GEORGE MASON UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF EDUCATION AND HUMAN DEVELOPMENT GRADUATE SCHOOL OF EDUCATION

Program: Elementary Education – Licensure – Yearlong Cohort

EDCI 556 003: Literacy Teaching and Learning in Diverse Elementary Classrooms, Part II 3 credits, Fall 2015

Friday, 9-11:40 Thompson L028

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COURSE DESCRIPTION:

A. Prerequisites/Corequisites

Yearlong cohort course sequence, including EDCI 555

B. University Catalog Course Description

Provides research-based introduction to literacy teaching and learning for older children. Emphasizes literacy and language processes and development; connections among cultures, families, and literacy; and literacy integration in curriculum.

LEARNER OUTCOMES:

- 1. Students will demonstrate an understanding of the linguistic, sociological, cultural, cognitive and psychological bases of literacy processes.
- 2. Students will reflect on their own literacy learning histories and connect these to current theories of literacy teaching and learning.
- 3. Students will observe and assess the literacy development and needs of elementary literacy learners.
- 4. Students will plan literacy lessons that demonstrate an understanding of the children's spelling and writing development.
- 5. Students will survey technological tools, print materials, and other resources for teaching writing.
- 6. Students will describe the literacy needs of diverse learners, including English Language Learners and students with other special needs, and they will adapt lesson plans to meet these needs.
- 7. Students will explore and explain the role of families, communities, and schools in children's literacy learning.
- 8. Students will demonstrate an understanding of the knowledge, skills, and processes necessary for teaching writing, including attention to form, purpose, audience, grammar, punctuation, spelling and syntax.
- 9. Students will understand and be able to facilitate oral language development, including speaking, listening, and learning of "standard English" by speakers of other languages and dialects.
- 10. Students will demonstrate an understanding of the structure of the English language.
- 11. Students will demonstrate an understanding of the unique needs of students who have special needs in the area of literacy and language development.
- 12. Students will demonstrate the ability to promote creative thinking and expression, as through writing, storytelling, drama, and choral/oral reading.
- 13. Students will demonstrate the ability to assess individual and group literacy needs in a classroom situation, and organize classroom instruction to facilitate the literacy development of all learners.

Learning	Assignments					
Outcome	_					
1	Guided Reading, Writing, Writing Presentation, Reading, Writing,					
	Spelling Analyses					
2	Hunts & Sorts, Guided Reading, Writing Lesson, Writing					
	Presentation					
3	Hunts & Sorts, Guided Reading, Writing Lesson, Reading, Writing,					
	Spelling Analysis					
4	Hunts & Sorts, Guided Reading, Writing Lesson, Reading, Writing,					
	Spelling Analysis					
5	Writing Lesson, Writing Presentation					
6	Hunts & Sorts, Guided Reading, Writing Lesson					
7	Reading, Writing, Spelling Analyses					
8	Writing Lesson, Writing Presentation					
9	Hunts & Sorts, Guided Reading					
10	Hunts & Sorts, Guided Reading, Writing Lesson, Reading, Writing,					
	Spelling Analyses					
11	Hunts & Sorts, Guided Reading, Writing Lesson					
12	Writing Lesson, Writing Presentation, Writing Lesson, Reading,					
	Writing, Spelling Analyses					
13	Hunts & Sorts, Guided Reading, Writing Lesson, Reading, Writing,					
	Spelling Analyses					

RELATIONSHIP TO PROGRAM GOALS AND PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS:

This course addresses priorities in the GSE master plan including literacy, technology, and diversity. It is designed as an integral component of the Elementary Program for teachers of grades PK-6, and meets state and national guidelines and standards. This course will build closely upon themes taught in the first literacy course and will integrate ideas from other elementary methods courses. It addresses standards from the following professional organizations: Interstate New Teacher Assessment and Support Consortium (INTASC); International Society for Technology in Education (ISTE) National Educational Technology Standards (NETS); the Virginia State Technology Standards for Instructional Personnel; and International Reading Association (IRA) Standards for Literacy Professionals and Paraprofessionals.

PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS:

Standards: INTASC (http://www.dpi.state.nc.us/pbl/pblintasc.html)

INTASC	Assignments				
1. Learner Development	Guided Reading Group, Hunts and Sorts, Reading, Writing, Spelling				
	Analysis, Writing Lesson				
2. Learning Differences	Guided Reading Lessons, Hunts and Sorts, Writing Lesson, Writing				
	Presentation, Reading, Writing, Spelling Analysis				
3. Learning Environments	Guided Reading Group, Hunts and Sorts, Writing Lesson				
4. Content Knowledge	Guided Reading Lessons, Hunts and Sorts, Reading, Writing, Spelling				
	Analysis, Writing Lesson, Writing Presentation				
5. Application of Content	Guided Reading Group, Hunts and Sorts, Writing Lesson, Writing				
	Presentation				
6. Assessment	Guided Reading Group, Reading, Writing, Spelling Analysis, Writing				
	Presentation				
7. Planning	Guided Reading Group, Hunts and Sorts, Reading, Writing, Spelling				

	Analysis, Writing Lesson, Writing Presentation		
8. Instructional Strategies	Guided Reading Group, Hunts and Sorts, Writing Lesson		
9. Professional Learning and Ethical	Writing Presentation, Reading, Writing, Spelling Analysis		
Practice			
10. Leadership and Collaboration	Writing Presentation, Reading, Writing, Spelling Analyses		

Standards: ISTE NETS (http://cnets.iste.org/teachstand.html)

ISTE NETS	ASSIGNMENTS
I. Technology Operations and Concepts	Writing Lesson
II. Planning and Designing Learning Environments	Reading, Writing, Spelling Analysis
and Experiences	
III. Teaching Learning and the Curriculum	Writing Lesson
VI. Social, Ethical, Legal, and Human Issues	Writing Lesson

Standards: IRA (http://www.reading.org/resources/issues/reports/professional_standards.html)

I. Foundational Knowledge	Guided Reading Lessons, Hunting and Sorting, Writing Lesson,		
	Writing Presentations, Reading, Writing, Spelling Analysis		
II. Instructional Strategies and Curriculum	Guided Reading Groups, Hunting and Sorting, Writing Lesson,		
Materials	Writing Presentations, Reading, Writing, Spelling Analysis		
III. Assessment, Diagnosis and Evaluation	Guided Reading Group, Reading, Writing, Spelling Analysis		
IV. Creating a Literate Environment	Guided Reading Group, Hunting and Sorting, Writing Lesson,		
	Writing Presentation		

REQUIRED TEXTS:

Bear, D. R., Invernizzi, M., Templeton, S., Johnston, F. (2012). Words their way: Word study for phonics, vocabulary, and spelling instruction. (5th edition). Upper Saddle River, NJ: Merrill. (WTW) *from 555

Fountas, I. C. & Pinnell, G. S. (2001). *Guiding readers and writers Grades 3-6*. Portsmouth, NH: Heinemann. (**GRW**) *from 555

Routman, R. (2005). Writing essentials: Raising expectations and results while simplifying teaching. Portsmouth, NH: Heinemann. (RR)

Zarillo, J. (2007). Are you prepared to teach reading? A practical tool for self-assessment. Columbus, OH: Pearson. (**Z**) *from 555

COURSE ASSIGNMENTS:

All assignments are to be completed by the date listed in the syllabus. Written work will not be accepted after the due date unless prior arrangements have been made with the instructor.

Hunts and Sorts	DUE 10/16	20%
Guided Reading Lessons	DUE 10/30	20%
Writing Lesson	DUE 11/20	20%
Writing Book Club and presentation	Variable DUE Dates	15%
Reading, Writing, Spelling Analysis	DUE 12/4	25%

A = 94-100%B = 80-87%

A = 90-93%C = 77-79%

B+ = 88-89%F = below 70%

Hunts and Sorts

Due 10/16

Outcomes 3, 4, 6, 10

Students will plan and implement two hunts and two sorts. After implementation, students will write a reflection, evaluating the success of the activities. More information will be provided in class.

Evaluation

Activities will be evaluated based on consistency with instructional methods taught in the course, appropriate developmental design, coherence of writing, and mechanics. Reflections will be evaluated for ability to apply knowledge gained in readings and in class (references required); coherence of writing; and mechanics.

