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READ 5308

Practicum of Literacy Assessment and Instrumental Strategies II – [Secondary Populations]

And READ 5325

Improvement of Literacy in Secondary Schools and Adult Populations

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READ 5308

Course Description: This course provides an opportunity for an in-depth study of current approaches to assessment as a foundation for literacy instruction and intervention design of struggling readers and writers in grades 7-12. In supervised experiences, teachers will learn how to use a range of formal and informal assessment tools and methods to diagnose and assess reading and writing development, to direct instructional strategies and methodology, and to involve the learner in self-assessment. Prerequisite: READ 5307

This course has 50+ field experience hours and requires access to a public school or TEA approved school as well as two students (TEA approved schools apply to in-state SHSU students seeking the Reading Specialist Certification). Two students in 7th -12th grade will be needed to design research-based intervention plans. One student will be the 'reading' case study student and the other will be the 'writing' case study student. Both these students should demonstrate from the assessments a degree of needed intervention.

READ 5308 Course Content Students will demonstrate understanding, knowledge, and skills related to the following:

- 1. Demonstrate knowledge of multiple causes of reading/writing difficulties in grades 7-12.
- 2. Demonstrate knowledge of test terminology, advantages/limitations and characteristics of assessment tools in grades 7-12.
- 3. Select, administer and evaluate appropriate assessment tools to identify literacy difficulties and inform instructional decisions.
- 4. Use assessment results to select and design research-based instructional programs.
- 5. Communicate the results and implications of assessments given to all stakeholders.
- 6. Demonstrate an understanding of characteristics of dyslexia, assessment strategies and instructional alternatives for students in grades 7-12.
- 7. Evaluate students considering characteristics and effects of culture and environment; effects of diversity.

Textbooks/Readings:

Wood, K. D. & Blanton, W. E. (2009). *Literacy instruction for adolescents: Research-based-practice*. New York: NY. The Guilford Press.

ISBN: 978-1-60623-118-0

Bader, L. & Pearce, D. (2015). *Bader reading and language inventory*. **7th **Edition**. Upper Saddle River, NJ: Pearson ISBN **978-0-13-294368-0**

Bear, D., Invernizzi, M., Templeton, S., Johnston, F. (2012). *Words Their Way.* **FIFTH EDITION). Upper Saddle River, NJ: Pearson – Prentice Hall. ISBN 978-0-13-703510-6 {or 6th edition}

**previous books for READ 5307

READ 5325

Course Description: This course is designed to prepare secondary classroom teachers and reading specialists for teaching reading to secondary school students and adult populations. Content includes characteristics of secondary students in grades 7-12 and adult learners, language patterns and structures common to various subject-area texts, and techniques to teach reading and writing strategies in secondary and adult classrooms.

This course has 10+ field experience hours and requires access to a public school or TEA approved school as well as two students (TEA approved schools apply to in-state SHSU students seeking the Reading Specialist Certification). Two students in 7th -12th grade will be needed to design research-based intervention plans. One student will be the 'reading' case study student and the other will be the 'writing' case study student. Both these students should demonstrate from the assessments a degree of needed intervention.

READ 5325 Course Content Students will demonstrate understanding, knowledge, and skills related to the following:

- 1. Use strategies that are responsive to diverse backgrounds for programming and placement in grades 7-12.
- 2. Select and use appropriate materials and strategies that reflect cultural diversity, are based on a convergence of research evidence, and promote word identification, vocabulary knowledge, fluency, and reading comprehension skills for students in grades 7-12.
- 3. Create opportunities for students to write in a variety of forms and modes for various purposes, audiences, and settings common to various subject-areas.

Class online meeting schedule: Each week begins on Wednesday and ends Tuesday end of day.

IDEA Objectives: In this course, our focus will be on these major objectives (as assessed by the IDEA course evaluation system):

Essential: Developing specific skills, competencies, and points of view needed by professionals in the field most closely related to this course.

Important: Learning to analyze and critically evaluate ideas, arguments, and points of view.

Textbooks/Readings:

Wood, K. D. & Blanton, W. E. (2009). *Literacy instruction for adolescents: Research-based-practice*. New York: NY. The Guilford Press.

