

College of Education and Human Development Division of Special Education and disAbility Research

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EDSE 557 626: Foundations of Language and Literacy for Diverse Learners CRN: 21104, 3 – Credits

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Note: This syllabus may change according to class needs. Teacher Candidates/Students will be advised of any changes immediately through George Mason e-mail and/or through Blackboard.

Course Description

Examines complexity of language acquisition and literacy development. Focuses on typical and atypical language development, connections between language and literacy, and diversity of communication styles in families, and cultures. Emphasizes first and second language acquisition.

Prerequisite(s): None **Co-requisite(s):** None

Advising Contact Information

Please make sure that you are being advised on a regular basis as to your status and progress through your program. Mason M.Ed. and Certificate teacher candidates/students should contact the Special Education Advising Office at (703) 993-3670 for assistance. All other teacher candidates/students should refer to their faculty advisor.

Advising Tip

Have you met with an advisor? All students should make an appointment to meet with an advisor to outline a plan for completing coursework and non-course requirements such as

testing. To make an appointment by phone or in person, go to http://gse.gmu.edu/special-education/advising/.

Course Delivery Method

Learning activities include the following:

- 1. Class lecture and discussion
- 2. Application activities
- 3. Small group activities and assignments
- 4. Video and other media supports
- 5. Research and presentation activities
- 6. Electronic supplements and activities via Blackboard

Learner Outcomes

Upon completion of this course, teacher candidates/students will be able to:

- 1. Describe language development and emergent literacy skills
- 2. Describe the nature, function, and rules of language.
- 3. Describe disorders and deviations in language and related areas.
- 4. Demonstrate an understanding of components of literacy acquisition, including sound/symbol relationships, explicit phonics instruction, syllables, phonemes, and morphemes.
- 5. Demonstrate an understanding of how syntax and semantics interact in the construction of meaning in literacy and its relationship to reading comprehension.
- 6. Demonstrate an understanding of the relationship of on-going assessment and the planning of reading instruction.
- 7. Identify and implement a variety of early reading comprehension strategies
- 8. Identify and implement strategies and activities that foster an appreciation of a variety of literature and independent reading;
- 9. Demonstrate knowledge of best practices and strategies in reading instruction for teacher candidates/students with severe disabilities

Course Relationship to Program Goals and Professional Organizations

This course is part of The Virginia Consortium for Teacher Preparation in Special Education Adapted Curriculum, a grant from the Virginia Department of Education that includes George Mason University, Virginia Commonwealth University, Radford University, Norfolk State University, Old Dominion University, and James Madison University. Through the completion of the Adapted Curriculum Consortium program, students are eligible for teacher licensure in the Commonwealth of Virginia in the area of Special Education — Adapted Curriculum K-12. This program complies with the standards for teacher licensure established by the Council for Exceptional Children (CEC), the major special education professional organization. This program complies with the standards for teacher licensure established by the Council for Exceptional Children (CEC), the major special education professional organization, as well as those established by the Interstate Teacher Assessment and Support consortium (InTASC). The standards addressed in this class include CEC Standard 1: Learner Development and Individual Learning Differences (InTASC 1,2) & CEC Standard 5: Instructional Planning and Strategies (InTASC 7,8).

Required Textbooks

Cunningham, P.M., Hall, D.P. & Sigmon, C. M. (1999). *The Teacher's Guide to the Four Blocks*. Greensboro, NC: Carson-Dellosa Publishing Company, Inc.

Copeland, S.R. & Keefe, E.B (2007). *Effective Literacy Instruction for Students with Moderate or Severe Disabilities*. Baltimore: Paul H. Brookes Publishing

Downing, J.E. (2005). Teaching Literacy to Students with Significant Disabilities. Corwin Press.

Recommended Textbooks

American Psychological Association. (2010). Publication manual of the American Psychological Association (6th ed.). Washington, DC: Author.

Erickson & Koppenhaver, <u>Children w/Disabilities: Reading & Writing the Four-Blocks Way.</u> Carson-Dellosa Publishing Co,

Required Resources

Additional Readings

As assigned

Course Performance Evaluation

Students are expected to submit all assignments on time in the manner outlined by the instructor (e.g., Blackboard, Tk20, hard copy).

