

**California State University San Marcos
College of Education**

EDMS 521 - Elementary Literacy

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Authorization to Teach English Learners. This credential program has been specifically designed to prepare teachers for the diversity of languages often encountered in California public school classrooms. The authorization to teach English learners is met through the infusion of content and experiences within the credential program, as well as additional coursework. Students successfully completing this program receive a credential with authorization to teach English learners.

(approved by CCTC in SB 2042 Program Standards, August 02)

Students with Disabilities Requiring Reasonable Accommodations. Students are approved for services through the Disabled Student Services Office (DSS). This office is located in Craven Hall 5205, and can be contacted by phone at (760) 750-4905, or TTY (760) 750-4909. Students authorized by DSS to receive reasonable accommodations should meet with their instructor during office hours or, in order to ensure confidentiality, in a more private setting.

Attendance Policy. Due to the dynamic and interactive nature of EDMS 521, all students are expected to attend all classes and participate in all class activities. For every day of absence, students will lose 6 points. Attendance will be taken during the first 5 minutes of class. Three tardiness or "early exits" will be the equivalence of an absence. A passing grade will not be issued for students who do not attend 80% or more of the class sessions. Should the student have extenuating circumstances, s/he should contact the instructor as soon as possible.

COURSE DESCRIPTION

The primary aim of this course is for students to develop an understanding of the theory, methodology and assessment of English language arts and second language learning in integrated and inclusive K-8 school classrooms. This class is aligned with the California 2042 standards.

STANDARDS ALIGNMENT

The course objectives, assignments, and assessments have been aligned with the CTC standards for Multiple Subjects Credential. Please be sure to incorporate artifacts from this class into your final comprehensive portfolio. The following standards are a primary emphasis in this course:

Standard 3-Relationship between theory and practice
Standard 4-Pedagogical thought and reflective practice
Standard 5-Equity, Diversity, & Access to the Core Curriculum
Standard 7-Equity, Preparation to Teach Reading Language Arts

TEACHER PERFORMANCE EXPECTATIONS (TPE) COMPETENCIES

This course is designed to help teachers seeking the Multiple Subjects Credential to develop the skills, knowledge, and attitudes necessary to assist schools and district in implementing an effective programs for all students. The successful candidate will be able to merge theory and practice in order to realize a comprehensive and extensive educational program for all students. The following TPE's are addressed in this course:

Primary Emphasis

TPE 1a-Subject Specific Pedagogical Skills for MS Teaching

TPE 2-Monitoring Student Learning

TPE 3-Interpretation and Use of Assessments

TPE 4-Making Content Accessible

TPE 6-Developmentally Appropriate Teaching Practices

TPE 6a-Developmentally Appropriate Practices in Grades K-3

TPE 6b-Developmentally Appropriate Practices in Grades 4-8

TPE 6d-Teaching Special Education Populations in General Education Environments

Secondary Emphasis:

TPE 5-Student Engagement

TPE 7-Teaching English Learners

TPE 8-Learning About Students

TPE 9-Instructional Planning

TPE 10-Instructional Time

TPE 11-Social Environment

TPE 13-Professional Growth

TPE 14-Educational Technology

TPE 15-Social Justice and Equity

OBJECTIVES

KNOWLEDGE

Teacher candidates will:

- gain an understanding of how a first and second language is acquired.
- gain an understanding of the reading process and its relationship to thought, language and learning.
- gain an understanding of how people learn to read and write in their first and second language
- become familiar with current approaches to the teaching of reading and writing and the theoretical bases of such approaches.
- become familiar with current approaches to the teaching of reading and writing in culturally and linguistically diverse elementary school classrooms
- become familiar with classroom diagnostic techniques and evaluation procedures.
- become familiar with current approaches to the teaching of reading and writing to children with special learning needs

SKILLS

Teacher candidates will:

- become sensitive observers of children's language using behaviors.
- analyze children's reading and writing behavior as a basis for making instructional decisions

- translate the results of formal and informal assessment of children's reading and writing behaviors into instructional plans
- develop the ability to select appropriate materials and instructional strategies to meet the individual needs of students
- learn how to organize the classroom for teaching reading and writing to culturally and linguistically diverse populations.