ISBN: 978-1-60623-118-0

Lockhart, E. (2014). We were liars. NY: Delacorte Press.

ISBN-10: 038574126X

Late Assignment Policy: Please pay special attention to observe the due dates for each of the assignments. If you are aware of problems or special situations **BEFORE** the due dates contact the professor for special arrangements. If your work is submitted later than the day specified, the following points are deducted from the assignment:

- 1. Up to 24 hours-25% of the total assessed points are deducted.
- 2. 25-72 hours-50% of the total assessed points are deducted.
- 3. After 72 hours late assignment will **NOT** be accepted.

Time Requirement: For each hour of class, you will be expected to commit at least an hour outside of class. It is expected that if you enroll in this course, you can meet the time requirements.

Professionalism Policy: Since you are studying to be educational role models, you will be expected to display professional behavior in all aspects during online class time.

Student Attendance: Lack of active and timely participation in online discussions or in assignments constitutes an absence from class. Absences from class will result in a grade penalty. **More than two** absences from online discussions will result in a grade deduction for every absence thereafter. Excused absences are permitted for emergencies or illnesses but are excused at the discretion of the instructor unless otherwise stated.

Active Participation: All members of this class are responsible for the learning that occurs. In this course you are expected to share personal views and experiences (as you are comfortable) in online discussions, as well as prepare and "present" material in the online forum. It is critical that you stay current with readings and assignments. You are required to read all of the assigned materials and respond weekly. In addition, you are required to respond to postings and submit all materials (papers) on time.

*A separate detailed handout on online discussion expectation and guidelines will be posted on Blackboard.

BLACKBOARD: The schedule and syllabus is subject to change, please check Blackboard announcements regularly for any updated information.

Electronic and Phone Response: Instructor reserves the right to respond to emails and phone calls within 48 hours of receipt. Students should not expect an immediate response. However, most responses will be within 24 hours of receipt. Instructor also reserves the right to respond or not respond to student emails and/or phone calls during weekends, holiday breaks, and semester breaks. You should assume that emails and phone calls will NOT be returned during weekends, holiday breaks, and semester breaks.

Student Syllabus Guidelines

- SHSU Academic Policy Manual -- Students
 - o Procedures in Cases of Academic Dishonesty #810213
 - o Disabled Student Policy #811006
 - Student Absences on Religious Holy Days #861001
 - Academic Grievance Procedures for Students # 900823
- SHSU Academic Policy Manual Curriculum and Instruction
 - Use of Telephones and Text Messagers in Academic Classrooms and Facilities #100728
- Visitors in the classroom Only registered students may attend class. Exceptions can be
 made on a case-by-case basis by the professor. In all cases, visitors must not present a
 disruption to the class by their attendance.

NCATE Accreditation

The Sam Houston State University, College of Education has the distinction of NCATE accreditation since 1954. As an NCATE accredited program, the College of Education ensures that the best-prepared teachers will be in classrooms teaching the next generation of leaders how to solve problems, communicate effectively, and work collaboratively.

In November 2010, NCATE merged with the Teacher Education Accreditation Council (TEAC) to become the Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation (CAEP), combining the two premiere accrediting organizations as a single accrediting agency for reform, innovation, and research in educator preparation.

NCATE Standards

CAEP Standards

Each candidate in an advanced program for teachers or other school professionals:

- 1. Demonstrates ability to be understanding, respectful and inclusive of diverse populations. (CF 3; CF 5)
- 2. Demonstrates an attitude of reflection and thoughtfulness about professional growth and instruction. (CF1)
- 3. Demonstrates a commitment to literacy, inquiry, and reflection. (CF 1; CF 4)
- 4. Practices ethical behavior and intellectual honesty. (CF 3)
- 5. Demonstrates thoughtfulness in communication and an awareness and appreciation of varying voices. (CF 3)
- 6. Demonstrates a commitment to adapting instruction or programs to meet the needs of diverse learners. (CF 5)
- 7. Demonstrates knowledge of second language acquisition and a commitment to adapting instruction or programs to meet the needs of culturally and linguistically diverse learners. (CF 3; CF 5)
- 8. Leads diverse learners to higher level thinking in cognitive, affective and/or psychomotor domains. (CF 5)
- 9. Uses assessment as a tool to evaluate learning and improve instruction for all learners. (CF 4)
- 10. Demonstrates a commitment to using technology to create an authentic learning environment that promotes problem-solving and decision making for diverse learners. (CF 2)

Evidence of the dispositions and diversity proficiencies listed above must be posted to TK20 before the end of this course in order to receive a grade.

