

LITERACY (GRADUATE) - EDR

EDR 501 Reading and Writing in the Content Areas 3 Credits

Strategies for teaching and developing young children's skills in effectively applying literacy skills as tools for learning in content areas will be examined. Candidates will develop materials and procedures, that enhance comprehension, vocabulary acquisition, and study skills of diverse populations of learners. Various measures for assessing children's performance in subject areas will be studied. Children's literature that supplements textbooks across the content areas will be examined.

Offered: every fall & summer.

EDR 502 Foundations of Literacy 3 Credits

Research-based foundational principles for effective instruction in each of the language areas will be explored. Candidates will study the historical trajectory of literacy research and instruction, learn strategies for literacy instruction with diverse populations of learners, create lesson plans that apply instructional techniques, select materials based on children's literacy level and interests, and examine various assessment measures. Multiple genres of children's literature along with applications in literacy instruction will be explored.

Offered: every fall & spring.

EDR 503 Reading in the Secondary School 3 Credits

The effective application of literacy skills as tools for teaching secondary level content areas to diverse populations will be examined. Candidates will develop materials and procedures that enhance comprehension. Integration of content and skills across subjects will be emphasized as well as methods to meet specific needs of students, including the use of multiple measures of assessment, diverse genres of literature, and various interventions in literacy instruction.

Offered: fall & summer.

EDR 504 Adolescent Literacy 3 Credits

Candidates will address the literacy needs of an increasingly diverse middle childhood and adolescent school population. Candidates will explore the factors influencing literacy education in the secondary school and become familiar with effective diagnostic teaching strategies appropriate for this diverse population.

Offered: fall & summer.

EDR 508 Emergent Literacy 3 Credits

Research on the emergence of young children's literacy knowledge and structures, that enhance this development will be studied. Implementation of the emergent literacy paradigm through lessons and programs for a diverse population of young children will be a focus. Multiple measures of assessment, effective early intervention models, and multiple genres of literature with applications in literacy instruction will be explored.

Offered: every fall & summer.

EDR 509 Teaching Literacy with Diverse Population 3 Credits

Strategies for effective literacy instruction with diverse populations will be examined. These include research-based approaches for special education students, ESL/LEP students and gifted and talented students. Candidates will examine how to match instruction to students' needs and how to incorporate differentiated instruction in a classroom. Multicultural literature and literature that deals with specific disabilities will be examined. Candidates create a comprehensive curricular unit that is ready to be implemented in a classroom of diversity.

Offered: every fall & spring.

EDR 510 Creating a Literate Environment 3 Credits

Instructional techniques for concurrently developing skills in speaking, listening, reading and writing as well as specific models for instruction that meet diverse needs and interests at all levels will be examined. Organizational components of an effective reading and writing classroom will be explored along with methods for providing a print-rich environment that spans a broad spectrum of reading levels, genres and interests.

Offered: every summer.

EDR 515 Measurement and Statistics 3 Credits

Descriptive and inferential statistical methods, quantitative and qualitative methods, research models, procedures for designing research studies and ethical principles will be studied. Candidates will also analyze literacy research studies that incorporate the various statistical procedures studied.

Offered: every summer.

EDR 600 Literacy Curriculum and the Role of the Reading Specialist 3 Credits

Procedures for planning, evaluating and implementing curriculum at the school district level that address state and local mandates will be explored. Multiple resources that can be used in the implementation of curriculum will be examined. The role that the literacy specialist plays in coordinating this process, guiding the selection of instructional materials, and determining appropriate in-service will be examined.

Offered: every summer.

EDR 601 Birth-Grade 6: Diagnosis and Diagnostic Teaching Clinical Practicum 6 Credits

Candidates will explore theories and conduct in-depth literacy assessments, using both formal and informal age-appropriate measures. Candidates will examine administrative procedures and the interpretation of results for multiple assessment instruments, including diagnostic and achievement tests, reading inventories, observations, and anecdotal records. The diagnostic teaching model will be introduced and traditional remediation and intervention theories will be explored as candidates work with struggling readers during their initial clinical practicum.

Prerequisite: EDR 501, EDR 502, EDR 508, & EDR 509.

Offered: every fall & spring.

EDR 602 Grade 5-12: Diagnosis and Diagnostic Teaching Clinical Practicum 6 Credits

Candidates will explore theories and conduct in-depth literacy assessments using both formal and informal age-appropriate measures. Candidates will examine procedures and the interpretation of results for multiple assessment instruments, including diagnostic and achievement tests, reading inventories, observations and anecdotal records. The diagnostic teaching model will be introduced. Traditional remediation and intervention theories will be explored as candidates work with struggling readers during their initial clinical practicum.

Prerequisite: EDR 502, EDR 503, EDR 504, & EDR 509.

Offered: every fall & spring.

EDR 603 Advanced Practicum: Birth-Grade 6 3 Credits

Candidates observe and fully participate as an intern in reading clinics, schools, or public and voluntary agencies serving children who are experiencing literacy problems. Candidates will refine proficiencies in instruction and assessment, organization, and enhancement of a literacy curriculum as they work with a professional team at the site. Candidates will serve as a resource for literacy instruction; they will also prepare staff development for professionals at the site based on a survey of teachers' interests/needs.

Prerequisite: EDR 601.

Offered: every fall & spring.

EDR 604 Advanced Practicum: Grades 5-12 3 Credits

Candidates observe and fully participate as an intern in reading clinics, schools, or public and voluntary agencies serving children who are experiencing literacy problems. Candidates will refine proficiencies in instruction and assessment, organization, and enhancement of a literacy curriculum as they work with a professional team at the site. Candidates will serve as a resource for literacy instruction; they will also prepare staff development for professionals at the site based on a survey of teachers' interests/needs.

Prerequisite: EDR 602.

Offered: every fall & spring.

EDR 616 Research in Reading 3 Credits

The course will include an examination of research on teaching in general and teaching literacy in particular. It will explore perspectives and questions on contrasting paradigms, implications of this research for curriculum, instruction, policy and practice, and teacher education and professional development. Each candidate will plan a research project consistent with his/her interests and with the course goals.

Prerequisite: EDR 515.

Offered: every fall & spring.