

CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY SAN MARCOS

**EDUC 612
LITERACY DEVELOPMENT OF SPEAKERS OF
ENGLISH-AS-A-SECOND-LANGUAGE
Spring 2003**

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Mission of the College of Education of CSUSM. The mission of the college of Education Community is to transform public education by preparing thoughtful educators advancing professional practice. We are committed to the democratic principles of educational equity and social justice for all learners, exemplified through reflective teaching, learning and service. We value diversity, collaboration, and professionalism and shared governance.

CLAD Emphasis. *In 1992, the college of Education voted to infuse Crosscultural, Language and Academic Development (CLAD) competencies across the curriculum. The CLAD competencies are attached to the syllabus and the competencies covered in the course are highlighted.*

Course Description: This course explores the theoretical, empirical, pedagogical and socio-cultural issues of initial literacy learning; parallel between oral and written language development; effects of culture and home environment; developmental patterns and strategies; and issues of bilingualism and biliteracy.

Required Text:

1. Miramontes (97) Restructuring Schools for Linguistic Diversity, Teachers Press, N.Y., N.Y.
2. Class handouts, readings

Course Objectives: Students completing EDUC 612 will:

- Explore the concept of second language literacy beyond reading and writing;
- Examine initial and second language development patterns;
- Observe literacy experiences of English learners, reflect on observations and develop an improved second language literacy plan;
- Develop a personal definition of biliteracy that will be reflected in instruction;
- Explore the effects of culture and home environment on literacy; and
- Learn about instructional strategies that facilitate second language literacy.

Course Requirements:

All students are expected to attend every class session unless otherwise arranged. Students are further expected to be prepared for class and to participate accordingly. Reading should be completed before the class meeting. **All assignments must be handed in on the due date.** All Assignments must be typed and double spaced.

Completion of the following assignments will earn a “B” grade:

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| 1. surveys | 10 points |
| 2. attendance/class participation | 20 points |
| 3. paper presentation/case study | 30 points |
| 4. weekly reflections/inquiry paper | 20 points |

*Optional assignment for an “A” grade (3 articles) educational journal/research review.

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

Assignments:

The assignments for this course are as follow:

- ***Surveys: (10 points)***

Surveys will be assigned during the course. Students will share their results with the class.

- ***Case Study: (30 points)***

In groups, you will be presented a case study. You will assess and prescribe a program for an ethnically-linguistically diverse student.

Based on your readings and what you've learned in class, you will write a 3-5 page paper with a socio-cultural-linguistic perspective. Your paper and group presentation will answer the questions:

- How would you assess and diagnose to plan an educational program for this student?
- What type of program would you recommend? (Back up your statements with research and strategies that best fit this student's cultural and linguistic background.)
- Describe – How would you gather the information on this student and what other people would be involved in the program planning for this student?

- ***Weekly Reflections/Inquiry Paper (20 points)***

1. Pose a question regarding literacy and the education of English learners and keep a running log of class discussions and your observation from your school/personal experience.
2. Answer the question based on your observations and the learning of new material from class. Justify your conclusion/answer with a combination of information gathered in class, through our readings and from your own observations of English learner programs.

*Optional for Grade "A" (additional points)

Read three journal articles or research articles regarding literacy and English learners. Provide a concise summary of the articles with your own observations, opinions and comments supported by class readings and

activities (2 pages each).