment with the specific evidence suggested in the IRA Standards Chart for Reading Specialists/Literacy Coaches

Overview

The purpose of this two-part performance based assessment (PBA) is for the candidate to demonstrate and model his/her understanding of emergent literacy and how it impacts young students' reading and writing development (including the linguistic, motivational, cognitive, and sociocultural factors that influence early literacy) and to share with other educators ways to create an environment to support the emerging literacy development of their diverse classroom populations. Candidates will also critique relevant research and lead discussions with colleagues.

Directions to Candidates

Part I: **Emergent Literacy Scenario (IRA Standard 1 – Foundational Knowledge (1.2., 1.3), Standard 4 - Diversity (4.1) addressed in this assignment (30 Points)**. For this PBA you will create a PowerPoint presentation that should be directed to the audience described in the scenario (below). The presentation first will be shared with your peers in class in order to receive their feedback on how it might be improved (accuracy as well as overall design). You then will be required to make the presentation available electronically, either on your school's website, Googlesites, or other venue so that educators at your school and/or elsewhere can view it as a professional development activity.

Scenario

As a literacy coach/reading specialist for a diverse elementary school (50% of the children are identified as English Language Learners) you have been designated to teach the Kindergarten teachers about emergent literacy. From observations, you have seen that some of the instructional practices the teachers are using are consistent with the theory of emergent literacy; however, the teachers have never heard this term and several of their practices are not representative of emergent literacy theory. You decide to create a presentation on the elements of emergent literacy, the relationship of this concept with other major literacy theories, the comparison with reading readiness, and suggestions for how the Kindergarten teachers can incorporate the principles of emergent literacy within their current program to scaffold emerging literacy behaviors in young children, including those who speak English as a first or second language. What would your presentation look like? What points do you need to stress about emergent literacy? What examples would you use to promote practices to improve literacy of second language learners? How would you communicate to the teachers the importance of fair-mindedness and empathy for all their students, particularly the second language learners?

A. **Emergent Literacy Scenario PBA (30 points)** will consist of:

1. The PowerPoint presentation demonstrates your understanding of the essential components of emergent literacy.
 - o Included in the PowerPoint:

- Information on the historically shared knowledge on emergent literacy principles and how the principles of emergent literacy contribute to a student’s writing and reading process (social, cognitive and physical processes). Explanation of the relationship of emergent literacy with other literacy theories and comparison with reading readiness. Inclusion of practices that focus on strategies to help support classroom teacher’s knowledge of implementation of emergent literacy in the classroom, i.e. phonemic awareness, phonics, vocabulary, comprehension, fluency, critical thinking, motivation and writing. **Standard Elements - 1.2**
 - Communicate to audience the importance of fair-mindedness and empathy for all students, particularly second language learners and the necessity to be responsive to all students’ needs. Also give specific examples of ways children can be taught to understand one another and work together in an emergent literacy environment **Standard Elements - 1.3**
 - Assist teachers in understanding the relationship between first-and second-language acquisition and its importance in a child’s emerging literacy. Explanation and examples of how instruction may need to be differentiated for second language learners’ emergent literacy (use of first language funds of knowledge in classroom, labeling, etc.) or students with special needs. **Standard Elements – 4.1**
2. The PowerPoint presentation will be presented to the class and you will gain their feedback. Additionally, you will upload the PowerPoint presentation electronically to your school website, Googlesite, or other venue where other educators can use it as a professional development activity.

Part II: Article Summary/Critique and Discussion Facilitation (IRA Standard 1 – Foundational Knowledge (1.1) addressed in this assignment (total 30 points). This PBA assesses your ability to critically examine literacy studies and implications for the classroom. For this assessment you will write critiques of two articles related to Early Literacy and lead discussions with the class.