Tk20 Performance-Based Assessment Submission Requirement

It is critical for the special education program to collect data on how our students are meeting accreditation standards. Every teacher candidate/student registered for an EDSE course with a required Performance-based Assessment (PBA) is required to upload the PBA to Tk20 (regardless of whether a course is an elective, a one-time course or part of an undergraduate minor). A PBA is a specific assignment, presentation, or project that best demonstrates one or more CEC, InTASC or other standard connected to the course. A PBA is evaluated in two ways. The first is for a grade, based on the instructor's grading rubric. The second is for program accreditation purposes. Your instructor will provide directions as to how to upload the PBA to Tk20.

For EDSE 557, the required PBA is Literacy Case Study Project. Failure to submit the assignment to Tk20 will result in reporting the course grade as Incomplete (IN). Teacher candidates/students have until five days prior to the University-stated grade change deadline to upload the required PBA in order to change the course grade. When the PBA is uploaded, the teacher candidate/student is required to notify the instructor so that the "IN" can be changed to a grade. If the required PBA is not uploaded five days prior to the University-stated grade change deadline and, therefore, the grade not changed, it will become an F. Please check to verify your ability to upload items to Tk20 before the PBA due date.

Assignments

Performance-based Assessment (Tk20 submission required)

1. **Literacy Case Study 100 points** - This is a signature assignment for our program: Using actual observations of a target student, readings from class, class lectures, and your weekly reflections and PPTs, describe your target student and their literacy history and develop a literacy plan. Write up this case study in an 8-10 page paper (minimum) using APA formatting and referencing. On the last night of class, you will present Part II The literacy plan in a final PPT presentation. **This assignment must be uploaded to Blackboard and to Taskstream.**

The case study should specifically address each major component from lectures and readings. These include:

Part One: Literacy History

- a. Literacy experience and FAPE- barriers to literacy for your student and the impact of literacy/lack of access to literacy and literacy instruction on your student's life and educational history (5 pts.)
- b. Literacy and communication the relationship between literacy and communication and how this has impacted your student's life. (5 pts.)
- c. A summary of your student's literacy skills using the literacy assessment framework. (5 pts.)

Part Two: Literacy Plan

- a. Identify a range of literacy activities you will put in place in your classroom and for your student for the next school year. (25 pts.)Use the three components described by Browder:
 - i. Access/engagement with a range of literature (include titles of the some of the texts you will introduce/use)
 - ii. Functional reading/writing within chronologically age appropriate functional activities
 - iii. Instruction in reading and writing skills potential vocabulary to be taught, and how you will address phonological awareness and phonics, comprehension and fluency, and writing
- b. Create a literacy goal for your student and include specific instructional strategies you intend to use during literacy instruction. (20 pts.)
- c. Evaluating progress- How will you evaluate the progress of your student? Be sure to link your evaluation to the IEP and VAAP. (10 pts.)
- d. AT- What assistive technologies will you incorporate into your literacy instruction for your student? (10 pts.)

College Wide Common Assessment (Tk20 submission required)

You will upload your literacy plan for this as well.

Performance-based Common Assignments (No Tk20 submission required.)

None

Other Assignments

In Class Assignments: 20 points each for a total of 100 points possible

There will be a total of 6 (six) in class assignments throughout the course. They may be writing assignments, reading checks, an in class group "project" or other assignment. Each of the assignments are worth up to 20 points. This equals 120 points. The lowest in class assignment grade will be dropped for a possible 100 points total. **In class assignments can NOT be made up**. The highest 5 in class assignments will be added up to equal one grade worth up to 100 points.

Lesson Plans: Five lesson plans at 20 points each for a total of 100 points possible

As we cover the 4 blocks of writing you will be asked to turn in 1-2 lesson plans per block. Each lesson plan is worth 20 points. Each lesson plan has a different due date. Detailed descriptions of the directions for each lesson plan is found on blackboard under the assignments tab.

Poster Presentation and Write up: 50 points possible

After you have written your case study, you will create a poster on which you will highlight the following:

- 1. Description of your student
- 2. Literacy History/ current level
- 3. Your literacy plan (an outline including the goal)
- 4. Your rationale for the plan

During the final class session, we will conduct a poster presentation session. Your poster is worth 35 points.

