George Mason University College of Education and Human Development Elementary Education Program

ELED 411.002 – Reading Development, Processes, Assessment, and Pedagogy 3 Credits, Spring 2023

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Prerequisites/Corequisites

Admission into elementary education graduate program; must be taken in programmatic sequence; Literacy I.

University Catalog Course Description

Provides research-based introduction to literacy teaching and learning for elementary children. Emphasizes reading development and processes; reading assessment; and reading pedagogy. This course addresses assessment and instruction of reading comprehension, fluency, vocabulary and word study, as well as specific reading disabilities. Children's literature will be examined through investigations of appropriate use of text in classrooms.

Course Overview

This course addresses priorities in the GSE master plan including literacy, technology, and diversity. It is designed as an integral component of the new Undergraduate Elementary Program for teachers of grades PK-6, and meets new state and national guidelines and standards including Interstate New Teacher Assessment and Support Consortium (INTASC); International Society for Technology in Education, (ISTE); and International Reading Association (IRA) Standards for Literacy Professionals and Paraprofessionals. This course builds closely upon themes taught in the foundations courses and integrates ideas from other elementary methods courses.

Course Delivery Method

This face-to-face course includes multiple instructional strategies. Individual session formats will vary and may include lecture, small group/ large group discussion, hands-on, interactive work, student presentations, and cooperative learning. **This course also requires 15 hours of field experience.**

Learner Outcomes or Objectives

A. This course is designed to enable teacher candidates to:

- 1. Students will demonstrate the ability to assess individual and group literacy needs in a classroom situation and incorporate reading instruction that demonstrates an understanding of children's reading development.
- 2. Students will describe the literacy needs of diverse learners, including English Language Learners and students with specific reading disabilities, and they will adapt reading instruction to meet those needs.

- 3. Students will explore and explain the influence of families, communities, and schools on reading instruction.
- 4. Students will plan reading instruction that demonstrates an understanding of connections between phonemic awareness, word recognition, fluency, comprehension strategies and proficient reading.
- 5. Students will plan reading instruction that promotes creative and critical thinking.
- 6. Students will plan reading instruction using strategies in literal, interpretive, critical, and evaluative comprehension.
- 7. Students will plan instruction that facilitates reading fluency, reading comprehension and vocabulary development across content areas.
- 8. Students will survey technological tools, print materials, and other resources for teaching reading and demonstrate understanding of appropriate classroom use.

B. Outcomes and Standards

Learning Outcomes	InTASC Standards
1	1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8
2	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8
3	2, 3
4	1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8
5	1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8
6	1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8
7	1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8
8	1, 2, 3, 6, 9, 10

Professional Standards

Upon completion of this course, students will have met the following professional standards:

Standards: INTASC (http://www.dpi.state.nc.us/pbl/pblintasc.html)

INTASC	Assignments
1. Learner Development	Classwork; Field, Read Aloud Lesson; Text Selection; Final
2. Learning Differences	Classwork: Field, Read Aloud Lesson; Final
3. Learning Environments	Classwork; Field
4. Content Knowledge	Classwork; Field; Text Selection; Read Aloud Lesson; Book club; Teaching Reading
	Praxis
5. Application of Content	Classwork; Field; Read Aloud Lesson; Text Selection; Teaching Reading Praxis
6. Assessment	Classwork; Field; Read Aloud Lesson; Text Selection
7. Planning	Classwork; Field; Read Aloud Lesson; Text Selection
8. Instructional Strategies	Classwork; Field; Text Selection
9. Professional Learning and	Classwork; Field; Book club
Ethical Practice	

10. Leadership and	Classwork; Field; Text Selection; Book club
Collaboration	

Required Texts

Johnston, P.H. (2012). *Opening minds: Using language to change lives*. Portland, ME: Stenhouse Publishers. **Available free online with Mason credentials: https://ebookcentral-proquest-com.mutex.gmu.edu/lib/gmu/reader.action?docID=1044764&ppg=1

Parsons, S.A. & Vaughn, M. (Eds.) (2021). *Principles of effective literacy instruction, grades K-5*. NY: Guilford Press.

**Additional selected readings will be posted on Blackboard.

Course Performance Evaluation

Every student registered for any Elementary Education course with a required performance-based assessment is required to submit this assessment to Blackboard (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 Blackboard. Failure to submit the assessment to Blackboard will result in the course instructor reporting the course grade as Incomplete (IN). Unless the IN grade is changed upon completion of Assessment-Reading Analysis assignment described below serves as a performance-based assessment (PBA) for this course. While this is an important assignment for this course, this PBA is not used for accreditation purposes and does not need to be submitted to VIA.