Each candidate will choose two (2) articles from the assigned readings to be summarized: the two articles should come from two different literacy topics denoted on the syllabus (e.g., language, emergent literacy, phonics, balanced literacy, etc.). Between the two articles, be sure that both reading and writing are discussed. The summaries will be due on the day the article is discussed in class (as listed on class schedule). This assignment will consist of two parts:

1. The first part is the critique and summary of the readings. Summary components:
 - Include the purpose of the article; major theory of literacy development, main points of the article; critical comments/reflection (strengths, weaknesses) and your own reflection on the article (reflection is based on previous knowledge or experience).
 - You must demonstrate graduate level writing (Words are properly spelled; punctuation is appropriate; sentences are complete; verb/subject, pronoun/antecedent agree; and writing is appropriately concise and clear).
 - Length: two – three pages (avoid exceeding three pages)
 - Your article summary/critique needs to include the article reference in APA style.
 - Each student will need to discuss their summary/critiques during the regular class discussion of their articles (see Discussions below)
 - Each summary/critique is worth 6 points (total of 12 points) **Standard Element 1.1**
2. **Discussion facilitation of selected articles:** Candidates will lead an informal discussion concerning their selected article summary/critiques. All discussions must include at least two questions for the class or a few discussion points that include strengths or weaknesses of the article. *NOTE:* You need to summarize the article, not re-state the article in full. **The discussion leader activity is worth a total of 10 points (5 points each discussion facilitation). Standard Element 1.1**

TaskStream Requirements

Every student registered for any Literacy course with a required performance based assessment is required to submit this assessment, Emergent Literacy Scenario, to TaskStream (regardless of whether a course is an elective, a onetime course or part of an undergraduate minor). Evaluation of the performance based assessment by the course instructor will also be completed in TaskStream. Failure to submit the assessment to TaskStream will result in the course instructor reporting the course grade as Incomplete (IN). Unless the IN grade is changed upon completion of the required TaskStream submission, the IN will convert to an F nine weeks into the following semester.

GMU Policies and Resources for students:

- a. Students must adhere to the guidelines of the George Mason University Honor Code [See <http://academicintegrity.gmu.edu/honorcode/>].
- b. Students must follow the university policy for Responsible Use of Computing [See <http://universitypolicy.gmu.edu/1301gen.html>].
- c. Students are responsible for the content of university communications sent to their George Mason University email account and are required to activate their account and check it regularly. All communication from the university, college, school, and program will be sent to students solely through their Mason email account.
- d. The George Mason University Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS) staff consists of professional counseling and clinical psychologists, social workers, and counselors who offer a wide range of services (e.g., individual and group counseling, workshops and outreach programs) to enhance students' personal experience and academic performance [See <http://caps.gmu.edu/>].
- e. Students with disabilities who seek accommodations in a course must be registered with the George Mason University Office of Disability Services (ODS) and inform their instructor, in writing, at the beginning of the semester [See <http://ods.gmu.edu/>].
- f. Students must follow the university policy stating that all sound emitting devices shall be turned off during class unless otherwise authorized by the instructor.
- g. The George Mason University Writing Center staff provides a variety of resources and services (e.g., tutoring, workshops, writing guides, handbooks) intended to support students as they work to construct and share knowledge through writing [See <http://writingcenter.gmu.edu/>].

Professional Dispositions

Students are expected to exhibit professional behaviors and dispositions at all times.

Core Values Commitment

The College of Education & Human Development is committed to collaboration, ethical leadership, innovation, research-based practice, and social justice. Students are expected to adhere to these principles. <http://cehd.gmu.edu/values/>

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Proposed Class Schedule

This schedule may be changed at the discretion of the professor or as needs of the students or the Literacy Program dictate.