Guided Reading Lessons

Due 10/30

Outcomes 3, 9, 11, 13

Students will plan and implement instruction for a guided reading group. Students will be required to teach a minimum of two lessons. Additional information will be provided.

Evaluation

Guided reading lessons will be evaluated based upon thoroughness and ability to apply knowledge gained in readings and in class. Written plans are one quarter of the grade. Post implementation critical reflections are the other three quarters. Reflections will be evaluated for ability to apply knowledge gained in readings and in class (references required); coherence of writing; and mechanics.

Writing Lesson Outcomes 5, 6, 8, 12 **Due 11/20**

Students will plan and implement a writing lesson incorporating technology in their placement. The focus should be on shared and/or interactive writing. The lesson will be videotaped and uploaded to Edthena. Reflections on the lesson will be posted. A summary reflection will be submitted. Additional information will be provided in class.

Evaluation

The lesson plan is one quarter of the grade and will be evaluated based on adherence to the Elementary Program lesson plan format; consistency with instructional methods taught in the course; appropriate rationale provided; specification of objectives as related to state and national standards; appropriate match between assessment of learning and learning objectives. The post implementation reflection is the other three quarters. Reflections will be evaluated for ability to apply knowledge gained in readings and in class (references required); coherence of writing; and mechanics.

Outcomes 1, 2, 4, 8, 13

Book Club and Presentation Variable Due Dates Outcomes 1, 2, 4, 8, 13
Students will form a book club and select a text from the list provided. Read and discuss the text in book club format. The group will select material to be presented to the class using an appropriate presentation format.

Selections:

Anderson, C. (2000). How's it going A practical guide to conferring with student writers? Portsmouth, NH: Heinemann. (due 12/11)

Culham, R. (2003). 6 + 1 Traits of writing: The complete guide (Grades 3 and up). NY: Scholastic. (due 10/23)

Culham, R. (2005). 6 + 1 Traits of writing: The complete guide for the primary grades. NY: Scholastic. (due 10/23)

Fletcher, R. (1996). A writer's notebook: Unlocking the writer within you. HarperCollins. (due 11/13)

AND

- Fletcher, R. (1996). *Breathing in, breathing out: Keeping a writer's notebook.* Portsmouth, NH: Heinemann. (due 11/13)
- Harvey, S. (1998). Nonfiction matters: Reading, writing, and research in grades 3-8. Stenhouse. (due 11/20)
- Heard, G. & McDonough, J. (2009). A place for wonder: Reading and writing nonfiction in the primary grades. Stenhouse. (due 11/20)
- Helman, L. (2012). *Literacy instruction in multilingual classrooms*. NY: Teachers College Press. (due 10/9)
- McCarrier, A., Pinnell, G.S., Fountas, I.C. (2000). *Interactive writing: How language and literacy come together*, *K-2*. Portsmouth, Heinemann. (due 10/24)
- Wood Ray, K. (2006). Study driven: A framework for planning units of study in the writing workshop. Portsmouth, NH: Heinemann. (due 12/4)

Evaluation

The presentation will be evaluated based on content presented and appropriateness of format.

Reading, Writing, Spelling Analysis Due 12/4 Outcomes 3, 7, 8, 10,13

This is the **P**erformance **B**ased **A**ssessment for EDCI 555 and EDCI 556. Each student should select a child to read with frequently in order to gather data on the child's reading ability, level, strategy use, and comprehension. Written analysis will include instructional decisions, as well as when and how that instruction would be provided.

Each student should also collect at least three writing samples (e.g., one each from September, October, and November) from the target child. Based on these samples, students will prepare an assessment of the child's writing ability, including ideas for further instruction.

Spelling should be evaluated based on the writing samples as well as information from the qualitative spelling inventory. Instructional decisions should be outlined, including implementation.

Additional information will be provided in class.

Evaluation

Accuracy of assigning developmental level and appropriateness of instructional suggestions based on information from class discussions and texts will determine grade.