All assignments are to be completed by the date listed in the syllabus. Written work will not be accepted after the due date unless prior arrangements have been made with the instructor. All written papers are expected to be double-spaced, with 1" margins, and in 12-point font (Times New Roman, Calibri, or Arial). APA format is expected. If you do not have a current edition APA manual, the OWL at Purdue is an excellent resource. http://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/560/01/

Please Note: The GMU Writing Center offers online support via email. They will provide feedback on your writing within one hour. Graduate and professional writing can be difficult; I encourage you to take advantage of this service. http://writingcenter.gmu.edu/?page_id=177

ASSIGNMENTS

Assignment	Points
1. Classwork and Fieldwork [Outcomes 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8]	40%
2. Selecting Text [Outcomes 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8]	10%
3. Interactive/Strategic Read Aloud (PBA)[Outcomes 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8]	25%
4. Final Exam	15%
5. Registration/Score for Praxis Teaching Reading Exam	10%
Total	100%

1. Classwork and Fieldwork (40 points)

It is expected that you attend all scheduled classes and fieldwork outlined within the syllabus. Absence from class to observe a religious holiday, to serve jury duty, or to participate in required military service, and medical emergencies are exceptions to the above policy. If you need to be absent for any of these

reasons, please make arrangements at least 48 hours in advance. In addition, **you are expected to be on time to class** each week unless 48 hours advance notice has been provided to the instructor.

This course operates with the assumption that knowledge is socially constructed and the most meaningful learning opportunities are those where you have the opportunity to offer and explore diverse perspectives with peers; therefore, **you are expected to contribute to all class and online discussions and activities** as well as genuinely listen to peers as they do the same.

You are expected to be prepared for each class, which means having completed all assigned readings (Read, Reflect & React) and tasks (View and Do) prior to the class meeting.

Cell phones are for emergency use only and it is expected that you will not use cell phones (or computers) in class for purposes beyond enhancing your own learning of course content.

Fieldwork is required for this class. You will be assigned a classroom at a PDS site.

Evaluation

You will complete in-class and between class activities in your online class notebook. Your notebook is located at the journal tab on Blackboard. **PLEASE NOTE: If you are absent from class, you can earn a point by completing all the between session classwork.

	Unsatisfactory	Basic	Proficient	Distinguished
	(0 pts)	(1 pt)	(2 pts)	(3 pts)
Classwork	The student is absent	The student is late	The student is on	The student is
-to include	from class and/or is	and/or is not	time and prepared	punctual and
work due	not prepared for	prepared for class	for class	prepared for class
prior to the	class (between class	(between class	discussions	(between class work
class session	work is incomplete).	work is	(between class	is complete). The
and	Some or all work is	incomplete). The	work is complete).	student actively
participation	missing.	student does not	The student	participates and
during the		actively	participates to an	supports the
session.		participate in	extent in group	members of the
		discussions. Work	and class	learning group and
		is completed at a	discussions. Work	the members of the
		basic level.	is completed at a	class. Work is
			level that displays	completed in a
			proficiency.	distinguished way.

**PLEASE NOTE- if you are absent, you can earn a point by completing the between session classwork.

2. Children's Literature Selection (10 points)

DUE: Monday, March 27th

Books are central to literacy instruction. Therefore, it is important for teachers to have a vast knowledge of children's literature and how to select high quality, culturally responsive text. For this assignment, you will investigate children's literature resources online. You will use the resource of your choice to select a text to analyze using a Guide for Selecting Anti-Bias Books and a Selecting and Using Culturally Responsive Children's Books Guide that will be provided to you. You will reflect on the text, the tools and their impact on your future text selection. All information should be in your own words.

Evaluation

Children's literature selection will be evaluated for depth of reflection/analysis of the Anti-Bias Selection Guide and the Selecting and Using Culturally Responsive Children's Books Guide.

3. <u>Interactive/Strategic Read Aloud Lesson (25 points)</u> Performance Based Assessment (PBA) Lesson Plan Due: *Monday*, *March 20th* Reflection DUE: *Monday*, *April 17th*

Reading aloud is a staple of every elementary classroom and should occur daily. Conducting a strategic read aloud is an effective way for showing students how readers think while they read. Therefore, strategic read-alouds are at the heart of comprehension instruction. You will conduct a strategic read aloud in an elementary class, explicitly explaining to students a comprehension strategy (e.g., questioning, predicting, inferencing, summarizing, clarifying, evaluating, or making connections) and then modeling the strategy to students by thinking aloud as you read the book. You will video record your read aloud. After conducting the read aloud you will use the video to reflect on the lesson and submit a written reflection. We will have opportunities in class to examine examples of highly interactive read alouds both on video and the instructor modeling.