During the poster session, you will fill out a "what I learned" form detailing what you personally learned from the poster presentations of your classmates. You may complete the form electronically and submit a copy to me by the end of the class session or you may use a paper copy. Paper copies will be Xeroxed so that you may keep a copy and I can grade a copy. The completed "what I learned" form is worth 15 points

Course Policies and Expectations Attendance/Participation

Students are expected to attend all class sessions during the course. As adult learners, you make personal decisions about enacting professional responsibilities, including those as a student. Students are expected to arrive on time and stay for the duration of class time. Attendance, timeliness, and professionally relevant, respectful and active participation are expected. Attendance and professional

participation at all sessions is very important because all of the activities in class are planned in such a way that they cannot be recreated outside the class session.

Since many of the classes involve activities, videotapes, discussion, etc., regular attendance is vital to gain maximum benefit. This class is designed to be interactive and rigorous. This is so your learning is optimized. Your attendance in class is important and *required*. If you are absent, your class activity grade for that date will be 0. **In class Activities may NOT be made up**. Please contact the instructor if you know ahead of time that you will not be in class on a particular day due to illness or an emergency.

In the unlikely event that you are not able to attend, it is your responsibility to make arrangements to obtain notes, handouts, and lecture details from another student. Students who are absent are held responsible for the material covered including assignment discussions/clarifications/explanations and assignments given and due. It is your responsibility to arrange with another student for collection of materials and to promptly obtain class notes, handouts, lecture details, explanations of content, and procedures/assignments, etc

Late Work

All assignments must be submitted on or before the assigned due date and time. In fairness to students who make the effort to submit work on time, 5% of the total assignment points will be deducted from your grade for late assignments <u>each day the assignment is late</u>.

Grading Scale

93 - 100% = A

90 - 92% = A

Note: The George Mason University Honor Code will be strictly enforced. Students are responsible for reading and understanding the Code. "To promote a stronger sense of mutual responsibility, respect, trust, and fairness among all members of the George Mason University community and with the desire for greater academic and personal achievement, we, the student members of the university community, have set forth this honor code: **Student members of the George Mason University community pledge not to cheat, plagiarize, steal, or lie in matters related to academic work.**" Work submitted <u>must</u> be your own or with proper citations (see http://oai.gmu.edu/the-mason-honor-code/).

$$80-89\% = B$$

$$70 - 79\% = C$$

< 70 = F

Professional Dispositions

Students are expected to exhibit professional behaviors and dispositions at all times.

Core Values Commitment

The College of Education and 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/

GMU Policies and Resources for Students

Policies

- Students must adhere to the guidelines of the Mason Honor Code (see http://oai.gmu.edu/the-mason-honor-code/).
- Students must follow the university policy for Responsible Use of Computing (see http://universitypolicy.gmu.edu/policies/responsible-use-of-computing/).
- Students are responsible for the content of university communications sent to their Mason 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.
- Students with disabilities who seek accommodations in a course must be registered with George Mason University Disability Services. Approved accommodations will begin at the time the written letter from Disability Services is received by the instructor (see http://ods.gmu.edu/).
- Students must follow the university policy stating that all sound emitting devices shall be silenced during class unless otherwise authorized by the instructor.

Campus Resources

- Support for submission of assignments to Tk20 should be directed to tk20help@gmu.edu or https://cehd.gmu.edu/api/tk20. Questions or concerns regarding use of Blackboard should be directed to http://coursessupport.gmu.edu/.
- 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/).
- 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/).

The George Mason University Office of Student Support staff helps students negotiate life situations by connecting them with appropriate campus and off-campus resources. Students in need of these services may contact the office by phone (703-993-5376). Concerned students, faculty and staff may also make a referral to express concern for the safety or well-being of a Mason student or the community by going to http://studentsupport.gmu.edu/, and the OSS staff will follow up with the student.

For additional information on the College of Education and Human Development, please visit our website https://cehd.gmu.edu/.

Class Schedule

Note: Faculty reserves the right to alter the schedule as necessary, with notification to students.