Week – Class	Topics	Readings	Deliverables
1. 9/02/14 Face to Face BR 248 <i>Class number corresponds to online module number</i>	Orientation and Introductions Historical Perspectives: Language & Literacy	* <i>Alexander & Fox (2013)</i> <i>Allington & McGill-Franzen (2000)</i>	<i>Review Syllabus</i> Upcoming- Consider ADL opportunities (marked by below) Discuss Blackboard tools: wiki, blog, journal, discuss Complete Module 1 activities
2. 9/09/14 Face to Face BR 248	Theoretical Perspectives of Development, Motivation, and Engagement	* <i>Mason & Sinha (1993)</i> * <i>Anderson (1994)</i> * <i>Taboada, Guthrie, & McRae (2007)</i>	IN CLASS: Meet your Blog Group. Sign up for 2 readings to critique & lead class discussion Complete Module 2 activities on Blackboard *Begin working on Theory Application Map assignment
3. 9/16/14 Online: Synchronous	Oral Language Development & Language-focused Interactive read-aloud techniques	<i>Morrow: Ch 4 Ch 12 Scanlon, Anderson, & Sweeney text</i> <i>Ruddell & Ruddell (1994)</i> *Parsons (2010-2011) *Hammet-Price, vanKleeck, & Huberty (2006)	Begin Blog Group Discussions online via Blackboard Complete Module 3 activities on Blackboard Journal: Compare and contrast your read-aloud to the readings for this week. What will you change, you maintain as a result of your reading/reflection
4. 9/23/14 Online: synchronous	Relating classroom talk & instruction with theories BRIEF APA OVERVIEW - citation and ref list	* Snow, Burns, & Griffin (1998) * Johnston (2012) <i>Ch 1 & 13 Scanlon et al.</i>	DUE: Theory Map Assignment (submit online by 11:59pm) Complete online assignment & participate in online discussion via Blackboard Collaborate (Module 4) Journal: Reflect upon your own use of language in your classroom. What do you do to help ELLs and students learning English comprehend subject matter? What can you improve upon?
5. 9/30/14 Online- Synchronous	Phonological and Phonemic Awareness, Alphabetics	* Yopp & Yopp (2000) * Ehri (2005) <i>Ch 4, 5, 6, 7 Scanlon et al.</i>	Complete online assignment & participate in online discussion via Blackboard (Module 5) Required Journal: You are mentoring a new K teacher. How would you explain phonological and phonemic awareness to her? How would you compare and contrast with alphabetics

6. 10/07/14 In Class	Concept of Word & early fluency, print awareness	<i>Morrow Ch 5 Ch 8 Scanlon et al.</i> * Flanigan (2006) * Flanigan (2007) * Zucker, Ward, & Justice (2009)	Complete online assignment & participate in class discussion via Blackboard (Module 6) Watch/discuss COW assessment @ PALS Due: Choice of topic for annotated bibliography (due 10/14/14) Learn about using GMU databases for research. Watch video: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RGIVfuMH-_M&list=UUeI7RXgtxfQXSV_HyvepaYQ
7. 10/14/14 Online-Synchronous	Phonics & Word Study for Beginning Readers	Ch 9, 10, 11 Scanlon et al.	Complete online assignment & participate in online discussion via Blackboard Collaborate (Module 7)
8. 10/21/14 Online: Asynchronous	Phonics & Word Study For Transitional Readers	* Invernizzi & Hayes (2004) * Stahl, S., Duffy-Hester, A., & Stahl, K. (1998). <i>Everything you wanted to know about phonics (but were afraid to ask)</i> * Mesmer & Griffith (2005) <i>Dahl, K., L., Scharer, P. L. Lawson, L. L., & Grogan, P. R. (1999). –OPTIONAL</i>	Complete online assignment & participate in online discussion via Blackboard (Module 8) Required Journal: How are the 4 types of phonics different? What method resonates with your philosophy (and why)?
9. 10/28/14 Online-Asynchronous	Fluency (beginners & transitionals)	* Kuhn (2004) * Hiebert (2005) * Duke (2000)	Complete online assignment & participate in online discussion via Blackboard (Module 9) Journal: How does fluency develop in beginning readers? How are the three components interrelated, and what research supports your assertions?
10. 11/04/14 Face to Face BR 248	Comprehension and vocabulary (Part 1)	Morrow Chap 6 * Beck & McKeown (2007)	Complete Module 10 activities
11. 11/11/14 Online-Synchronous	Comprehension and vocabulary (Part 2)	* Block & Lacina (2009) * Stahl, K. (2009)	Complete online assignment & participate in online discussion via Blackboard Collaborate (Module 11) Required Journal: How are comprehension and vocabulary related? What comprehension strategies and vocabulary techniques have you successfully used with your students?
12. 11/18/14 Online: Asynchronous	Writing Theory & Reading-Writing Connections	Morrow: Chapter 7 & 8 Choose 2 writing articles from the folder on BB.	Complete online assignment & participate in online discussion via Blackboard (Module 12) Journal: How does writing reflect a child's understanding of fluency, comprehension/vocabulary, and phonics/speaking?