Evaluation

Lesson will be evaluated for understanding of read aloud, modeling and teaching of a strategy, and thoughtfulness of reflections as well as connections to course material.

4. Final Exam (15 points) in class

In Class: Monday, May 2nd

You will take a test on the important content addressed throughout this course. Additional information will be provided in class.

Evaluation

Final exam will be evaluated for correctness.

5. Registration/Score for Teaching Reading Praxis Exam (10 points)

DUE: Monday, May 2nd

To support timely completion of licensure requirements, you are expected to upload evidence of either registration for or test scores received for the Teaching Reading Praxis Exam ID# 5202

Minimum score: 159 Cost: \$156 Time: 180 minutes

Teaching Reading: https://www.ets.org/praxis/site/test-takers/resources/prep-

materials.html?examId=5205

Students must request that official test score reports be sent directly to George Mason University, CEHD Teacher Preparation Office, 4400 University Dr., MS:6C13, Fairfax, VA 22030.

Grading Scale

The grading for this course is as follows:

Grade	Grading	Interpretation
A+	97-100	
Α	93-96	

A-	90-92	Represents mastery of the subject through effort beyond basic requirements			
B+	87-89	Reflects an understanding of and the			
В	83-86	ability to apply theories and principles at a basic level			
В-	80-82				
C+	77 – 79				
С	73 – 76				
C-	70-72	Denotes an unacceptable level of			
D	60-69	understanding and application of the basic elements of the course. Grade			
F	<69	does not meet the minimum requirement for licensure courses.			

Note: "C-" is not satisfactory for a licensure course; "F" does not meet requirements of the School of Education.

Professional Dispositions

See https://cehd.gmu.edu/students/polices-procedures/

Students are expected to exhibit professional behaviors and dispositions at all times. (See Elementary Education Program Handbook).

	Readings, Activities, and Assignments
Class Session	BEFORE MONDAY CLASS

Class Session	DUE BEFORE MONDAY CLASS
	Readings, Activities, and Assignments
Class 4: Monday, February 13 th Book club Johnston Ch 3 Vocabulary Tiers, Wide Reading, Word Consciousness Word learning strategies: Morphological awareness, Context clues, individual words, graphic organizers, structural analysis, word banks	Read & Reflect/React: Johnston Ch 3 Giroir, Grimaldo, Vaughn, & Roberts (2015) Review Parsons & Vaughn Ch 6 View: • Vocabulary video Do: • Possible text selection for an interactive Read Aloud
	Do: Reflect on Science of Reading in your notebook
Class 3: Monday, February 6 th Book club Johnston Ch 2 Review Cognitive Development of Reading Science of Reading	Read & Reflect/React: Johnston Ch 2 Science of Reading - cognitive development of reading article Cartwright & Duke (2019) View Science of Reading video - Shanahan
	 Add any questions you have about the syllabus to the Syllabus thread on the Discussion Board
Class 2: Monday, January 30 th Book Club Johnston Ch 1 Review 5 Pillars National Reading Panel Report	Read & Reflect/React: Johnston Ch 1 National Reading Panel report View: Syllabus Overview video 5 Pillars video
Class 1: Monday, January 23 rd Introductions: Building Community Professional Dispositions Course Overview: Syllabus and Bb structure IRA Review-focus on comprehension strategy instruction Model Strategic Read Aloud	Read & Reflect/React: Kohn (2001) Five Reasons to Stop Saying, "Good Job" View: • Structure of the course video Do: • Background about you for first in class preparation • Professional Dispositions self-assessment

