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Course title: EDSE 503, Language Development and Reading, Section 673

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Course Description from University Catalog:

Prerequisite: None

In-depth coverage of reading instruction for students with special needs. Topics include language development and emergent literacy skills, reading subskills including auditory discrimination and phonemic awareness, decoding and word reading, reading comprehension, and use of technological advances in the teaching of reading. **Note: School-based field experience required.**

Prerequisites*: There are no *required* prerequisites for this course, but each Program in Special Education strongly *recommends a specific sequence*. Please refer to your Program of Studies to determine where this course fits within your overall program.

*Advising contact information: Please make sure that you are being advised on a regular basis as to your status and progress through your

program. You may wish to contact Jancy Templeton, GMU Special Education Advisor, at jtemple1@gmu.edu or 703-993-2387. Please be prepared with your G number when you contact her.

Student Outcomes

This course is designed to enable students to:

- Describe emergent literacy skills, including concepts about print, phonemic awareness, phonics, syntactical forms of language, vocabulary, and pragmatics.
- Compare and contrast the stages of language development for typical students and students with learning disabilities, emotional disturbance, and mild intellectual disabilities (high-incidence disabilities).
- Describe the rules (e.g., spelling patterns, syllables, morphemes) of language, the forms (e.g., syntax, writing, speaking, listening, spelling) of language, and the functions (e.g., pragmatics, semantics) of language and its relationship to reading comprehension.
- Identify distinctions between language delay/disorders of students with high-incidence disabilities and language differences of students with cultural and linguistic backgrounds.
- Describe the five components of reading identified by the National Reading Panel (phonemic awareness, phonics, vocabulary, fluency, comprehension), and evidence-based practices for the specialized reading and writing instruction delivered to students with high-incidence disabilities.
- Describe diagnostic decision making based on assessments (e.g., informal reading inventories, running records, curriculum-based assessments) which monitor the ongoing progress of students, and the design and delivery of a balanced approach for students' specialized reading and writing instruction.
- Describe evidence-based practices to effectively differentiate literacy instruction for elementary and secondary students with and without high incidence disabilities.

Professional Standards:

Relationship of Courses to Program Goals and Professional Organizations

This course is part of the George Mason University, Graduate School of Education, Special Education Program for teacher licensure in the Commonwealth of Virginia in the special education areas of Emotional Disturbance and Learning Disabilities, and Mental Retardation. This program complies with the standards for teacher licensure established by the Council for Exceptional Children (CEC). The CEC Standards are listed on the following web site:

http://www.cec.sped.org/ps/perf_based_stds/common_core_4-21-01.html

The CEC Standards that will be addressed in this class include some of the following.

CEC Standard 4: Instructional Strategies

Skills:

- Use strategies to facilitate integration into various settings.
- Teach individuals to use self-assessment, problem solving, and other cognitive strategies to meet their needs.
- Select, adapt, and use instructional strategies and materials according to the characteristics of the individual with exceptional learning needs.
- Use strategies to facilitate maintenance and generalization of skills across learning environments.
- Use procedures to increase the individual's self-awareness, self management, self-control, self-reliance and self-esteem.
- Use strategies that promote successful transitions for individuals with exceptional learning needs

CEC Standard 6 – Language

Knowledge:

- Effects of cultural and linguistic differences on growth and development.
- Characteristics of one's own culture and use of language and the ways in which these can differ from other cultures and uses of languages
- Ways of behaving and communicating among cultures that can lead to misinterpretation and misunderstanding.
- Augmentative, alternative, and assistive communication strategies.

Skills:

- Use strategies to support and enhance communication skills of individuals with exceptional learning needs.
- Use communication strategies and resources to facilitate understanding of subject matter for students whose primary language is not the dominant language.

Nature of Course Delivery

Learning activities in this course will include the following:

- Instructor lecture, including explicit instruction using demonstration and modeling and implicit instruction by facilitating learning experiences that build on students' background knowledge and skills.
- Student participation (discussion, demonstration, inquiry) in small group and cooperative learning activities, including analysis of students with language, reading and writing deficits as depicted in scenarios (case reviews).
- Review and expansion of material read in preparation for the course sessions.
- Student self-assessment of progress throughout the course.
- Access and analysis of materials and resources using a variety of medium, including Blackboard, web-based resources, and professional peer-reviewed journal articles.
- Examination of curricular materials and analysis of student learning deficits, patterns, and strategies (such as review of reading programs).
- Instructor-student dialogue and interactions during and outside of class sessions that bring relevance and heightened skills, knowledge and insights to the students and instructor, with a focus on strengthening pedagogical skills for teaching language, reading, and writing to students with disabilities.