Course Assignments:

READ 5308 and READ 5325 are graduate reading courses that use an online practicum format and are taught in an integrated manner. You will be involved in assessing the reading, writing, and spelling of a student who struggles with literacy in grades 7-12. Once the assessments are complete for READ 5308, you will plan and implement strategies for improving the reading and writing skills of the students in grades 7-12. All intervention assignments are compiled in a case study. Below is a description of the course assignments. Some aspects of these assignments have completions expectation rather than graded expectations.

- Introductions— post three memes and a comic strip to the Discussion Board that somehow tells
 us something about yourself. Do this by Saturday and respond to all classmates by Tuesday.
 Due Tuesday, January 23.
- 2. Online Discussions Participant (10 points x 12 weeks = 120 points)

You will discuss course readings once a week in an online format on the discussion board in Blackboard.

For each week, there will be posted readings and assignments for which all students will be responsible. Lesson work will include the following:

- Assigned discussions to which students must post an in-depth analysis
- Close reading of all postings by members of group

- Thoughtful responses to at least two of your classmates' posts
- 1st posting (which is your own reflection/posting to the reading) will be due on Saturday 11:59pm
- 2nd and 3rd posting (which is your response to two of your classmates and should include a question) will be due by the following Tuesday 11:59pm)
- It is important that you visit the discussion board for the week frequently. Posting on Friday and responding to two classmates and never visiting the discussion board again is NOT ACCEPTABLE. Sometimes, I see classmates, the DL, or me asking a student a question yet that questions never gets answered by the students. The discussion board is interactive and is not limited to just posting 3 messages and never coming back to it again.
- Each lesson will have an assigned leader who will facilitate the conversation. At the beginning of the session, the professor will assign the role: The *discussion leader* will moderate the discussion. He/she will keep the discussion going, turn to the group for questions or comments, notice who wishes to speak and help ensure that everyone's voice is heard, etc. There two weeks during the semester you will be a DL. If the group seems confused, they will ask the DL for clarification. **Due: as assigned**

3. Online Observation Journal (10 observation hours x 10 journal entries = 100 points)

You will complete 10 independent observation hours for this course: five hours in a middle school and five hours in a secondary school. You will be given a list of activities to observe in a school setting as a way of guiding your time. This list will be provided on Black Board. If you are also in READ 5308, you must complete these observation hours **in addition** to your field experience work. You cannot double dip the hours.

As a way of documenting your ten observation hours, you will be required to compose ten entries in the online journal in our Black Board course. These entries should be succinct. Further instructions for your observations are included on the Black Board site.

Last entry due: April 24

4. Literature Circle Discussion (50 points)

The book we'll be reading and discussing as a class is *We Were Liars (2014)* by E. Lockhart. This is a book that would be a representative of what students would find in a middle or high school library. See *Guidelines for Literature Circle Discussion* in the Documents folder. **Due:** Completed by May 1st

5. Reflection paper (100 points).

As a culminating activity, you will write a reflection paper encompassing this semester's work. See *Guidelines for Reflection Paper* in the Documents folder. **Due: May 1**

6. Textbook readability (30 points)

Locate a textbook for a content area (math, science, social studies in grades 6-12). Using the Fry Readability Formula evaluate the textbook for readability levels. See *Guidelines for Textbook Readability* in the Documents folder. **Due: March 27**

Course Assignments/Grading Summary:

All assignments must be completed and are due on the designated dates on Blackboard.