BLACKBOARD REQUIREMENTS

Every student registered for any Elementary Education course with a required performance-based assessment is required to submit this assessment, Reading, Writing, Spelling Analysis to BlackBoard (regardless of whether a course is an elective, a onetime course or part of an undergraduate minor.) Evaluation of the performance-based assessment by the course instructor will also be completed in BlackBoard. Failure to submit the assessment to BlackBoard will result in the course instructor reporting the course grade as Incomplete (IN). Unless the IN grade is changed upon completion of the required BlackBoard submission, the IN will convert to an F nine weeks into the following semester.

GMU Policies and Resources for Students

- a. Students must adhere to the guidelines of the George Mason University Honor Code [See http://academicintegrity.gmu.edu/honorcode/].
- b. Students must follow the university policy for Responsible Use of Computing [See http://universitypolicy.gmu.edu/1301gen.html].
- c. Students are responsible for the content of university communications sent to their George Mason University email account and are required to activate their account and check It regularly. All communication from the university, college, school, and program will be sent to students solely through their Mason email account.
- d. The George Mason University Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS) staff consists of professional counseling and clinical psychologists, social workers, and counselors who offer a wide range of services (e.g., individual and group counseling, workshops and outreach programs) to enhance students' personal experience and academic performance [See http://caps.gmu.edu/].
- e. Students with disabilities who seek accommodations in a course must be registered with the George Mason University Office of Disability Services (ODS) and inform their instructor, in writing, at the beginning of the semester [See http://ods.gmu.edu/].
- f. Students must follow the university policy stating that all sound emitting devices shall be turned off during class unless otherwise authorized by the instructor.
- g. The George Mason University Writing Center staff provides a variety of resources and services (e.g., tutoring, workshops, writing guides, handbooks) intended to support students as they work to construct and share knowledge through writing [See http://writingcenter.gmu.edu/].

Professional Dispositions

Students are expected to exhibit professional behaviors and dispositions at all times. http://cehd.gmu.edu/assets/docs/forms/secondary_ed/sec_ed_handbook.pdf

Core Values Commitment

The College of Education & Human Development is committed to collaboration, ethical leadership, innovation, research-based practice, and social justice. Students are expected to adhere to these principles. http://cehd.gmu.edu/values/

Emergency Procedures

You are encouraged to sign up for emergency alerts by visiting the website https://alert.gmu.edu. There are emergency posters in each classroom explaining what to do in the event of crises. Further information about emergency procedures exists on http://www.gmu.edu/service/cert

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR LICENSURE COMPLETION

Student Clinical Practice: Internship Requirements

Testing

Beginning with Spring 2015 internships, **all** official and passing test scores must be submitted and in the Mason system (i.e. Banner/PatriotWeb) by the internship application deadline. Allow a minimum of six weeks for official test scores to arrive at Mason. Testing too close to the application deadline means scores will not arrive in time and the internship application will not be accepted.

Required tests:

Praxis Core Academic Skills for Educators Tests (or qualifying substitute) VCLA

Praxis II (Content Knowledge exam in your specific endorsement area) For details, please check http://cehd.gmu.edu/teacher/test/

Endorsements

Please note that ALL endorsement coursework must be completed, with all transcripts submitted and approved by the CEHD Endorsement Office, prior to the internship application deadline. Since the internship application must be submitted in the semester prior to the actual internship, please make an appointment to meet with the Endorsement Specialist and plan the completion of your Endorsements accordingly.

CPR/AED/First Aid

Beginning with spring 2015 internships, verification that the Emergency First Aid, CPR, and Use of AED Certification or Training requirement must be submitted and in the Mason system (i.e. Banner/PatriotWeb) by the application deadline. Students must submit one of the "acceptable evidence" documents listed at http://cehd.gmu.edu/teacher/emergency-first-aid to CEHD Student and Academic Affairs. In order to have the requirement reflected as met in the Mason system, documents can be scanned/e-mailed to CEHDacad@gmu.edu or dropped-off in Thompson Hall, Suite 2300.

Background Checks/Fingerprints

All local school systems require students to complete a criminal background check through their human resources office (<u>not</u> through George Mason University) **prior to beginning field hours and internship**. Detailed instructions on the process will be sent to the student from either the school system or Mason. Students are **strongly advised** to disclose any/all legal incidents that may appear on their records. The consequence of failing to do so, whether or not such incidents resulted in conviction, is termination of the field hours or internship.