College of Education and Human Development

Student Expectations

- Students must adhere to the guidelines of the George Mason University Honor Code [See <http://academicintegrity.gmu.edu/honorcode/>].
- 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/>].
- Students must follow the university policy for Responsible Use of Computing [See <http://universitypolicy.gmu.edu/1301gen.html>].
- 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.

- Students must follow the university policy stating that all sound emitting devices shall be turned off during class unless otherwise authorized by the instructor.
- Students are expected to exhibit professional behaviors and dispositions at all times.
- **George Mason Patriot Web:** <https://patriotweb.gmu.edu/>
A self-service website for students, faculty, and staff of George Mason University. There is a wealth of useful links, information, and online forms on this website including program of studies details, application for graduation, request for transfer of credit, and internship application.

Campus Resources

- 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/>].
- 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/>].

For additional information on the College of Education and Human Development, Graduate School of Education, please visit our website [See <http://gse.gmu.edu/>].

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/>

Other Course Expectations

1. **Professional Behavior:** For a satisfactory grade in the course, students are expected to attend all classes, arrive on time, be prepared for class, demonstrate professional behavior (see *Professional Disposition Criteria* at <http://www.gse.gmu.edu> for a listing of these dispositions), and complete all assignments with professional quality in a timely manner. To successfully

complete this course, students need to adhere to the due dates for specific readings and assignments to be completed. If you feel you cannot adhere to the schedule noted in the syllabus, please contact the Instructor immediately to discuss options for withdrawing and completing the course during another semester.

2. **Promptness:** All assignments should be submitted *on or before* the assigned due date. **In fairness to students who make the effort to submit work on time, total assignment points will be deducted from your grade for late assignments.**
3. **Written Products:** All written assignments must be prepared in a professional manner following guidelines stated in the Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association (6th edition). All final products must be typed. Products that, in the judgment of the instructor, are unreadable or unprofessionally prepared will be returned un-graded or assigned a lower evaluation.
4. **Academic Integrity:** Students in this course are expected to exhibit academic integrity at all times. It is essential that all students submit their own work. To that end, plagiarism is a violation of academic integrity, as well as the ideas and principles of this class. Plagiarism is the intentional or unintentional use of others' ideas, words, data, figures, pictures, sequence of ideas, or arrangement of materials without clearly acknowledging the source (based on the Mason Honor Code online at: <http://mason.gmu.edu/~montecin/plagiarism.htm>). The instructor reserves the right to submit your work to **turnitin.com**, a plagiarism detection service, for an integrity assessment as needed. Students who commit plagiarism of any form (eg. whether it be copying test answers, using someone else's exact words in a written assignment, etc.) will be given an "F" as their course grade and the matter will be reported to the Dean of the Education School and the GMU Honor Council.
5. **Placement for this Field Experience/Case Study:** IF you have difficulty finding a student for the case study assignment, Mason's Field Placement Specialist Lauren Clark lclarkg@gmu.edu can assist in placing Mason students at school sites. Mason is also required to track where self-placed students will complete their field experiences. Consequently, each person must access <http://cehd.gmu.edu/endorse/ferf> to complete the information requested (i.e., inform GMU of the school where you are working, the grade level of the youngster, and the approximate number of hours you worked with the youngster) after targeting the youngster with whom this Case Study will be completed. **Note:** you will need to observe a reading classroom AND you will need access to work with a child with a disability over the semester.
6. **Signature Assignment:** For student evaluation, program evaluation, and accreditation purposes, students will be required to submit a signature assignment from this course to Taskstream, an electronic portfolio system. Signature assignments are used to document your satisfactory progress through the GSE program and the CEC performance based standards.

