

EDR: EDUCATIONAL READING

College of Education and Social Work

Courses

EDR 503. Language Arts Pre K-4. 3 Credits.

An exploration of theory and practice for developing a supportive language arts environment, with focus on facilitating the development of language competencies- writing, listening, speaking, viewing and visually representing- in children.

Pre / Co requisites: EDR 503 requires a prerequisite of EGP 501.

EDR 505. Orthographic Knowledge Language And Lit Dev. 3 Credits.

The purpose of this course is to acquaint students with the development of orthographic knowledge from its earliest awareness to its full fruition and its relation to language and literacy acquisition and instruction. Assessment strategies along each stage of its development will be explored as well as concomitant pedagogy. Attention will be paid to the causes of difficulties in acquiring orthographic knowledge and to appropriate instruction.

EDR 507. Comprehension & Vocabulary: Dev & Instruc. 3 Credits.

This course introduces students to the theoretical bases of comprehension and vocabulary development. Best practices in teaching, supporting and assessing comprehension and vocabulary will be an integral part of the course.

Distance education offering may be available.

EDR 509. Writing Development and Instruction. 3 Credits.

Strategies for teaching the language arts. Methods, materials, and resources for organizing creative programs in school settings.

EDR 512. Literacy Practicum and Seminar I. 3 Credits.

A practicum course in assessment and instruction of the young reader/writer. Major attention given to understanding a child's language and literacy development, and planning and carrying out appropriate instruction for that child. Students will use a variety of formal and informal assessments to design an individual instructional program. Field clearances are required.

Pre / Co requisites: EDR 512 requires prerequisites of EDR 505, EDR 507, EDR 509, EDR 516, and EDR 519. (EDR 512 and EDR 532 may NOT be taken in the same semester.)

Typically offered in Fall & Summer.

EDR 513. Reading in PRE K-4 Classroom. 3 Credits.

This course prepares students for teaching using a balanced approach of various theoretical teaching models based on current research and knowledge. Through readings, lectures, and class activities, students will develop a solid understanding of the reading process, and how to construct and manage a classroom environment that promotes optimal literacy learning. Students will learn to meet the diverse needs of learners at all stages of literacy development, assess students to monitor reading progress, and plan appropriate reading instruction.

Pre / Co requisites: EDR 513 requires a prerequisite of EGP 501.

Distance education offering may be available.

EDR 514. Reading In The Content Areas. 3 Credits.

Reading skills, reading problems, teaching techniques, and reading activities in content subjects at the elementary and secondary levels.

EDR 515. Teaching Reading with Child's and Adolescent's Lit. 3 Credits.

The course is based on the philosophy that literature should be an integral element of the PK-12 curricula. The emphasis in this course is on fostering wide reading and response to literature in PK-12 curricula. Students will read widely, gain a working knowledge of genre, gain an understanding of reading response theory, learn how to evaluate literature, and investigate ways that literature can be used to help students develop into competent lifelong readers and writers.

Typically offered in Fall.

EDR 516. Problems in Literacy Development. 3 Credits.

This course acquaints students with the theoretical bases and nature of differences in literacy development. The developmental nature of literacy growth and the importance of instruction within students' zone of proximal development will be explored. Students will investigate how literacy differences are influenced by social, emotional, psychological, physical, and educational factors. Best practices in teaching, supporting, and assessing students with literacy difficulties will be an integral part of the course.

Pre / Co requisites: EDR 516 requires prerequisites of EDR 505, EDR 507, EDR 509, and EDR 519.

Distance education offering may be available.

Typically offered in Fall & Spring.

EDR 518. Language Arts for Grades 4-8. 3 Credits.

A study of theory, trends, curriculum, and pedagogy for integrating language arts across the curriculum in grades 4 through 8, with emphasis on connections among listening, speaking, writing, and reading.

Pre / Co requisites: EDR 518 requires prerequisite of EDP 501.

EDR 519. Issues of Diversity in Teaching Reading. 3 Credits.

This course examines the historical, cultural, and educational contexts of literacy, language, and learning as they relate to reading instruction.

Pre / Co requisites: EDR 519 requires prerequisites or corequisites of 6 credits of EDR from the following list: EDR 505, EDR 507, EDR 509, EDR 514, EDR 535, EDR 546.

Distance education offering may be available.

Typically offered in Fall & Spring.

EDR 523. Literacy Field Experience PreK-4. 3 Credits.