Class 5: Monday, February 20 th Book club Johnston Ch 4 Fluency Assessment and Instruction Wide Reading Choral Reading Repeated Readings Audio Books Readers' Theater	Read & Reflect/React: Johnston Chapter 4 Rasinski (2012) article Review Parsons & Vaughn chapter 5 View:
Class 6: Monday, February 27 th Book club Johnston Ch 5 Critical Literacy Stance Comprehension Assessment and Instruction Before-during after Reciprocal Teaching KWL, Text Structure, Vocabulary	Read & Reflect/React: Johnston Ch 5 Parsons & Vaughn Chapter 18 View:
Class 7: Monday, March 6 th Book club Johnston Ch 6 Types of Text Using Children's Literature Fiction, Evaluating, Leveling Evaluating Non fiction	Read & Reflect/React: Johnston Ch 6 Giroir, Grimaldo, & Vaughn, (2015) article Parsons & Vaughn ch 10 View:
Class 8: Monday, March 20 th Book club Johnston Ch 7 Assessment Differentiated Instruction Small group reading instruction Heterogeneous Grouping Flexible Grouping	Read & Reflect/React: Johnston Ch 7 Parsons & Vaughn Ch 7 Review Parsons & Vaughn Ch 9 View:
Class Session	Readings, Activities, and Assignments BEFORE MONDAY CLASS

Class 9: Monday, March 27th Read & Reflect/React: Johnston Ch 8 Book club Johnston Ch 8 Parsons & Vaughn chapters 11 and 15 Differentiated instruction Small groups View: Book clubs Small group reading video Do: NB – Reflect on the discussion principles at the end of Ch 11 Submit your Text Selection assignment DUE: Children's Text Selection Class 10: Monday, April 3rd Read & Reflect/React: Johnston Ch 9 Book club Johnston Ch 9 Parsons & Vaughn chapter 16 Organization and management of the Groth, 2021 reading classroom Environment View: Explicit Reading instruction video Choose two focus lessons to view Do: Notebook: compare the video focus lessons you viewed to the suggested Focus Lesson format Introduce the concept with clear, concrete examples Provide opportunity for student interaction Immediately ask readers to apply their learning to one or two new examples Class 11: Monday, April 10th Read & Reflect/React: Parsons & Vaughn Ch 17 **Asynchronous Class** Review Parsons & Vaughn Ch 10 **IES Practice Guide** Teaching reading to ELs and diverse learners View: Explicit teaching Teaching English Language Learners video Intervention Do:

Class 12: Monday, April 17th

Motivation and Engagement
Interest
Success
Choice, collaboration,
authenticity
Autonomy

Read & Reflect/React:

Parsons & Vaughn chs 14 and 21

View:

Motivation video

Do:

• NB: Reflect on how you can increase student engagement

Meet with a field student – have a conference

• Submit your Interactive/strategic read aloud reflection

DUE: Interactive/strategic read aloud reflection

Class 13: Monday, April 24 th Fostering Self-Determining learners Adaptive Teaching Putting it all together	Read & Reflect/React Parsons & Vaughn ch 20 Gonser (2021) article Do: • Prepare for final exam
Class 14: Monday, May 1 st Tying it all together Application of Learning	Final Exam – during class DUE: Registration/score for Teaching Reading Praxis Exam

Core Values Commitment

The College of Education and 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/.

GMU Policies and Resources for Students

Policies

- Students must adhere to the guidelines of the Mason Honor Code (see https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/honor-code-system/).
- Students must follow the university policy for Responsible Use of Computing (see http://universitypolicy.gmu.edu/policies/responsible-use-of-computing/).
- Students are responsible for the content of university communications sent to their Mason 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.
- Students with disabilities who seek accommodations in a course must be registered with George Mason University Disability Services. Approved accommodations will begin at the time the written letter from Disability Services is received by the instructor (see https://ds.gmu.edu/).
- Students must silence all sound emitting devices during class unless otherwise authorized by the instructor.

Campus Resources

- Support for submission of assignments to Tk20 should be directed to tk20help@gmu.edu or https://cehd.gmu.edu/aero/tk20. Questions or concerns regarding use of Blackboard should be directed to http://coursessupport.gmu.edu/.
- For information on student support resources on campus, see https://ctfe.gmu.edu/teaching/student-support-resources-on-campus

Notice of mandatory reporting of sexual assault, interpersonal violence, and stalking:

As a faculty member, I am designated as a "Responsible Employee," and must report all disclosures of sexual assault, interpersonal violence, and stalking to Mason's Title IX Coordinator per University Policy 1202. If you wish to speak with someone confidentially, please contact one of Mason's confidential resources, such as Student Support and Advocacy Center (SSAC) at 703-380-1434 or Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS) at 703-993-2380. You may also seek assistance from Mason's Title IX Coordinator by calling 703-993-8730, or emailing titleix@gmu.edu.

For additional information on the College of Education and Human Development, please visit our website https://cehd.gmu.edu/students/.