Please Note

Your G-Number must be clearly noted (visible and legible) on the face of the document(s) that you submit.

Application

The internship application can be downloaded at http://cehd.gmu.edu/teacher/internships-field-experience

Deadlines

Spring internship application:

Traditional: September 15

Fall internship application:

Traditional: February 15

Year Long Internship: April 1 (All testing deadlines are August 1 immediately preceding the fall start; RVE deadline is December 1)

For additional information on the College of Education and Human Development, Graduate School of Education, please visit our website [See http://gse.gmu.edu/]

PROPOSED CLASS SCHEDULE

DAT	E	ASSIGNMENTS DUE	
9/4	Introduction – Syllabus and Assignments Synchrony of Reading, Writing, and Word Knowledge		
9/11	Word Study - Principles and Approaches Developmental approach to word knowledge	WTW chs 1 & 2 GRW chs 1 & 2	
9/18	Understanding and assessing children's letter and word knowledge	WTW chs 3 & 4 GRW chs 18 & 20 Zarillo ch 7	
9/25	Word Knowledge Phonological/ phonemic awareness/Phonics	WTW chs 5 & 6 GRW chs 3, 19, & 22	
10/2	Word Study Vocabulary	WTW chs 7 & 8 Zarillo ch 9	
10/9	Multilingual learners Book club presentation - Helman	GRW special features	
10/16	Getting to know ourselves as writers Writing development Writing to, with, by	RR chs 1, 2, & 3 Hunts and Sorts due	
10/23	Talk before writing Assessment Book club presentation – Culham	RR ch 10 GRW ch 28 Zarillo chs 13 & 14	
10/30	What is interactive writing? Getting started - Elements of Interactive writing Book club presentation – McCarrier, Pinnell, & Fountas	IW selected chs Guided Reading due	

11/6 What is shared writing? RR chs 4 & 5 Shared writing article 11/13 The workshop environment RR chs 6, 7, & 8 Writers' notebooks GRW ch 25 **Book Club Presentation – Fletcher** 11/20 Balancing the workshop RR chs 11 & 12 and other writing Writing Lesson due **Book Club Presentation - Wood Ray** 12/4 Writing by GRW ch 5 Independent writing RR ch 9 **Book Club Presentations - Harvey/Heard** 12/11 Conferring ***Reading, Writing, Spelling

Learning to listen **Book Club Presentation - Anderson**

Analysis due

12/18 Putting it all together Reviewing a Comprehensive Elementary Literacy Program Course feedback

EDCI 556 Fall 2015 Yearlong **DUE December 11, 2014**

Guidelines for READING, WRITING, SPELLING ANALYSIS (EDCI 555 and 556 PBA)

This assignment requires you to apply your knowledge of literacy development and literacy content through an in depth assessment of one child's literacy and the instructional program you would implement for that child based on the assessment. This analysis is the performance-based assessment for both literacy classes (EDCI 555 and EDCI 556).

As you begin your new placement, select a target child. Between now and the beginning of December you will assess the child's reading, writing, and spelling ability.

Reading: create opportunities to listen to the child read. Keep a log of when you read together. Gather data on the child's reading ability, including level, fluency, self correction rate, strategy use, and comprehension. You may use anecdotal records, running records, interviews, discussions, reading inventories or any other form of assessment you see fit. You will present a snapshot of the child's reading ability at one point in time. Supporting documents should be attached as appendices and cited in the text. Include a research-based instructional plan.

Writing: collect at least three writing samples. Be sure they are dated. The samples should include different types of writing. Avoid having all three be from the same source (e.g., 3 journal entries or 3 prompted stories). Based on these samples you will assess the child's writing ability. This will include the developmental level as well as specific examples of their strengths in form, function, and process. Supporting documents should be attached as appendices and cited in the text. Include a research-based instructional plan.

Spelling: Based on writing samples collected, information from the qualitative spelling inventory, and other observational data, identify the student's developmental spelling level as well as the word study strategies the student uses. Supporting documents should be attached as appendices and cited in the text. Include a research-based instructional plan.