Date	Topic	Assignments due by class	Readings
		time on this date	These should be completed prior to class.
3/27	Course overview	none	none
	Why literacy?		
4/3	Online class – see details on blackboard in content folder	Proposal for Literacy plan	 Downing ch 1 Copeland & Keefe chapter 1 & 6
4/10	Spring break no class		
4/17	Four Blocks overview – guided reading;		 Cunningham, Hall & Sigmon Overview, Guided Reading
4/24	Sight words & vocabulary – working with words	Guided reading lesson plan due	 Copeland & Keefe chapter 4, 5 & 7 Cunningham, Hall & Sigmon Working with Words
5/1	Phonics – working with words	Sight word lesson plan due	Downing chapter 4Copeland & Keefe Chapter 9
5/8	Writing	Phonics lesson plan due	 Article: The art of Teaching Writing Copeland & Keefe chapter 8 Cunningham, Hall & Sigmon Writing
5/15	Self-selected reading and Literacy across the day/ organizing your literacy instruction	Writing lesson plan due	 Cunningham, Hall & Sigmon Overview, self-selected reading Copeland & Keefe chapter 3 Downing chapter 2
5/22	Case study presentations & final notes on literacy	Case study due	 Copeland & Keefe chapter 2 Downing chapter 3 & 5 Copeland & Keefe chapter 10, 11

Assessment Rubric(s)The rubrics are also posted in Blackboard.

EDSE 557 Literacy Case Study (Rev. 7.12)

EDSE 557 Literacy Case Study (Rev. 7.12)				
	Does Not Meet	Meets	Exceeds	Score/Level
_	Expectations	Expectations	Expectations	
Learner	Candidate	Candidate	Candidate	
Description	provides	provides	provides	
	incomplete	demographic and	demographic and	
CEC/ICC	demographic and	background	background	
Standard 1	background	information	information	
	information	related to the	related to the	
	related to the	target learner's	target learner's	
	target learner's	physical, sensory,	physical, sensory,	
	physical, sensory,	and/or medical	and/or medical	
	and/or medical	needs as well as	needs as well as	
	needs as well as	academic needs	academic needs	
	academic needs	and levels of	and levels of	
	and levels of	support.	support.	
	support.			
		Candidate	Candidate	
	Candidate fails to	accurately	accurately	
	accurately	discusses the	discusses the	
	discuss the	educational	educational	
	educational	impact of the	impact of the	
	impact of the	learner's	learner's	
	learner's	exceptionality	exceptionality	
	exceptionality	and current	and current	
	and current	physical, sensory,	physical, sensory,	
	physical, sensory,	and/or medical	and/or medical	
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	moderate to	severe	severe	
	severe	exceptional	exceptional	
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	incomplete	impact of the	impact of the	
	discussion of the	learner's	learner's	
	educational	moderate to	moderate to	
	impact of the	severe	severe	
	learner's	exceptionality	exceptionality	
	moderate to	and the effect	and the effect	
	severe	that these	that these	
	exceptionality	conditions can	conditions can	
	and the effect	have on the	have on the	
	that these	learner's life.	learner's life.	
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	have on the		Candidate gives a	
	learner's life.		detailed and	
			thorough view of	
			learner's	
			reading/literacy	
			skills and	
			provides an	
			extensive	
			discussion of the	
			educational	
			impact that	
			clearly justifies	
			the need for the	
			development of	
			planned	
			instruction.	
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	Standard 1: Learner Develo	opment and Individual Learn		
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		g learning experiences for in		
	exceptionalities.			
	Key Element: 1.1 Beginning special educa	ation professionals understa	nd how language, culture.	
	and family background inf	luence the learning of individ		
	Key Element: 1.2 Beginning special education			
	and individual differences to respond to the needs of individuals with exceptionalities.			
Literacy History:	Candidate fails to	Candidate	Candidate	
Literacy	discuss the	discusses the	discusses the	
Experience	impact of	impact of	impact of	
	learner's	learner's	learner's	
	moderate to	moderate to	moderate to	
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	Expectations	Expectations	Expectations	
CEC/ICC	severe	severe	severe	
Standards 1 & 5	exceptionality on	exceptionality on	exceptionality on	
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	Specifically,	Specifically,	Specifically,	
	candidate	candidate	candidate	
	provides an	outlines barriers	outlines barriers	
	incomplete	to literacy and	to literacy, with a	
	outline of the	discusses the	focus on language	
	barriers to	personal and	development and	
	literacy and	educational	reading	
	discusses the	impact of lack of	comprehension	
	personal and	or restricted	and discusses the	
	educational	access to literacy	personal and	
	impact of lack of	environments	educational	
	or restricted	and the full range	impact of lack of	
	access to literacy	of literacy	or restricted	
	environments	instruction for	access to literacy	
	and the full range	learners with	environments	
	of literacy	moderate to	and the full range	
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	exceptionalities.			
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		luence the learning of individ	duals with exceptionalities.	
	Key Element: 1.2 Beginning special educations	ation professionals use unde	rstanding of development	
	and individual differences	to respond to the needs of in		
	exceptionalities. Standard:			
	Standard 5: Instructional F	Planning and Strategies - 5.0		
		lect, adapt, and use a reperto advance learning of individua		
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	5.1 Beginning special educa	ation professionals consider	an individual's abilities,	
		ments, and cultural and ling d adaptation of learning exp		
	with exceptionalities.	. 01		
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	5.2 Beginning special educ	ation professionals use techr	ologies to support				
	instructional assessment, planning, and delivery for individuals with						
	Key Element:	exceptionalities. Key Flement:					
		ation professionals are famil	iar with augmentative and				
		systems and a variety of ass					
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	5.4 Beginning special educ	ation professionals use strate					
		ication skills of individuals v	vith exceptionalities				
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	education and transition p	lans for individuals with exce	eptionalities across a wide				
		ent learning experiences in o	collaboration with				
	individuals, families, and to Key Element:	eams.					
		ation professionals teach to	mastery and promote				
	generalization of learning.						
	Key Element: 5.7 Beginning special educa	ation professionals teach cro	ss- disciplinary knowledge				
	and skills such as critical th	ninking and problem solving					
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Communication	personal and	personal and	discusses the				
Communication	educational	educational	personal and				
CEC/ICC	impact of the	impact of the	educational				
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	between literacy	between literacy	relationship				
	and	and	between literacy				
	communication	communication	and				
	for learners with	for learners with	communication				
	moderate to	moderate to	for learners with				
	severe	severe	moderate to				
	disabilities.	disabilities.	severe				
			disabilities.				
	Candidate	Candidate					
	provides an	outlines	Candidate				
	incomplete	strategies to	outlines a clear				
	outline of	support and	plan for the				
	strategies to	enhance	instruction of a				
	support and	communication	range of				
	enhance	for learners with	strategies to				
	communication	moderate to	support and				
	for learners with	severe disabilities	enhance				
	moderate to	including	communication				
	severe disabilities	augmentative or	for learners with				
	including	assistive	moderate to				
	augmentative or	communication	severe disabilities				
	assistive	strategies or	including				
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	communication	devices.	augmentative or				

