

**California State University San Marcos
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EDMS 521 - Elementary Literacy Education I

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MISSION STATEMENT**

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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

Students 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

Students 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:

- Cunningham, P. M., & Allington, R. L. (1999). *Classrooms that work: They can all read and write* (2nd ed.). Longman.
- Cunningham, P. (1995). *Phonics They Use*. Harper Collins.
- Gibbons, P. (1993). *Learning to Learn in a Second Language*. Portsmouth, NH: Heinemann.
- Reading/language Arts Framework for CA Public Schools* CA Dept of Ed (You are able to access this online)
- Tompkins, G.E. (2001). *Literacy for the 21st Century: A Balanced Approach, 2nd Edition*. Prentice Hall.
- Zarrillo, J. J. (2002). *Ready for RICA: A test preparation guide for California's Reading Instruction Competence Assessment*. Merrill Prentice Hall.

We will choose ONE of the following for Literature Groups using a sign-up sheet.

Avi	<u>Poppy</u>
Babbit, N.	<u>Tuck Everlasting</u>
Spinelli, J.	<u>Loser</u>
Sachar, L.	<u>Holes</u>
Hesse, K.	<u>Out of the Dust</u>

ASSIGNMENTS:

Language Arts Resource Notebook (Optional)

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
- Observation notes and reflections
- Make sure to include a table of contents page.

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) 1-2 ways of assessing this content area; and (c) 1 way of teaching it. Describe the teaching strategy and explain how it supports reading, writing and/or language arts development. I will review this information as we cover the content for this course.
- An 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.

You can choose how to organize this information in your notebook. You may combine several of the content areas in ways that make sense for instruction. 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 activity that you used in the classroom (must be related to language arts instruction).

Begin early! Be creative and thoughtful! This resource notebook will contain samples of your learning and understanding, and examples of your work that demonstrate that you are ready to instruct children in reading, writing, listening and speaking. Feel free to use a variety of graphic and written presentations, as

best suits your learning style, in order to show your learning and understanding. Use a three-ring binder to organize your materials. Work with a friend so you can exchange ideas.

As you learn about assessment, phonemic awareness, the use of phonics, comprehension strategies and other components crucial to effective literacy instruction, compiling your resource notebook will help you prepare and review the content areas assessed by the RICA test. More importantly, it will serve as a resource for you in the future, and may be used for job interviews to illustrate your knowledge and experiences. I will explain and review information as we cover the content for this course.

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.

Reading Strategy Lesson Plan (Critical Assessment Task)

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

Keep in mind when writing your lesson: What is the purpose of your lesson? How does it relate to real reading and/or writing? What are your learning goals? How are they aligned with the CA Reading/Language Arts standards (check the Reading/Language Arts framework for CA public schools)? How will you present the lesson (instructional strategies, resource materials, time frame)? How will you group students for the lesson? How will you assess your students? What accommodations will you provide for students who need additional help?

Important: Your lesson must address the needs of mainstream students, as well as make provisions for second language learners, students presenting difficulty, and accelerated students. How are you going to work with students who are having difficulty? How will you scaffold second language learners' learning during the lesson? How will your lesson provide enrichment for accelerated students? Will you meet with students individually or in a small group while other students work independently?

Comment Cards

It is expected that everyone will do all the readings and will come to class prepared to discuss them. These cards are meant as a tool for you to share with the rest of the class your understanding of the readings or to pose questions on the readings that were confusing or you didn't understand. The comment cards (3" x 5" index cards) should have your name and the date of the class session the comments are intended. **Do not summarize.** Please give thoughtful reactions, responses, and reflections. If the readings are from more than one book, comment on more than one book. We will use these readings as the basis of our discussion at the beginning of some classes. You do not have to write comment cards for the children's literature. We will be responding to that literature differently.

Field Observation

As you begin observing in your classrooms, take the observation form and complete it as you observe various aspects of language arts. Observing what other teachers do to promote literacy development in their classroom is an important element of your professional growth. On this form you will note the kinds and types of activities teachers and students are engaged in. Be sure to write observations and not judgements. It is important you observe each of the elements on the list.

COE Attendance Policy

Due to the dynamic and interactive nature of courses in the College of Education, all students are expected to attend all classes and participate actively. At a minimum, students must attend more than 80% of class time, or s/he may not receive a passing grade for the course at the discretion of the instructor. Individual instructors may adopt more stringent attendance requirements. Should the student have extenuating circumstances, s/he should contact the instructor as soon as possible.

A good student is one who adheres to standards of dependability and promptness. If you miss more than two class sessions or are late (or leave early) for more than three sessions, you cannot receive an A. If you miss more than three class sessions you cannot receive a B. Late assignments will be penalized by a 5% deduction in points for each weekday late. After two weeks, late assignments will be given a zero. If you have extraordinary circumstances in your life that will impact your assignments, please let me know. I want you to be able to stay in school and succeed. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to come in and speak with me about them.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Topic</u>	<u>Readings</u>
Week 1 September 5	Developing Community	Thompkins-Chapter 1
Week 2 September 12	1 st Language Acquisition	Thompkins-Chapters 2 & 4
Week 3 September 19	Phonemic Awareness/ Systematic, Explicit Phonics	Thompkins-Chapters 5
Week 4 September 26	Emergent Literacy Early Reading	Thompkins-Chapter 6
Week 5 October 3	Writing Development/ Concepts about print	Thompkins-Chapter 3
Week 6 October 10	Writing/Spelling	
Week 7 October 17	Vocabulary and Word Work	Thompkins-Chapter 7

Week 8
October 24

Standards/Goals

Week 9
October 31

Week 10
November 7

Literature Selection

Thompkins-Chapter 10/14

Week 11
November 14

Assessment

Thompkins-Chapter 3

Week 12
November 21

Reading/Writing
Workshop

Thompkins-Chapter 12

Week 13
December 5

Literature Based Reading

Thompkins-Chapter 11/13

Week 14
December 12

Differentiating Instruction

Grading Scale:

A = 93-100
A- = 90-92
B+ = 87-89
B = 83-86
B- = 80-82
C+ = 77-79
C = 74-76
C- = 70-72

Strategy Lesson=30 Points
Comment Cards=20 Points
Field Observation=40 Points
Literature Group Project=10 Points