ATTITUDES AND VALUES

Teacher candidates will:

- develop an appreciation for the natural language abilities children possess for processing and producing print
- develop an appreciation for the need and value of integrating reading and writing into all areas of the curriculum
- affirm the importance of a rich environment for developing an effective language arts program.
- develop a sensitivity to and appreciation for culturally and linguistically diverse learners.
- develop a sensitivity to and appreciation for children with special learning needs
- develop an appreciation for the importance of reading and writing for their own personal and professional growth
- develop a respect for each student, his/her abilities and background and the student's right to instruction that meets his or her individual needs.

REQUIRED TEXTS:

- Choate, J. (2000). *Successful Inclusive Teaching*. Allyn and Bacon (3rd edition)
- Gibbons, P. (1993). *Learning to learn in a second language*. Portsmouth, NH: Heinemann.
- Johns, J. (2000). *Basic Reading Inventory: Pre-primer through grade twelve & early literacy assessments*. Dubuque, Iowa: Kendall-Hunt.
- Reading/Language Arts Framework for CA Public Schools* CA Dept of Ed
- Tompkins, G.E. (2001). *Literacy for the 21st Century: A Balanced Approach, 3rd Edition*. Prentice Hall.
- Zarrillo, J. J. (2002). *Ready for RICA: A test preparation guide for California's Reading Instruction Competence Assessment*. Merrill Prentice Hall.
- Course Reader available at CopyServe at the corner of San Marcos Blvd and Rancho Santa Fe.

Course Requirements

All students are expected to participate in class activities and demonstrate reflective learning. It is important that students are well prepared for course sessions by completing the readings and assignments scheduled before the class meeting. Unless otherwise negotiated with the instructor, all assignments are to be handed in on the due date. **Assignments not handed-in on due date will lose 10% of earned credit per day.** Assignments should be typed and double-spaced .

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| • Attendance and participation | 10 points |
| • Resource Notebook Sections (10 sections) | 50 points |
| • Reading Strategy Lesson Plan | 10 points |
| • Primary Case Study | 30 points |

Grading

A	96–100
A-	90–95
B+	89-87
B	86-83
B-	80–82

C+	77-79
C	73-76
C-	70-73

ASSIGNMENTS:

Language Arts Resource Notebook--Part 1 (50 Pts) {Due December 11}

Each of you will develop a Reading/Language Arts Resource Notebook that will be used to inform your teaching. The Resource Notebook has two main objectives. First, is to demonstrate your learning and understanding of the reading and language arts. Second is to start building a resource for your own learning. Be creative and thoughtful in the compilation of the notebook—it will be a demonstration that you are ready to teach the language arts to a diverse student population.

The Notebook will be organized around the 13 RICA Content Areas (see the RICA Registration Bulletin, p.39-45) and include additional sections on:

- A personal statement of your philosophy of the teaching reading and writing
- Special Needs Students

Each section of the notebook should contain the following:

- A RICA analysis sheet including: (a) what this content area(s) is about (Put it in your own words – 2 to 4 sentences), (b) 2 ways of assessing this content area (include rationale); and (c) 1 way of teaching it (description and accommodations). Describe the teaching strategy and explain how it supports reading, writing and/or language arts development.
- A lesson observation form (except for section 1)
- A technology-rich assignment that enhances your teaching and student learning
- Lesson plans, articles, and any other resources collected within class or student teaching that would be helpful.

For the first semester you will need to complete the following content areas:

- Section 1 Philosophy of Literacy Learning
- Section 3 Planning, Organizing, and Managing Reading Instruction
- Section 4: Phonemic Awareness
- Section 5: Concepts About Print
- Section 6: Systematic, Explicit Phonics and Other Word Identification Strategies
- Section 7: Spelling Instruction
- Section 8: Reading Comprehension - Narrative
- Section 13: Vocabulary Development
- Section 14: Structure of the English Language
- Section 15: Special Needs

You can choose how to organize this information in your notebook. You may include course assignments (lesson plan, case study, mini book unit, classroom observations and interactive email journals), course handouts and materials from your classroom/school site, examples of lesson plans and student work, information from internet sources or professional journals. You may want to include strategies you will use to teach these content areas. You may even include pictures of students learning a specific strategy as well as your reflection on what was happening, why it worked or didn't work and why that was. You may include one (or more) successful activities that you used in the classroom (must be related to language arts instruction).