A field-based course designed to enable its participants to review, practice, and investigate various approaches to planning, teaching, and evaluating literacy practices within the context of a grade PreK-4 reading practicum. Field clearances are required.

Pre / Co requisites: EDR 523 requires prerequisite EDR 503, EDR 513.

EDR 528. Reading in Grades 4-8. 3 Credits.

An exploration of current research and practice to prepare candidates to utilize a balanced approach to teach reading to children and young adolescents in grades 4 through 8.

Pre / Co requisites: EDR 528 requires a prerequisite of EDP 501.

EDR 532. Literacy and Practicum Seminar II. 3 Credits.

A practicum course in assessment and instruction of independent readers/writers. Using formal and informal measures, students will complete a case study of an independent reader/writer, analyze strengths and areas of need, and design an individualized plan for literacy growth. Using this plan, students will tutor children and evaluate the results. Field clearances are required.

Pre / Co requisites: EDR 532 requires prerequisites of EDR 505, EDR 507, EDR 509, EDR 514, EDR 516, and EDR 519. (EDR 532 and EDR 512 may not be taken during the same semester.)

Typically offered in Spring & Summer.

EDR 535. Language, Learning and Literacy. 3 Credits.

This course is intended to help teachers reflect on the developmental nature of language and literacy, and the critical links between language, learning, and literacy. Students will investigate major theories and issues of language and literacy and will explore links between theory and practice. The relationship of class, gender, dialect, and ethnicity to literacy and learning will be addressed throughout the course. Attention will be given to individual variation in language, learning, and literacy issues. Students will consider topics such as teacher's use of language, classroom discussion facilitation, and teacher research.

Typically offered in Spring.

EDR 538. Literacy Field Experience Grades 4-8. 3 Credits.

EDR 538 is a field-based course designed to enable its participants to review, practice, and investigate various approaches to planning, teaching, and evaluating literacy practices within the context of a grade 4-8 reading practicum. Field clearances are required.

Pre / Co requisites: EDR 538 requires prerequisite EDR 518, EDR 528.

EDR 541. Organization and Supervision of Literacy Programs. 3 Credits.

Development, organization, and supervision of literacy programs K-12. Emphasis is on the use of the total school community in meeting individual needs.

Pre / Co requisites: EDR 541 requires prerequisites of EDR 505, EDR 507, EDR 509, EDR 512, EDR 516, and EDR 519.

Distance education offering may be available.

Typically offered in Spring.

EDR 546. E-Reading in K-12 Classrooms. 3 Credits.

This online course addresses the unique and changing demands put upon readers as they are expected to read and comprehend digital texts. Participants gain understanding of theories of digital reading, instructional strategies for improving students' comprehension of digital texts, and assessments of digital literacy.

Distance education offering may be available.

Typically offered in Summer.

EDR 550. Literacy Development for Students w/ Disabilities in Inclusive Classrooms. 3 Credits.

This course is designed to help students understand literacy acquisition and development for students with disabilities. This course will focus on the challenges that reading and writing pose for students with disabilities and resulting appropriate assessment and instructional techniques. Response to Intervention Tier 1 and Tier 2 instruction will be addressed. Content area literacy for students with disabilities will be included.

Distance education offering may be available.

EDR 590. Independent Study. 1-6 Credits.

Individual investigation and exploration of related reading research. Topic must be approved by the supervising instructor prior to registration.

EDR 602. Literacy Coaching & Professional Development. 3 Credits.

Students will examine the roles of Literacy Coaches, approaches to coaching, and their underlying conceptual frameworks. Topics will include: conducting coaching cycles, collaborating with and providing support to teachers, analyzing and designing literacy programs, designing and implementing needs-based professional development. Field clearances are required.

EDR 604. Literacy Program Evaluation & Data Analysis. 3 Credits.

This course is designed to help candidates understand how to collect, analyze, interpret, and communicate results for reading assessments administered at the school, state, national, and international levels.

Pre / Co requisites: EDR 604 requires a prerequisite of EDR 602.

Distance education offering may be available.

Typically offered in Summer.

EDR 606. Practicum & Seminar in Literacy Coaching. 3 Credits.

This course provides candidates the opportunity to learn and apply skills of observing and providing feedback to teachers during reading and writing instruction in K-12 classrooms. Candidates will learn how to conduct and model lessons, collect data on teachers' professional development and students' instructional needs, and apply the coaching cycle to promote continuous improvement of literacy instruction. Field clearances are required.

Pre / Co requisites: EDR 606 requires prerequisite of EDE 605, EDR 602, EDR 604.