Online Discussions 120 points
Online Observation Journal 100 points

Textbook Readability Reflection Paper Literature Circle 30 points 100 points 50 points 400 points

TOTAL POINTS

Letter grades: A = 360-400 B = 359-320 C = 319-280

READ 5308 only

1. **Definition and Position paper** (10 points)—Write a short, one-paragraph definition of literacy intervention for students 7-12 and explain why this perspective is important for today's learners and teachers. **Due: January 30**

- 2. **Literacy Intervention Plan paper** (**150 points**) -- This paper should be double-spaced, 3 to 4 pages, with references in APA style format. Students will incorporate the following items in this paper: *A separate detailed handout about this assignment will be posted on Blackboard.
 - Overview of Perspectives (20 points): Present national perspective on literacy intervention, state perspective on literacy, and local perspectives (if applicable)
 - Literature Review on Literacy Intervention (100 points x 2= Once for reading and one for writing): Incorporate *at least* three reviews of journal articles into your perspective paper regarding approaches to literacy intervention for students in grades 7-12 (What do we know works based on research?). One of these articles must be an additional source besides the required textbook or readings done in class (But you will include and reference course materials/articles). The review should provide an overview of each article individually including highlights of the most interesting/controversial features of the articles; and a discussion/ interpretation as a whole (collectively what can be inferred from the articles about intervention).
 - Personal Perspective/stance (20 points): Make a stance for an approach from the literature review that you will use in one or both of the intervention plans. Why do you connect to this stance? Validate opinions with factual knowledge and/or theories of learning. Connect to the perspectives of national, state, and local. Finally, pose a research question to connect with the intervention plan. What do you want to find out by designing and implementing the intervention plan?
 - You must use APA style in your papers when quoting the author(s) and citing references (10 points).

You can refer to the sites below for guidance:

- 1) http://apastyle.apa.org/
- 2) http://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/560/01/
- 3) http://www.liu.edu/cwis/CWP/library/workshop/citapa.htm

Please note that you are <u>not required</u> to include a <u>title page</u> and an <u>abstract</u> with your paper (which is common in APA style papers).

Due: March 6

- 3. **Field Experience for READ 5308** Certification standards require the practicum experience to log 160 clock hours of designed intervention with diverse student population. This course will begin the process of documenting hours. Upon completion of this course, you will have 50+ documented hours of literacy intervention and/or observation. The remaining 110 hours will be designed into future courses in the Masters of Reading program.
 - Location: (for Texas SHSU students seeking reading specialist certification)
 Certification standards require you to conduct your intervention in a public or TEA approved school and in a variety of settings. The professor will confirm that your location is appropriate and will be glad to consult with you on selecting locations.
 Confirmation of both student and location must be given before intervention session can be conducted.

Below are some scenarios for you to identify with regarding field experience:

If seeking Reading Specialist Certification:

- o If you have designated in our Reading Master's program that you will be seeking Reading Specialist certification AND are a Texas certified teacher, the field hours must be in a public school or TEA approved school.
- You will select a site-mentor (either a reading specialist or your principal) to support you during these hours.
- You will work with a small group of secondary 7-12 students at the TEA site (minimum
 2). It is most helpful for students to be needing intervention.
- You can work within school hours with these students or you can form an after school session.

If not a Texas educator and/or not seeking to sit for the Reading Specialist exam:

- o The only requirement for field experience is that you have access to at least two secondary level students. It is most helpful for students to be needing intervention.
- o If you are not sitting for the Reading specialist certification, location can be at a neutral location such as a public library. Your home is not preferred or recommended for liability reasons
- All course assignments and intervention activities still apply.

Suggested options:

- Reaching out to a local school in your district to see about making connections with students.
- Maybe a YMCA summer program
- Church
- Day cares (usually for elementary aged students) and you might inquire if a parent needs assistance. There might be a way to work with the student through the day care.

Clock hours/Intervention Plans for 5308: You will be working with two students for 13 weeks for a minimum of 30 hours of one-on-one intervention. Both students should be within grades 7-

12th. You will select one student to focus on reading intervention (Student A) and the other student will be selected for writing intervention (Student B).

• Based on assessments, you will develop 6 weekly intervention plans, one per student per week 30 points x 6 plans = 180 points total (15pts per student). Each weekly plan will be for 1 ½ hours of interventions per student. The time does not need to be all in one sitting. It can be spread out over the week. Each weekly intervention plan will end with a reflection.