Evaluation

Diversity of assessments used, accuracy of developmental levels assigned and appropriateness of instructional suggestions based on content from class discussions and references will determine grade. See scoring rubric.

Assessment Rubric for Reading, Writing, Spelling Analysis EDCI 555 & 556 Performance Based Assessment

Criteria	Excellent (5) met	Satisfactory (4,3) met	Developing (2,1) unmet	Unsatisfactory (0) unmet	Weighted Score
Complete Introduction of the student is included.	Additional pertinent information is included.	Physical, environmental & social characteristics are described	One or more of the characteristics about the child is missing.	Lacks a description of the child.	X.10 = (assessment)
The Reading Analysis includes evidence of multiple assessments and cites references and appendices.	Multiple references, assessments & appendices support the analysis in each area.	Assessments/appendices are fully referenced and incorporated in the text.	Appendices are included but not incorporated in the text.	Lacks references or appendices to support reading analysis.	X .05 = (assessment/ ACEI 3.1)
The Reading Analysis includes evidence of child's level, fluency, strategy use and comprehension.	Each area contains varied & multiple examples/forms of evidence.	Detailed description and evidence of strengths and needs in each area are included.	Description lacks detail or evidence in one or more areas.	Lacks a reading analysis.	X .10 = (development/ ACEI 4.0)
The Reading Instructional Plan is developmentally appropriate and pedagogically sound.	Instructional plan addresses all strengths & weaknesses.	Instructional plan addresses a number of aforementioned strengths and needs.	Instructional plan fails to address child's specific reading needs.	Lacks a reading instructional plan specific to the child.	X .10 = (content/ ACEI 2.1)
The Writing Analysis includes evidence of multiple assessments and cites references and appendices.	Multiple references, assessments & appendices support the analysis in each area.	Assessments/appendices are fully referenced and incorporated in the text.	Appendices are included but not incorporated in the text.	Lacks references or appendices to support writing analysis.	X .05 = (assessment/ ACEI 3.1)
The Writing Analysis includes evidence of child's level, strengths in form, function, and process.	Each area contains varied & multiple examples/forms of evidence.	Detailed description and evidence of strengths and needs in each area are included.	Description lacks detail or evidence in one or more areas.	Lacks a writing analysis.	X .10 = (development/ ACEI 4.0)
The Writing Instructional Plan is developmentally appropriate and pedagogically sound.	Instructional plan addresses all strengths & weaknesses.	Instructional plan addresses a number of aforementioned strengths and needs.	Instructional plan fails to address child's specific writing needs.	Lacks a writing instructional plan specific to the child.	X .10 = (content/ ACEI 2.1)
The Spelling Analysis includes evidence of multiple assessments and cites references and appendices.	Multiple references, assessments & appendices support the analysis in each	Assessments/appendices are fully referenced and incorporated in the text.	Appendices are included but not incorporated in the text.	Lacks references or appendices to support spelling analysis.	X .05 = (assessment./ ACEI 3.1)

	area.				
The Spelling Analysis includes evidence of child's level and strategy use.	Each area contains varied & multiple examples/forms of evidence.	Detailed description and evidence of strengths and needs in each area are included.	Description lacks detail or evidence in one or more areas.	Lacks a spelling analysis.	X.05 = (development/ACEI 4.0)
The Spelling Instructional Plan is	Instructional plan addresses	Instructional plan addresses a number of	Instructional plan fails to address	Lacks a spelling instructional plan	X .10 =
developmentally appropriate and	all strengths &	aforementioned	child's specific	specific to the	(content/ ACEI
pedagogically sound.	weaknesses.	strengths and needs.	spelling needs.	child.	2.1)
Conclusion synthesizing the analysis is included.	Conclusion includes & supports predictions for student's success.	Conclusion synthesizes analyses with instructional plans.	Conclusion lacks synthesis.	Lacks a conclusion.	X .10 = (assessment/ ACEI 3.1
Mechanics: The paper is coherent,	Paper is error free.	Paper contains 1-5 errors.	Paper contains 6-9 errors.	Paper contains 10 or more errors.	X .10 =
proof read, well-organized, error free	nec.	Citors.	CITOIS.	of more citors.	(content/ACEI
and adheres to APA format.					2.1)
Total Weighted Score					