***Note: Every** student registered for any EDSE course as of the Fall 2007 semester is **required** to submit signature assignments to TaskStream (regardless of whether a course is an elective, a “one time” course, or part of an undergraduate minor). TaskStream information is available at <http://gse.gmu.edu/programs/sped/>. Failure to submit the assignment to TaskStream will result in reporting the course grade as Incomplete (IN). Unless this grade is changed, upon completion of the required submission, the IN will convert to an F nine weeks into the following semester.*

This course will incorporate the evidence-based practices (EBPs) relevant to *the five essential elements of reading (i.e. NRP, 2000), language, and informal literacy assessments*. These EBPs are indicated with an asterisk (*) in this syllabus. Evidence for the selected research-based practices is informed by meta-analysis, literature reviews/synthesis, the technical assistance networks which provide web-based resources, and the national organizations whose mission is to support students with disabilities. We address both promising and emerging practices in the field of special education. This course will provide opportunities for students to take an active, decision-making role to thoughtfully select, modify, apply, and evaluate EBPs in order to improve outcomes for students with disabilities.

Texts and Readings:

Required Texts

George Mason University Programs in Special Education. (2011). *Language development & reading*. Boston, MA: Pearson. ***Customized text -- available this link ONLY -- <http://store.pearsoned.com//georgemason>
ISBN: 1256104574

Fox, B. (2010). *Phonics for the teacher of reading* (10th ed.). Boston, MA: Pearson.

American Psychological Association. (2010). *Publication manual of the American Psychological Association* (6th ed.). Washington, DC: Author.

Other Readings

Alliance for Excellent Education. (2004). *Reading next: A vision for action and research in middle and high school literacy*. New York, NY: Carnegie Cooperation. Retrieved January 12, 2012 from www.all4ed.org/files/ReadingNext.pdf

The Dynamic Indicators of Basic Early Literacy Skills (DIBELS)
<http://dibels.uoregon.edu/>

Moats, L.C. (2006). How spelling supports reading: And why it is more regular and predictable than you may think. *American Educator*, Winter, 12-24. Retrieved January 12, 2012 from <http://iseesam.com/wordpress/wp-content/uploads/2009/04/moats-spelling.pdf>

National Reading Panel. (2000). *Teaching Children to Read: An evidence-based assessment of the scientific research literature on reading and its implications for reading instruction*. Retrieved August 22, 2009, from <http://www.nationalreadingpanel.org/Publications/researchread.htm>

***(You will need to click the *Summary* link on the right side of the page for the report.)**

Other readings relevant to special education applications assigned by instructor.

Class Companion Websites Jennings Informal Inventory (IRI)

A version of the Jennings Informal Inventory (IRI) is at this web site: www.ablongman.com/jennings5e as Appendix C. You will need to use an IRI to complete your case study assignment.

Required Access to Course Blackboard Site

Blackboard (Bb) will be used to post important information for this course. Plan to access the Bb site several times per week; announcements and resources are posted on the Bb site in between class sessions. You are responsible for accessing the materials – for printed copies, etc. prior to class. You will use the site: <http://courses.gmu.edu> and click the Login tab. Your Login and password is the same as your George Mason e-mail login. Once you enter, select the EDSE 503 course. The first night of class all handouts will be provided. After the first night, all handouts will be posted by Tuesday evening before Thursday's class. Students are responsible for downloading these handouts or printing hard copies for use in class from the second class onwards.

****Starting January 26th, be sure to come to class prepared with the week's handouts electronically downloaded or as hard copies (whichever works best for you)!****