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		opment and Individual Lear on professionals understand		
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	with exceptionalities. Key Element:			
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	support the communicatio	n and learning of individuals		
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	generalization of learning. Key Element:			
	5.7 Beginning special education professionals teach cross- disciplinary knowledge			
	and skills such as critical the exceptionalities.	hinking and problem solving	g to individuals with	
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Communication	incomplete	effect of cultural	specific effects of	
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	Expectations	Expectations	Expectations			
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Standards 1 & 5	(family	native language	background,			
	background,	and culture) on	native language			
	native language	the growth and	and culture) and			
	and culture) on	development	establishes a			
	the growth and	related to	clear link to the			
	development	communication	growth and			
	related to	and emergent	development as			
	communication	literacy for	related to			
	and emergent	learners with	communication			
	literacy for	moderate to	and emergent			
	learners with	severe	literacy for			
	moderate to	disabilities.	learners with			
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	disabilities.		severe			
			disabilities.			
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	Standard: Standard 1: Learner Develo	opment and Individual Learr	ning Differences - 1.0			
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	instructional strategies to a	education professionals select, adapt, and use a repertoire of evidence-based instructional strategies to advance learning of individuals with exceptionalities.				
	Key Element: 5.1 Beginning special educa	ation professionals consider	an individual's abilities.			
	interests, learning environ	ments, and cultural and ling	uistic factors in the			
	selection, development, an with exceptionalities.	d adaptation of learning exp	eriences for individual			
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	range of settings and differ			
	individuals, families, and teams. Key Element: 5.6 Beginning special education professionals teach to mastery and promote generalization of learning. Key Element: 5.7 Beginning special education professionals teach cross- disciplinary knowledge and skills such as critical thinking and problem solving to individuals with			
Literacy Goal	exceptionalities. Candidate	Candidate	Candidate	
Literacy Goal	develops literacy	develops age-and	develops age-and	
CEC/ICC	instructional	ability-	ability-	
Standard 5			• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	
Staliual u J	goals based that	appropriate	appropriate	
	are not age-and	literacy	literacy	
	ability-	instructional	instructional	
	appropriate or	goals based on	goals based on	
	does not address	need and level of	need and level of	
	the need and	functioning of	functioning of	
	level of	learners with	learners with	
	functioning of	moderate to	moderate to	
	learners with	severe	severe	
	moderate to	disabilities.	disabilities.	
	severe		Candidate also	
	disabilities.		uses assessment	
			data to inform	
			functional,	
	Standards		literacy goals.	
	Preparation Star Standard: Standard 5: Instructional F education professionals sel instructional strategies to a Key Element: 5.1 Beginning special educa interests, learning environs selection, development, an with exceptionalities. Key Element: 5.2 Beginning special educa instructional assessment, p exceptionalities. Key Element:	l Level Special Ed ndards (2013) Planning and Strategies - 5.0 lect, adapt, and use a reperte advance learning of individuation professionals consider ments, and cultural and ling d adaptation of learning explantion professionals use technolanning, and delivery for individuation professionals are familians.	Beginning special bire of evidence-based als with exceptionalities. an individual's abilities, uistic factors in the periences for individual nologies to support dividuals with	
	alternative communication support the communication Key Element: 5.4 Beginning special educ development and commun Key Element: 5.5 Beginning special educ education and transition pl	n systems and a variety of ass in and learning of individuals ation professionals use strat dication skills of individuals wation professionals develop lans for individuals with exc tent learning experiences in	sistive technologies to s with exceptionalities. regies to enhance language with exceptionalities and implement a variety of eptionalities across a wide	