11/25/14	NO CLASS!! Thanksgiving Holiday		
13. 12/02/14 Face to Face BR 248	Comprehensive Literacy Instruction & Diverse Learners Emergent Literacy Scenarios/Conferences	Morrow: Chapter 9 *Avalos, Plasencia, Chavez & Rascon (2007). *Laman, & Van Sluys, K (2008).	Journal: What are the components of comprehensive instruction? What can you do to improve literacy learn for diverse learners in your school? Complete Module 13 activities Prepare questions and ELS draft-in-progress for discussion
14. 12/9/14 Online Asynchronous	RtI: Early literacy assessment and instructional strategies	Ch 2, 14, 15 Scanlon et al. *Invernizzi et al. (2010)	<u>ELS DUE by 4:30pm</u> <u>UPLOAD AND SUBMIT TO TASKSTREAM TO FINAL GRADE</u> Complete online assignment & participate in online c via Blackboard (Module 14)
15. 12/16/14 Face to Face BR 248	Review of Comprehensive Early Literacy		Annotated Bibliographies DUE by 4:30pm Email to Instructor

Required Reading References (*Available on E-Reserves (book chapters) or through GMU Library Databases (journal articles). Full list available on Blackboard/Course Content/Required Readings & within each module)

- *Alexander, P. A., & Fox, E. (2013). A historical perspective on reading research and practice, redux. In D. Alvermann, R. B. Ruddell & N. J. Unrau (Eds.). *Theoretical models and processes in reading (6th edition)* (pp. 3-46). Newark, DE: International Reading Association.
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EDRD 630 Assessment Rubrics Scoring Rubric for Article Summaries- Use this to guide your blog writing

	Exceeds Expectations	Meets Expectations	Below Expectations
APA Reference 1 point		Minimal Errors	Numerous Errors
Purpose 1 point		Clearly stated and reflects the authors stated purpose	Purpose statement is unclear or does not reflect the authors stated purpose
Summary 3 points	Summarizes and synthesizes the key points concisely and accurately	Summarizes the article accurately	Describes different points covered in the article
Critical Comments/ Reflection 4 points	Addresses specific strengths and weaknesses by providing a clear reason for why the points are strengths or weaknesses. Compares and contrasts the points to other readings covered in the course. Reflection summarizes thoughts about the article and includes a rationale for the statements made	Addresses strengths and weaknesses and tells why each point is a strength or weakness. Reflection describes thoughts about the article.	Addresses only strengths or only weaknesses. Reflection describes thoughts about the article
Clarity of Writing (Mechanics) 1 point		Minimal grammatical or spelling errors	Multiple errors

EDRD 630 – Theory Application Map Rubric (8 points)

	No Evidence	Developing (Limited evidence)	Proficient (Clear evidence)	Exemplary (Clear, convincing and substantial evidence)
Literacy Practices	No evidence of literacy practices in assignment (0 points)	Few literacy practices (1 – 2) are described and aligned with theories (1 point)	Some literacy practices (3-5) are described and aligned with theorists (2 points)	A variety of literacy practices (6-8) are described and aligned with theorists (3 points)
Theory	Description and synthesis is unclear with practices (0 points)	Describes and synthesizes the key points of one theorist accurately and concisely. Link between practice and theory unclear. (1 point)	Describes and synthesizes the key points of most of the theorists accurately and concisely. Evident link between practice and some of the theories. (3 points)	Describes and synthesizes the key points of theorists accurately and concisely. Evident link between practice and theory for all practices (5 points)
Presentation	Does not present key concepts and ideas (0 points)	Concepts or ideas are not focused or developed; the main purpose is not clear. Main points are difficult to identify (.5 point)	Concepts or ideas are focused but the main purpose is not clear. Main points are presented in a disjointed manner (1 point)	Thoughtful ideas are clearly organized, developed, and supported to achieve a purpose; the purpose is clear. Main points are clear and organized effectively. (2 points)

Suggested Literacy Related Journals for Annotated Bibliography

You must use peer-reviewed (scholarly) work. Best to search the GMU databases

- Early Childhood Research Quarterly
- Journal of Early Childhood Literacy
- Journal of Literacy Research (formerly Journal of Reading Behavior)
- Language Arts
- Literacy Research & Instruction
- Reading Research Quarterly
- Reading and Writing Quarterly
- School Library Journal
- The Reading Teacher
- Yearbooks of the Literacy Research Association/National Reading Conference
- Yearbooks of the Association of Literacy Educators & Researchers/College Reading Association