Research Based Resources

- Report of the National Reading Panel: *Teaching Children to Read* (2000). <http://www.nationalreadingpanel.org/Publications/publications.htm>
- www.k8accesscenter.org The Access Center.
- <http://www.teachingld.org> LD Resources. Current Practice Alerts. Alert #2, 8, 10, 12, 14, 15
- <http://www.iris.peabody.vanderbilt.edu> Resources. Reading, Literacy, Language Arts.
- <http://www.iris.peabody.vanderbilt.edu> Resources. RTI.
- <http://www.iris.peabody.vanderbilt.edu> Resources. Assessment.
- <http://www.iris.peabody.vanderbilt.edu> Resources. Content Instruction.
- <http://www.iris.peabody.vanderbilt.edu> Resources. Differentiated Instruction. InfoBriefs.
- <http://www.rti4success.org> (National Center on Response to Intervention) CBM modules
- <http://www.studentprogress.org> (National Center on Student Progress Monitoring)
- Berkeley, S., Scruggs, T. E., & Mastropieri, M. A. (meta, in press; *questioning strategy instruction, graphic organizers, self-regulatory skills*)
- Biancarosa, G. & Snow, C. (2004). Reading Next -A vision for action and research in middle and high school literacy. <http://www.all4ed.org/files/ReadingNext.pdf> (*Direct Explicit Comprehension Instruction, Peer tutoring, peer tutoring, self-regulatory skills*)
- Bursuck, W. D., & Damer, M. (2007). *Core Text (*direct instruction/systematic/explicit instruction*)
- Chard, D., Vaughn, S., & Tyler, B (2002). (*reading fluency*)
- Coleman, M., & Vaughn, S. (2000). (*direct instruction/systematic/explicit instruction*)
- Deno, S. (2003). (*progress monitoring*)
- Gajria, M., Jitendra, A. K., Sood, S., & Sacks, G. (2007) (*text enhancements; cognitive strategy instruction*)
- Gersten, R., Fuchs, L. S., Williams, J. P., & Baker, S. (2001). (*reading comprehension instruction*)
- Jennings, J. H., Caldwell, J. A., & Lerner, J. W., (2006). (*direct instruction/systematic/explicit instruction*)
- Jitendra, A. K., Edwards, L. L., Sacks, G., & Jacobson, L. A. (2004). (*Vocabulary instruction*)
- Mastropieri, M. A., Scruggs, T. E., & Graetz, J. (2003) (*mnemonics*)
- Nilsson, N. L. (2008). (*Informal Reading Inventory*)
- Scruggs, T. E., Mastropieri, M. A., Berkeley, S., Graetz, J. E. (2009). (*Peer tutoring, mnemonics, semantic maps*)
- Scruggs, T. E., & Mastropieri, M. A. Teaching Tutorial: Mnemonic Instruction www.teachingld.org

- Spencer, V. G. (2006). (*peer tutoring*)
- Stanford, P., & Siders, J. A. (2000). (*miscue analysis*)
- Vaughn, S., Gersten, R. L., & Chard, D. J. (2000). (*reading comprehension instruction; questioning strategy instructio; content enhancements*)
- Wayman, M. M., Wallace, T., Wiley, H. I., Renata, T., & Espin, C. A. (2007). (*progress monitoring*)

Assessment of Course Requirements:

Requirements of this course include readings, from your textbook and professional journal articles, and activities, which include in-class individual and group work, as well as independent assignments outside of class. The goal of all work for this course is to increase your knowledge and skills about teaching reading and language to students with disabilities.

The signature assignment for this course is the reading assessment report that will assist you in learning and understanding the implementation of a comprehensive informal reading assessment program with a student with a disability. There are several other forms of assessment implemented in this class, including both formative and summative evaluation measures. Students are expected to complete all forms of class assessment and final grading will be based on the cumulative points that students **earn** based on their performance on all course assessments. Student performance on assignments is expected to be both timely and of high quality.

The Early Language Development Article Review, Group Presentation PowerPoint, and Mini Lesson Follow Up should be submitted via the Blackboard Digital Assignments Tab. Both assignments should be submitted by the start of class on the due date (7:30PM). Assignments should not be submitted by GMU email unless there is an emergency technical issue with Blackboard. In the case of an emergency, submit your assignment to the Instructor's Blackboard email account. Assignments that are not submitted at the appropriate time **are late**. Paper copies of assignments (i.e., for the reading assessment report) turned in during class should be given to the professor at the beginning of the class session on which they are due. Assignments not turned at the beginning of class **are late**. Late assignments will be accepted with a point deduction. All course assignments should be completed with graduate level use of content, grammar, spelling, and written expression clarity. If writing is an area of difficulty, you will need to visit the GMU Writing Center to work on these skills (<http://writingcenter.gmu.edu>).