Guidelines for Interactive/Strategic Read Aloud (ELED 411 PBA)

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Evaluation

Lesson will be evaluated for understanding of read aloud, modeling and teaching of a strategy, and thoughtfulness of reflections as well as connections to course material. See rubric below.

Assessment Rubric for Interactive/Strategic Read Aloud ELED 411 Performance Based Assessment

Criteria	Exceeds	Meets	Approaches	Falls Below	Score
	90-100% (met)	80-89% (met)	70-79% (unmet)	0-69% (unmet)	
Lesson Plan	Candidate writes an	Candidate writes an	Candidate writes	Candidate does not	/7
ITACC	exemplary lesson	effective lesson plan	a less effective	turn in a lesson or	
InTASC	plan that thoroughly	that mostly	lesson plan	submits one that	
Standards:	incorporates a high-	incorporates a high-	neglecting to	does not	
1, 4, 5, 7, 8	quality, age-	quality, age-	incorporate one	incorporate any of	
	appropriate mentor	appropriate mentor	or more of the	the following: high-	
	text, the	text, the	following: a high-	quality, age-	
	comprehension	comprehension	quality, age-	appropriate	
	strategy to be	strategy to be taught,	appropriate	mentor text, the	
	taught, identifies	identifies the	mentor text, the	comprehension	
	the instructional	instructional flow of	comprehension	strategy to be	
	flow of the lesson	the lesson specifically	strategy to be	taught, the	
	specifically	identifying stopping	taught, the	instructional flow	
	identifying stopping	points. The lesson	instructional flow	of the lesson	
	points. The lesson	includes an end of story	of the lesson	specifically	
	includes an end of	reflection that allows	specifically	identifying	
	story reflection that	students to reflect on	identifying	stopping points. An	
	allows students to	the strategy's	stopping points.	end of story	
	reflect on the	application to reading.	an end of story	reflection.	
	strategy's		reflection.		
	application to				
	reading.				
	6.1-7 points	5-6 points	1.1-4.9 points	1 point or less	
Comprehen	Candidate is highly	Candidate is mostly	Candidate is not	Candidate does not	/5
sion	effective at focusing	effective at focusing	effective at	focus the learning,	
Strategy	the learning,	the learning, naming	focusing the	and neglects to	
Instruction	naming the	the comprehension	learning, and	identify the	
	comprehension	strategy to be learned	neglects or	comprehension	

InTASC Standards: 1, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8	strategy to be learned and utilizes an explicit think- aloud and concrete example to name the comprehension strategy to be learned	and utilizes an explicit think- aloud and concrete example to name the comprehension strategy to be learned.	ineffectively attempts to name the comprehension strategy to be learned. There is no clear Evidence of an explicit think- aloud and concrete example.	strategy to be learned. There is no clear evidence of an explicit thinkaloud and a concrete example.	
Modeling	4.1-5 points	3.1-4 points Candidate is mostly	1.1-3 points Candidate	1 point or less Candidate does not	/5
Modeling Strategy InTASC Standards: 1, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8	Candidate is highly effective at modeling the comprehension strategy and fluency. The candidate frequently checks for understanding through guided conversations and reflective thinking	effective at modeling the comprehension strategy and fluency. The Candidate sometimes checks for understanding through guided conversations and reflective thinking.	is ineffective at modeling the comprehension strategy and fluency. The candidate rarely checks for understanding and does not incorporate guided conversations and reflective thinking.	model the comprehension strategy and fluency. The candidate does not check for understanding and does not incorporate guided conversations and reflective thinking.	
	4.1-5 points	3.1-4 points	1.1-3 points	1 point or less	
Reflection InTASC Standards: 1, 5, 7, 8	The candidate is highly reflective after watching the video, noticing and naming several (4-5) teacher moves and instructional practices that were impactful and others that provide opportunities for growth. The candidate identifies an area of refinement for future IRA's.	Candidate is reflective after watching the video, noticing and naming some (2-3) teacher moves and instructional practices that were impactful and others that provide opportunities for growth. The candidate identifies an area of refinement for future IRA's.	Candidate is less reflective watching the video, noticing and naming (1) teacher move and instructional practice that were impactful. Candidate neglects to name an opportunity for growth. The candidate does not identify an area of refinement for future IRA's.	Candidate does not reflect watching the video, noticing and naming (0) teacher moves and instructional practices that were impactful. Candidate neglects to name an opportunity for growth. The candidate does not identify an area of refinement for future IRA's.	/8
	7.1-8 points	5.1-7 points	1.1-5 points	1 point or less	

			Total Score: /25		
				123	