EDRD 630: Scoring Rubric for Annotated Bibliographies – 12 points

	Exemplary	Proficient	Developing
Introduction and Synthesis Statement 3 points Possible	States purpose/rationale for studying the topic States key definitions related to the topic Synthesizes key points by analyzing and summarizing relevant research and theory 3 points	States purpose/rationale for studying the topic States some key definitions related to the topic Summarizes current research pertaining to topic 2 points	Limited purpose/rationale and few definitions/key points of research stated 1-0 points
Research Annotations 5 points Possible	Describes each research element, as noted in the analysis guide provided, (or notes that it is missing in the research itself) for all studies included. Succinctly and clearly states how each study connects to the thesis statement for all studies included. Each statement is theoretically sound.	Describes some to most research elements, as noted in the analysis guide provided, for all studies included. States how the study connects to the thesis statement for all studies included, but SOME lack succinctness/clarity/theoretical validity.	Limited analysis of research according to the element reviewed on the guide. Does not tie EVERY study to the thesis w/ a statement and/or MANY connections lack succinctness/clarity/theoretical validity.

	Throughout, writer adheres to proper Academic English conventions & mechanics. 5 points	Writer generally adheres to proper Academic English conventions & mechanics. Two or fewer errors are present. 4-2 points	Writer partially adheres to proper Academic English conventions & mechanics. Three or more errors are present. 1 – 0 points
Peer-Reviewed Articles & APA Citations 2 points Possible	All articles/sources are peer-reviewed and all citations are aligned with APA guidelines. 2 points	Most articles/sources are peer-reviewed and most citations are aligned with APA guidelines. 1 point	Fewer than half the articles/sources are peer-reviewed and/or fewer than half of the citations are aligned with APA guidelines. 0 points

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EDRD 630: Scoring Rubric for Annotated Bibliographies – 12 points

	Exemplary	Proficient	Developing
Introduction and Synthesis Statement 4 points Possible	States purpose/rationale for studying the topic States key definitions related to the topic Synthesizes key points by analyzing and summarizing relevant research and theory 4 points	States purpose/rationale for studying the topic States some key definitions related to the topic Summarizes current research pertaining to topic 2 points	Limited purpose/rationale and few definitions/key points of research stated 1-0 points
Research Annotations 6 points Possible	Describes each research element, as noted in the analysis guide provided, (or notes that it is missing in the research itself) for all studies included. Succinctly and clearly states how each study connects to the thesis statement for all studies included.	Describes some to most research elements, as noted in the analysis guide provided, for all studies included. States how the study connects to the thesis statement for all studies included, but SOME lack succinctness/clarity/theoretical	Limited analysis of research according to the element reviewed on the guide. Does not tie EVERY study to the thesis w/ a statement and/or MANY connections lack

	<p>Each statement is theoretically sound.</p> <p>Throughout, writer adheres to proper Academic English conventions & mechanics.</p> <p>6 points</p>	<p>validity.</p> <p>Writer generally adheres to proper Academic English conventions & mechanics. Two or fewer errors are present.</p> <p>5-2 points</p>	<p>succinctness/clarity/theoretical validity.</p> <p>Writer partially adheres to proper Academic English conventions & mechanics. Three or more errors are present.</p> <p>1 – 0 points</p>
<p>Peer-Reviewed Articles & APA Citations</p> <p>2 points Possible</p>	<p>All articles/sources are peer-reviewed and all citations are aligned with APA guidelines.</p> <p>2 points</p>	<p>Most articles/sources are peer-reviewed and most citations are aligned with APA guidelines.</p> <p>1 point</p>	<p>Fewer than half the articles/sources are peer-reviewed and/or fewer than half of the citations are aligned with APA guidelines.</p> <p>0 points</p>