Assignments submitted through the Blackboard Digital Assignments Tab should be labeled with filenames that correspond to: <your first initial your last name abbreviated form of the assignment's name>. For the Group Presentation, only have one group member submit your PowerPoint. I will return graded

assignments to you via your Blackboard email. It is suggested that you download and save all returned assignments, as well as corresponding evaluations and comments. Below is example labeling for submission of required assignments:

SRayArt – Early Language Development Article Review
SRayGrpPres – Group Presentation PowerPoint
SRayMiniLess – Mini Lesson Follow Up

Course Requirements Evaluation	
Assignment	Points Earned/Total Points
1. Attendance & Participation (1 pt. per class meeting)	/15
2. Self-Paced Completion of Fox Text	/10
3. Early Language Development Article Review	/15
4. Group Presentation	/15
*5. Reading Assessment Report	/20
6. Mini Lesson Follow Up	/10
7. Final Exam	/15
Total # of points earned	/100

***TASKSTREAM SUBMISSION*: Electronic Portfolios**

The Reading Assessment Report is the “signature” assignment for this course and must be submitted digitally to Taskstream. If this is your first GMU Special Education class, you will need to self-enroll into Taskstream. There is further Taskstream information on the GMU Special Education Program website:

<http://gse.gmu.edu/programs/sped/> .

Course evaluation and final grades will be calculated based on the below percentages calculated from each individual student’s point score out of the possible 100 point total. Late assignments will be accepted in the following manner for the Fox Text, the Early Language Article Review, the Reading Assessment Report, and the Mini Lesson (**Note: No late work will be accepted for the Group Presentation or Final Exam**):

- **5% point deduction – up to 1 week late**
- **10% point deduction – 1-2 weeks late**
- **25% point deduction – 2 weeks late up through last class before exam**

Grading Scale:

A	=	95-100%
A-	=	90-94%
B+	=	87-89%
B	=	80-86%
C+	=	77-79%
C	=	70-76%
F	=	69% and below

Course Assignment Details:

Attendance and Participation - Weekly [1 point per class for a total of 15 points]

Class attendance and participation are an important part of this class because of the technical nature of the information learned through the course. Attendance points are earned for each class to emphasize the importance of engaging in the learning activities and educational environment of the course. Students are expected to arrive on time, participate in all class discussions and activities, and stay until the end of class. Attendance will be maintained through the artifacts students produce during class through group and individual work. For full attendance credit during each class, students must not only attend the full class session, but actively participate, work cooperatively, and turn in high quality class products. If you are unable to make any class sessions during the semester, please contact the instructor by phone or e-mail before the class session where you will be absent. In the rare event of an emergency or severe sickness, each student is given 1 "grace" absence without a point penalty, as long as the instructor is notified before the class session. In this case, it is still the student's responsibility to make arrangements to obtain notes, handouts, and lecture

Attendance points missed for more than one absence or any absence without instructor contact before class cannot be made up! Two or more unexcused absences will result in no credit for this course.

Points for class attendance and participation are positively impacted by:

- a. attending class and being psychologically available to learn,
- b. completing and handing in weekly class assignments,
- c. participating in class discussions/activities throughout the semester,
- d. thoughtfully contributing to class discussions,
- e. listening to the ideas of other peers, respectfully, and
- f. demonstrating an enthusiasm for learning.
- g. successfully facilitating assigned group work activities, which may include guided questioning and problem solving roles,
- h. and taking initiative and leadership in class discussions, which may include leading class discussions on assigned sections of specific content.

Points are negatively affected by being late to class, demonstrating a disinterest in the material/discussions (e.g., reflection activities, small group activities, discussions, etc.), failure to guide your group's collaborative work or take leadership roles on assigned content, and/or absences. Also, please display digital etiquette during class sessions. Use of laptops may be used to observe the class Powerpoints/materials, specifically. **Additionally, the use of electronic devices that produce sound or otherwise interfere with the learning of others (i.e., cell phones, pagers, etc.) is prohibited during class. Please turn these devices off or to vibrate before the start of class.**

Specific Attendance Points: Each class (10 sessions): .5 = psychologically invested, prepared, and present; .25 = participation, thoughtful contributions, completed in-class assignments, and .25 = actively guiding group discussions towards thoughtful work completion and presenting assigned content in an knowledgeable and reflective manner.