Note: Besides the course readings, Dr. Alice Quioco's web site can also serve as a resource. The address is: <http://www.csusm.edu/Quiocho>. Click on "reading instruction portfolio." See the [section on accommodations](#) for ideas on ways to support second language learners.

Note: See www.ed.gov/free/ for free Educational Materials.

Emergent Reader (Primary) Case Study (30 pts) {Due November 10}

Choose an emergent reader and conduct a comprehensive case study using the following:

- Reading and Writing Interview
- Anecdotal records
- Informal Oral Language Assessment
- Writing Sample:
- Use Johns' writing assessment
- Phonemic Awareness. Use Johns' phoneme awareness test (p.415 and 432).
- Letter Knowledge. Use Johns' alphabet knowledge test (p. 390, 391 and 424).
- Word Test. Use John's basic word knowledge (p.418 and 434)
- Concepts about Print. Use Johns' literacy knowledge test (p. 393-10 and p.426-427) or CR's CAP Test scoring sheet (Tompkins, p.).

Comprehensive instructions are provided in the course reader. Please refer to the reader for specific forms, parent permission slips, and interview questions.

Reading Strategy Lesson Plan (10 pts) (Critical Assessment Task) {Due Dec 4}

You will write and present a reading strategy lesson plan for a small group activity that takes into account student needs. They can be mini-lessons, direct instruction, inquiry, or any format you choose. Make your lesson active, interesting, fun and meaningful. Because lesson planning may be unfamiliar to some of you, but is so important to teaching, you will learn how to write a language arts lesson plan in class. Choose a reading standard for your grade level to guide your objectives. Sample lessons include:

- Monitoring Reading
- Comprehension
- Content area reading
- Phonics
- Phonemic Awareness
- Organizing information while you read
- Relating what you are reading to what you already know
- Finding the main idea of a story
- Identifying patterns in a text
- Using graphic organizers for comprehension

See Lesson Plan Guide in Course Reader

Course Outline
(Timeline Subject to Change pending “Teachable” Moments)

Date	Topic	Assignment
Session 1 9-4	A Balanced Approach- <i>Literacy for the 21st Century</i>	Tompkins Chap 1
Session 2 9-11	The Language of School/The Language of Learning- <i>The Journey Has Just Begun</i>	Gibbons Chap 1 & 2
Session 3 9-18	The Processes <i>Teaching From the Heart</i>	Tompkins Chap 2 The English Language Arts Standards ELD Standards
Session 4 9-25	The Mother Tongue <i>Yeah, but.....!!!!</i>	Gibbons Chap 5 & 6 Johns-pp. 3-48
Session 5 10-2	Oral Language Development <i>Communication Rights</i>	Tompkins Chap 3 Gibbons Chap 3 & 4 Johns 49-79
Session 6 10-9	Reading in a Second Language <i>Rethinking Schools</i>	Gibbons Chap 7 & 8
Session 7 10-16	The Writing Process <i>Reclaiming Our Voices</i>	Tompkins Chap 4 Gibbons Chap 9
Session 8 10-23	A Whole School Response <i>Justice and Equity for All</i>	Gibbons Chap 10
Session 9 10-30	The Alphabetic Code <i>The Art and Craft of Teaching</i>	Tompkins Chap 5
Session 10 11-10	Fluent Readers and Writers <i>The Act of Reading and Writing</i>	Tompkins Chap 6 Due: Primary Case Study
Session 11 11-13	Word Meanings & Vocabulary Development <i>Powerful ways of knowing</i>	Tompkins Chap 7
Session 12 11-20	Comprehension <i>Education for ALL?</i>	Tompkins Chap 8
Session 13 12-4	Text Structure <i>Stories for life</i>	Tompkins Chap 9 Due: Reading Lesson Plan
Session 14 12-11	Ready for RICA <i>Roots & Wings</i>	Zarillro-Book Due: Resource Notebook
Session 15 12-18	Closure <i>Celebrations!!!</i>	