PBA: Emergent Literacy Scenario and Article Critique/Discussion Rubric

IRA Standards/Elements	Exemplary (3)	Proficient (2)	Developing (1)	Not Met (0)	Score
<p>1.1 Candidates understand major theories and empirical research that describe the cognitive, linguistic, motivational, and sociocultural foundations of reading and writing development, processes, and components, including word recognition, language comprehension, strategic knowledge, and reading-writing connections.</p> <p><i>*Article Critiques and Discussion Facilitator</i></p> <p><i>12 points available; 6 per article critique and discussion</i></p>	<p>1.1c Demonstrates an exemplary critical stance toward the scholarship of the profession, including in-depth interpretation, with critiques of two class readings and outstanding discussion facilitation of readings (thoughtful questions, extension of concepts).</p>	<p>Demonstrates a proficient critical stance toward the scholarship of the profession, including some interpretation with critiques of two class readings and adequate facilitation of readings.</p>	<p>Demonstrates a limited critical stance toward the scholarship of the profession OR no discussion facilitation.</p>	<p>Does not demonstrate critical stance toward the scholarship of the profession through class readings.</p>	
<p>1.2 Candidates understand the historically shared knowledge of the profession and changes</p>	<p>1.2a and b Summarizes (in detail) historically shared knowledge to inform</p>	<p>Summarizes historically shared knowledge to inform educators about the five principles of emergent</p>	<p>Briefly summarizes to inform educators on some principles of emergent literacy on</p>	<p>Does not summarize the historically shared knowledge of emergent literacy on</p>	

<p>over time in the perceptions of reading and writing development, processes, and components.</p> <p><i>* PowerPoint Presentation</i></p>	<p>educators about the five principles of emergent literacy and the importance in all readers' literacy development [<i>Literacy emerges before formal reading instruction (on-going from birth); Literacy encompasses more than just decoding; language processes of R,W,S,L are inter-connected; Children are actively involved in the construction of their own literacy; There is a social context for literacy learning; meaningful, language-rich, child-centered literacy experiences</i>]. Also, delineates the evolution of emergent literacy theory by comparing emergent literacy with other literacy theories, particularly reading readiness. Illustrates important practices to support student's emerging literacy.</p>	<p>literacy.</p> <p>Partially delineates the evolution of emergent literacy in comparison with other theories.</p> <p>Includes some practices to support students' emerging literacy.</p>	<p>readers' literacy development.</p> <p>Partially delineates the evolution of emergent literacy in comparison with some of the other theories</p> <p>Includes few practices to support students' emerging literacy</p>	<p>all readers' literacy development.</p> <p>Does not delineate the evolution of emergent literacy in comparison with other theories.</p> <p>Does not include practices to support students' emerging literacy.</p>	
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<p>1.3 Candidates understand the role of professional judgment and practical knowledge for improving all students' reading development and achievement.</p> <p><i>* PowerPoint Presentation</i></p>	<p>1.3a Thoroughly communicates and models with presentation the importance of fair-mindedness and empathy necessary for the literacy development of all readers.</p> <p>1.3b Provides audience with examples as to how to create a responsive classroom for second language learners and all students who may have special needs.</p>	<p>Communicates and models presentation to selected audience the importance of fair-mindedness and empathy that is necessary for the literacy development of all readers. Appropriate for audience. Informs audience as to the purpose of presentation in relation to children's literacy development. Instructional practices relevant to classroom environment.</p>	<p>Limited communication in presentation on the importance of fair-mindedness and empathy for all students.</p>	<p>Does not consider communicate or model the importance of fair-mindedness and empathy for all students.</p>
<p>4.1 Candidates recognize, understand, and value the forms of diversity that exist in society and their importance in learning to read and write.</p> <p><i>* PowerPoint Presentation</i></p>	<p>4.1c Assists teachers in understanding the relationship between first and second language acquisition and literacy development. Provides scholarly references related to the needs of educators to be responsive to diverse populations to assist a student's emergent literacy development. Explains relationship between first and second language acquisition.</p>	<p>Assists teachers in understanding the relationship between first and second language acquisition and literacy development. Provides few practices that are responsive to diversity and assist in a student's emergent literacy development.</p>	<p>Provides few practices that are responsive to needs of second language learners. Does not discuss relationship between first and second language acquisition and literacy development.</p>	<p>Does not assist teachers in understanding the relationship between first and second language acquisition and literacy development. No practices included.</p>

The guides are in the course content folder. We discussed their optional use early in the semester with the article critiques and blog discussions. They're pretty straightforward if you haven't looked at them- for the AB I'm looking to see if you include the population/sample, basic methodology (qualitative, experimental, etc), major findings/results, and limitations. So if any of those items are missing or poorly described in the article, please note that. This can all be done in a few short sentences as part of your summary of the article.