Self-Paced Completion of Fox Text – Due April 19th (10 points)

To teach reading and language effectively, teachers must be proficient in phonics themselves. The Fox text is a tool that will familiarize you (if you were originally taught to read using a whole language approach) or refamiliarize you (if you were originally taught to read using a phonics approach) with many of the core phonics and structural analysis rules. While a portion of each class will be dedicated to phonics-based skills for emphasis and review, you will need to independently complete the Fox (2010) self-instruction textbook outside of class. We will complete and score the pretest in class, and then you will work on the self-paced exercises in the text. For a part to be considered complete, you will need to fill-in the blanks of all exercises in that part, as well as the review questions at the end of that part. The within-text exercise completion will reinforce the phonics skills you are learning about in the text as you write while reading. To receive full credit, all sections of Parts I-V must be completed. ***Parts VI and VII can be completed for an additional bonus point each for your final grade.***

Early Language Development Article Review – Due February 23rd (15 points)

There are many peer-reviewed journal articles that are valuable and timely sources of language and reading development information. It is imperative that students become familiar with using professional journals in the fields of reading and special education to inform their professional practice. Each student is asked to independently read and evaluate an early language development article. When selecting an article, students should be careful to select an article that is from a peer-reviewed journal. To ensure this criteria, it is a good idea to review the background of the journal being considered on its website. Good places to start searching are *Teaching Exceptional Children (TEC)* and *The Reading Teacher*. All students should select an area of early language development that is of interest to them from the PowerPoint in class on early language development, picking a specific characteristic in that area (ie. developmental milestones in that

specific time frame, disabilities that surface during that period, learning activities that can be used, etc.) to research. Articles can be accessed through the George Mason Library's electronic databases. All reviews should contain the bibliographic citation for their article in APA format at the beginning of the review and should be submitted through the Blackboard Digital Assignments Tab. There is no specific length for reviews, but they should comprehensively address the following:

- **What? - What more did I learn from reading this article beyond what I gained from my text? What connections have I made?**
- **So What? - What was relevant about what I learned? Why is it important?**
- **Now What? - Now that I have this information what does it mean to me?**

Note: Do not provide a summary of what the article states.

Early Language Development Article Review Rubric		
<i>Element</i>	<i>Points</i>	<i>Comments</i>
What? - What did I learn from reading this article? What connections have I made? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Several specific key learning points described from the article • Connections made between key points in the article, the text, and student's own understandings 	/5	
So What? - What was relevant about what I learned? Why is it important? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Relevancy of key learning points explained with specific reasons • Importance to the student's professional practice explained 	/5	
Now What? - Now that I have this information what does it mean to me? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Immediate and long-term meaning of the learning points described • Action or self-reflection 	/3	

motivated by this meaning		
Writing Style <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grammar, spelling and clarity of expression • APA format 	/2	
TOTAL	/15	

Group Presentations – Varying Weeks by Presentation Topic (15 points)

On the first night of class, we will form small groups and each group will be matched with an area of reading (phonemic awareness, phonics, vocabulary, fluency, comprehension) to focus on throughout the semester. Your group will be responsible for delivering a 20-minute presentation to the class on an assigned night, which will coordinate with the topic of that evening’s class. You will be given time in class to work on these presentations, but some outside of class time may also be needed.

Your presentation should be active and engaging, while including:

- A definition of the chosen area of reading from the National Reading Panel’s 2000 report and all terminology surrounding this area.
- A thorough description of the skills, which are addressed in this area.
- A thorough description of the strategies, which can be used to teach these skills.
- At least two activities that can be used in this area of reading instruction, with an active demonstration of at least one of the activities included in your presentation.
- A description of at least two commercial reading programs that can be used in this area of reading.
- A handout for the class of the most vital information on this area of reading for your peers (If you take any information directly from a specific source, you must cite it in your handout. Also, it is expected that while you will pull information from multiple sources, you will personalize the handout and make it your own, not just complete it as a “cut and paste.”). ***Note – It should not be a copy of your PowerPoint slides, if you are using PowerPoint as your visual support.**
- At least one type of visual support (PowerPoint, etc.) to illustrate the major points of your presentation.
- A bibliography (APA format) with at least five references (must include at least one textbook (beyond your course text), one well-researched website, and one peer-reviewed journal article).