Below are the clock-hour expectations:

• Field Experience week 4 (FEW4)		Week Start:
Getting to know you Interview (30 min per std.)	Total: 1hr	2/7
• FEW 5- Pre-Assessments (1 ½ hr per std.)	Total: 3hr	2/14
• FEW 6/Continue Pre-assessments (1 ½ hr per std.)	Total: 3hrs	2/21
• FEW 7/ No field experience		2/28
• FEW 8/Intervention Plan 1 (1 ½ hr per std.)	Total: 3hrs	3/7
• FEW 9/Intervention Plan 2 (1 ½ hr per std.)	Total: 3hrs	3/21
• FEW 10/Intervention Plan 3 (1 ½ hr per std.)	Total: 3hrs	3/28
• FEW 11/Intervention Plan 4 (1 ½ hr per std.)	Total: 3hrs	4/4
• FEW 12/Post-Assessments (1 ½ hr per std.)	Total: 3hrs	4/11
• FEW 13 Post-Assessments continued (1 ½ hr per std.)	Total: 3hrs	4/18
• FEW 14/Summative parent conference		
(15 min per std's parents)	Total: 30min	4/25

Course Intervention Clock hours total: 31.5 hours

Clock hours/Independent Observations: In addition to the 31.5 hours of intervention practicum hours for READ 5308, you will also log in a minimum of 19.5 independent observation hours. These observation hours will be selected from a list of activities to observe in a school setting. It will be available on Bb. READ 5325 will have 10 hours specific to middle and secondary literacy observations.

You will need to log your intervention hours with your student and have the Field-Supervisor/parent/guardian of that student validate hours. Hours will be logged via TK20

Videos observations for 5308 (75 points) — Certification standards require 135 minutes of intervention observation by the field supervisor during the practicum. This course will begin the process of documenting minutes. Upon completion of this course, you will have 68 documented minutes observed by the field supervisor. All 160 clock hours and 135 minutes of observations must be documented upon completion of the program to sit for the reading specialist certification.

Video submissions for 5308: A 15-minute videos is required to be submitted to document administration of one or more of the assessment give to the students. Additionally, four 15-minute video are required to be submitted *of intervention* as documentation of professional practices to observe (**5 total intervention videos x 15 points each**). These videos may be any instructional part of the intervention session with the student. All videos will be reviewed and at least 3 will be given official written feedback and include one virtual conference with the professor during the 6 week intervention session. You will upload these videos to Blackboard. See directions on uploading YouTube videos in the document section of Blackboard. Below are the video observation expectations:

FEW 5 – Video #1 Assessment observation-

15min/ 1 student A Total: 12-15 minutes [upload by 2/20]

FEW 8- Video #2 Intervention observation- Readers Response

15min/ 1 student A Total: 15 minutes [upload by 3/20]

FEW 10 Video #3 Intervention observation- Writing Intervention

Total: 15 minutes [upload by 4/3] 15min/ 1 student B

FEW 11 Video #4 Intervention observation- Word Study

15min/1 student B Total: 15 minutes [upload by 4/10]

FEW 11- Video #5 Intervention observation- Guided Instruction

15min/ 1 student A Total: 15 minutes [upload by 4/24]

Additional video upload:

- FEW 15 Video #6 Culminating parent conference- 15 min/ 1 student (points included with the case study points) Total: 15 minutes [upload by 5/1]
- 4. Case Study (100 points per student= 200 pts total) for READ 5308)—You will gather background information, administer literacy assessments, interpret assessment results, determine strengths and weaknesses, and use and recommend instructional strategies for each student. There will be a case study for both students. The case study will include the following sections: Contextual Factors, Formative Assessment Analysis, Design for Instruction, Analysis of Student learning, Reflection. See Bb for more specific instruction (points may be adjusted during the semester). You will need to become familiar the Genius Scan App for smart phones!

Case study Components:

Intro: Literacy Intervention Academic paper

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Part 1: Contextual Factors Analysis (Getting to Know Your students)	Due Feb 13
Part 2: Formative Assessment Analysis (Pre assessments)	Due Feb 27
Part 3: Design for Instruction Analysis (Summary of 3 intervention plans)	Due Apr 10
Part 4: Analysis of Student Learning (Post assessments)	Due Apr 24
Part 5: Reflection on Instruction and Discussion of Case Questions	Due May 1

Due May 4 Your case study will be uploaded to Blackboard and TK20

Course Assignments/Grading Summary:

All assignments must be completed and are due on the designated dates on Blackboard.