	Does Not Meet	Meets	Exceeds	Score/Level
	Expectations	Expectations	Expectations	
	Key Element: 5.6 Beginning special educe generalization of learning. Key Element: 5.7 Beginning special educe and skills such as critical the exceptionalities.			
Literature	Candidate			
Engagement	integrates limited	Candidate integrates a range	Candidate integrates a range	
Lingagement	range of	of literature,	of literature,	
CEC/ICC	literature,	including	including	
Standard 5	including	specialized	specialized	
Staridard	specialized	materials, into	materials, into	
	materials, into	the literacy	the literacy	
	the literacy	instruction	instruction	
	instruction or	according to the	according to the	
	does not select	characteristics of	characteristics of	
	literature	the learners with	the learners with	
	according to the	moderate to	moderate to	
	characteristics of	severe	severe	
	the learners with	disabilities.	disabilities.	
	moderate to		Candidate selects	
	severe		literature that	
	disabilities.		reflects cultural,	
			linguistic, and	
			gender diversity.	
	Standards			
		Level Special Ed	ucator	
	Preparation Sta	ndards (2013)		
	Standard: Standard 5: Instructional F	Planning and Strategies - 5.0	Beginning special	
	education professionals sel	lect, adapt, and use a reperto	oire of evidence-based	
	instructional strategies to a Key Element:	advance learning of individua	als with exceptionalities.	
	5.1 Beginning special educa	ation professionals consider		
		ments, and cultural and ling d adaptation of learning exp		
	with exceptionalities.	a adaptation of learning exp	cricinees for marvidual	
	Key Element:	ation professionals use techr	pologies to support	
		planning, and delivery for inc		
	exceptionalities.			
	Key Element: 5.3 Beginning special educ	ation professionals are famil	iar with augmentative and	
	alternative communication			
	Key Element:	n and learning of individuals	s with exceptionalities.	
	5.4 Beginning special educ	ation professionals use strate		
	development and commun Key Element:	ication skills of individuals v	with exceptionalities	
	5.5 Beginning special educ	ation professionals develop a		
		lans for individuals with exco ent learning experiences in o		
	individuals, families, and t		TOTAL OF WILLI	