Group Presentation Rubric		
<i>Element</i>	<i>Points</i>	<i>Comments</i>
Definition <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation includes a clear and accurate definition of the chosen area of reading. 	/1	
Skills and Strategies <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation includes a thorough description of skills, which can be addressed within this area of reading. • Evidence-based practices are presented for teaching this particular area of reading. 	/2	
Activities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation includes a description of at least two activities, which focus on this area of reading. • At least one of these activities is presented through an active demonstration. 	/3	
Commercial Reading Programs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation includes a brief description of at least two commercial reading programs, which address the chosen area of reading. 	/2	
Class Handout <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • At least one clear and applicable handout is distributed to the class, which focuses on the chosen area of reading. • Most essential information on the chosen area of reading is included • Uses graphics to enhance handout's visual display of concepts • Handout shows creativity and development as a group product 	/3	
Presentation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation includes at least 	/3	

<p>one type of visual support (PowerPoint, overheads, posters, etc.).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Visual support is easy to read and understand from all areas of the classroom. • Presentation is clear and accurate. • Presentation is no longer than 20 minutes, but not shorter than 15 minutes. • Presentation is creative and involves whole class participation. • Presentation shows evidence of collaborative effort and teamwork 		
<p>Bibliography</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • At least five references (at least one textbook, one well-researched website, and one peer-reviewed journal article) • APA format 	/1	
TOTAL	/15	

Informal Reading Assessment Administration and Educational Assessment Report – Due March 22nd (20 points)

The Reading Assessment Report requires selection of a student with a disability with whom you will implement a comprehensive sequence of tasks representing excellent practices in reading assessment and intervention. People who are not currently working with students with disabilities may network with colleagues in the course or other personal/professional contacts to ensure they have a youngster to work with during the semester for this assignment. Also note Item # 5 under Other Course Expectations.

Here are some general expectations to guide your planning:

The duration of 'a meeting session' with your student varies. That is, if you are permitted to extend beyond 20-30 minutes with an individual in order to complete the tasks, the number of sessions may be fewer. We anticipate that with effective planning, preparation, and materials you will be able to complete the tasks for the

field placement activities of this project in 4-6 sessions lasting 20-30 minutes per session.

- *1 meeting: observe a reading class; collect information about your student (meet w/teacher, parent, service provider, face-to-face or by phone, etc.)*

NOTE: *A copy of the student's IEP is **NOT** required for this assignment. You may request information about the student's abilities and areas of need verbally from the teacher/parent/service provider; OR observe the IEP while in the presence of the adult contact.*

- *2 - 3 meetings: conduct the Informal Reading Inventory (IRI) - floor and ceiling.*
- *1 - 2 meetings: collect information using additional skills assessments you have selected*

Reading Assessment Mini Lesson Follow Up – Due May 3rd (10 points)

Following the Reading Assessment Report, students will complete the lesson assignment, which includes a mini lesson plan designed for the target student of the Reading Assessment Report. Students will be asked to select the most significant area of reading need for their target K-12 student as determined through the assessment report, and select an evidence-based reading practice for application in a lesson with this student. A one page description of the selected reading intervention/practice, with at least two supporting sources (beyond the course text) must be included. The rest of the lesson plan will be completed using the lesson plan template provided by the instructor. Items included in the template will be the development of an IEP goal based on the target student’s evidenced area of reading need; an instructional objective based on this goal for the specific lesson at hand; a listing of required materials for the lesson; descriptions of the introduction to the lesson and actual instruction to be provided; detailed information on how the lesson will be adapted to the particular needs of the target student; and an outline for progress monitoring.

Reading Assessment Mini Lesson Follow Up Rubric	
<p>Description of Selected Intervention</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clear and replicable: step by step description of intervention • Based upon at least 2 reliable sources for research based practices 	/2
<p>Instructional Plan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Create a measurable IEP goal based on student performance on Part I • Write an instructional objective for the intervention you chose • Describe the materials you will need to implement the lesson (this includes locating appropriate reading materials) • Describe how you will introduce the lesson (or series of lessons) 	/5

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Describe your instruction (include modeling, guided practice, independent practice, assessments) • Identify any instructional adaptations 	
Monitoring Student Progress <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Locating/develop a progress monitoring measure, • Determining how often you will assess the student, and • Determine how you will make educational decisions based on student progress 	/2
Writing Style <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Professionally written (using APA guidelines for writing style only, not the sections on manuscript preparation) 	/1
TOTAL	/10

Final Exam – Due May 10th (15 points)

The final exam will include multiple-choice and application items and short-essay questions that cover assigned readings and class lectures. In addition, the final exam will include items related to the Fox self-study for the entire semester AND the Reading for Virginia Educators (RVE) assessment.