Definition and Position		10 points
Online Discussions		120 points
Literacy Intervention Paper		100 points
Intervention Plans		180 points
Videos and Reflections		75 points
Case Study		400 points
•	TOTAL POINTS	885 noints

885 points

Letter grades: A = 796-885 B = 708-795 C = 619-707

The COE Conceptual Framework establishes the shared vision of the college in preparing educators to work with P-12 students through programs dedicated to collaboration in instruction, field experience, and research, the candidates in Sam Houston State University's Educator Preparation Programs acquire the knowledge, dispositions, and skills necessary to create a positive learning environment preparing educators to work with P-12 students. Employing a variety of technologies, candidates learn to plan, implement, assess, and modify instruction to meet the needs of diverse learners. The Conceptual Framework (CF) incorporates five (5) indicators throughout the framework that serve to identify areas tied to course work where there is evidence of Conceptual Framework and goals assessment. The five indicators are: Knowledge Base (CF1), Technological Learning Environment (CF2), Communication (CF3), Assessment (CF4), and Effective Field Experience with Diverse Learners (CF5)

Web address for IRA standards: http://www.reading.org/general/currentresearch/Standards.aspx Web address for State standards: http://www.tea.state.tx.us/index2.aspx?id=5938

Objectives/Learning Outcomes	Field Based Activities	Performance Assessment	Standards Texas Reading IRA Conceptual Framework Dispositions/ Diversity Proficiencies (DDP)
Demonstrate knowledge of multiple causes of reading/writing difficulties.	Conduct individual or group inquiry on topic related to a cause of literacy problems.	Online Discussions	2.8k 1.1 CF 1
Demonstrate knowledge of reciprocal nature of assessment & instruction	Conduct assessment profile on a child with accompanying instructional recommendations	Written case study Intervention Plans Observation Journal	2.1k, 2.1s 3.3 CF 1, 4
Demonstrate knowledge of test terminology, advantages/limitations and characteristics of assessment tools	Examine and evaluate test materials	Written case study Appropriate text selection for use with student DDPs Observation Journal	2.3k, 2.3s, 2.4k, 2.4s, 2.5k, 2.6k 3.1 CF 1, 4 DDP 9
Select, administer and evaluate appropriate assessment tools to identify literacy difficulties and inform instructional decision.	Administer and evaluate complete assessment profile on a child. Write complete assessment summaries	Written case study DDPs Textbook readability for content area text	2.3s, 2.5s, 3.2 CF 1, 4 DDP 6
Use assessment results to plan appropriate instructional programs and select appropriate instructional materials	Write instructional plans for two students tested to include teaching/learning strategies and an array of teaching and supplementary reading materials	Individual Intervention Plans Written case study DDPs	1.23s, 1.30s 1.34s, 2.4s, 2.20k 3.3, 2.1, 2.2 CF 1, CF 4 DDP 9
Communicate the results and implications of assessments given to all stakeholders	Communicate with teachers via oral and/or written reports Communicate with child's parent(s) via planned parent conferences	Written case study Videoconference DDPs	1.50s 2.6s, 1.3, 4.2 CF3 DDP 5
Demonstrate an understanding of characteristics of dyslexia	Respond to case study questions about dyslexia	Online Discussions DDPs	3.7k -3.9k, 3.6s - 3.7s 1.1

and assessment strategies for identifying this disability			CF 1, 4 DDP 5
Demonstrate an understanding of instructional alternatives for assisting students with dyslexia and other extreme reading disabilities	Demonstrate alternative learning strategies for class demonstration Write instructional plans for students with dyslexia	Online Discussion Intervention Plans Written Case study DDPs	3.10k, 3.11k 3.8s, 3.10s 3.3 CF 1. 2, 4 DDP 6
Evaluates students considering characteristics and effects of culture and environment; effects of diversity	Administer and evaluate complete assessment profile on a child	Written Case Study Observation Journal DDPs	CF 5 DDP 1
Uses strategies that are responsive to diverse backgrounds for programming and placement	Includes strategies to meet the needs of children from diverse backgrounds	Written Case Study DDPs	CF 5 DDP 6

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