COURSE SCHEDULE		
Date	Topics	Assignments Due
1/19	Introductions and Icebreaker Syllabus and Course Expectations Field Placement Information Group Formation and First Meetings	
1/26	Fox Pretest A Historical Perspective <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scientifically Based Reading Instruction (National Reading Panel, 2000; NCLB, IDEA) Five Domains of Reading* Language Development <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rules, Forms, and Functions of Language 	Read <i>Put Reading First</i> (which is the first section of your customized text) Register with Field Placement Office if a placement is still needed
2/2	Language Development Continued <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Birth through the Preschool Years 	Complete & turn in certificate from the first online language module http://ttaconline.org Read <i>Teaching Children to Read</i> http://www.nationalreadingpanel.org/Publications/researchread.htm
2/9	Language & Literacy in the Beginning School Years <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Selecting/evaluating text for diverse learners; readability • Concepts of Print 	Complete & turn in certificate from the second online language module http://ttaconline.org Read Chapter 3
2/16	Gathering Background Information <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Forms & Procedures for Obtaining Student Educational Histories Collecting Diagnostic Information <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Informal Assessments • Informal Reading Inventory (IRI)* 	Read Chapters 6 & 7 Access and Review: <i>The Dynamic Indicators of Basic Early Literacy Skills (DIBELS)</i> http://dibels.uoregon.edu/

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Running Records; Miscue Analysis* 	Please select the student that you will use for the case study by this date.
2/23	<p>Informal Assessment through Progress Monitoring</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Assessment Continuum Reliability Validity Criterion-Referenced Assessment Progress Monitoring in Reading 	<p>Read Chapter 8</p> <p>Due Early Language Development Article Review</p>
3/1	<p>Writing Instruction in the Inclusive Classroom</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nature and Organization of English orthography Spelling Assessment Writing Instruction 	<p>Read Chapters 11 & 12</p> <p>Read: Moats, L.C. (2006). <i>How spelling supports reading: And why it is more regular and predictable than you may think.</i></p> <p>http://iseesam.com/wordpress/wpcontent/uploads/2009/04/moats-spelling.pdf</p>
3/8	<p>Systematic and Explicit Reading Instruction</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Systematic/Explicit Instruction* (I do, we do, you do) Phonemic Awareness Instruction (detect, segment, blend, manipulate phonemes; rhyming; Elkonin boxes)* 	Read Chapter 1
3/15	<p>Factors Affecting Early Literacy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Connection between Early Language Development & Phonemic Awareness/Phonological Awareness <p>Phonemic Awareness Group Presentation</p>	Read Chapter 2
3/22	<p>Advanced Word Reading Strategies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Multisyllabic Phonics Strategies (phoneme-grapheme correspondence; word analysis)* <p>Phonics Group Presentation</p>	<p>Read Chapter 4</p> <p>Due Reading Assessment Report</p>
3/29	<p>The Dimensions of Fluency</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fluency Instruction* (progress monitoring*) Accuracy, speed, and prosody 	<p>Read Chapter 5</p> <p>Read <i>Reading next: A vision</i></p>

	Fluency Group Presentation	<i>for action and research in middle and high school literacy</i> www.all4ed.org/files/ReadingNext.pdf
4/5	Spring Break	
4/12	AERA Conference – Project Work Week	
4/19	Vocabulary Instruction* <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mnemonics* • Semantic maps* • Word meaning sorts Vocabulary Group Presentation	Read Chapter 9 Due Fox Text
4/26	Comprehension Instruction* <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Graphic organizers* • Questioning strategies* • Self monitoring/metacognition* • Direct/explicit comprehension instruction – think aloud* Comprehension Group Presentation	Read Chapter 10
5/3	Literacy & Diversity <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First Language Interference in Speech and Writing for English Language Learners Case Study Share Groups Course Evaluations Review for Final Exam	Read Chapter 13 Due Mini Lesson Follow Up
5/10	Final Exam	

NOTE:

- * This syllabus may change according to class needs.
- * **If you need course adaptations or accommodations because of a disability or if you have emergency medical information to share with instructor or need special arrangements, please call and/or make an appointment with instructor as soon as possible.**

Group Presentation Team Topic: _____ **Presentation Date:** _____

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