	Does Not Meet	Meets	Exceeds	Score/Level
-	Expectations	Expectations	Expectations	
	generalization of learning. Key Element: 5.7 Beginning special educand skills such as critical the	ation professionals teach to nation professionals teach cro ninking and problem solving	ss- disciplinary knowledge	
Reading/Writing Instruction CEC/IIC Standard 5	5.7 Beginning special educand skills such as critical thexceptionalities. Candidate fails to develop an ageand ability-appropriate instructional plan that addresses a) specific reading and writing skills within and across curricula, and b) language development including phonological awareness and phonics, vocabulary, listening and reading comprehension and fluency. Candidate fails to select and adapts instructional strategies and materials according to characteristics of the learners with moderate to severe exceptional learning needs.	Candidate develops an age- and ability- appropriate literacy instructional plan that addresses a) specific reading and writing skills within and across curricula, and b) language development including phonological awareness and phonics, vocabulary, listening and reading comprehension and fluency. Candidate selects and adapts instructional strategies and materials according to characteristics of the learners with moderate to severe exceptional learning needs.	Candidate develops an age-and ability-appropriate instructional plan that addresses a) specific reading and writing skills within and across curricula, and b) language development including phonological awareness and phonics, vocabulary, listening and reading comprehension and fluency. Candidate selects and adapts instructional strategies and materials according to characteristics of the learners with moderate to severe exceptional learning needs. Candidate describes instructional	
	the learners with moderate to severe exceptional	characteristics of the learners with moderate to severe exceptional	the learners with moderate to severe exceptional learning needs. Candidate describes	

	Does Not Meet	Meets	Exceeds	Score/Level
	Expectations	Expectations	Expectations	
			plan for	
			utilization of	
			augmentative	
			communication	
			strategies and	
			devices to	
			facilitate	
			communication	
			and	
			comprehension	
			of instructional	
	a. • •		content.	
	Standards			
		Level Special Ed	ucator	
	Preparation Star	ndards (2013)		
	Standard: Standard 5: Instructional F	Planning and Strategies - 5.0	Beginning special	
	education professionals sel	lect, adapt, and use a reperto	ire of evidence-based	
	instructional strategies to a Key Element:	ndvance learning of individua	als with exceptionalities.	
	5.1 Beginning special educa	ation professionals consider		
		ments, and cultural and ling d adaptation of learning exp		
	with exceptionalities.	a adaptation of learning exp	cricinees for marviaga	
	Key Element:	ation professionals use techr	pologies to support	
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	exceptionalities.			
	Key Element: 5.3 Beginning special educations	ation professionals are famil	iar with augmentative and	
	alternative communication	systems and a variety of ass	istive technologies to	
	support the communication Key Element:	n and learning of individuals	with exceptionalities.	
	5.4 Beginning special educ	ation professionals use strate		
	development and commun Key Element:	ication skills of individuals v	vith exceptionalities	
	3	ation professionals develop a	and implement a variety of	
		lans for individuals with exce		
	individuals, families, and to	ent learning experiences in c eams.	collaboration with	
	Key Element:			
	5.6 Beginning special education of learning.	ation professionals teach to	mastery and promote	
	Key Element:			
	5.7 Beginning special educa			
	and skills such as critical thinking and problem solving to individuals with exceptionalities.			
Data Collection	Candidate	Candidate	Candidate	
	provides an	outlines plan for	outlines plan for	
CEC/IIC	incomplete or	data collection	data collection	
Standard 5	partial outline for	within the	within the	
	data collection	instructional	instructional	
	within the	literacy plan.	literacy plan.	
	instructional	Candidate	Candidate	

Does Not Meet Expectations	Meets Expectations	Exceeds Expectations	Score/Leve
literacy plan.	discusses plan to	discusses plan to	
	evaluate and	evaluate and	
Candidate fails to	modify	modify	
discuss a plan to	instructional	instructional	
evaluate and	practices in	practices in	
modify	response to	response to	
instructional	ongoing	ongoing	
practices in	assessment data.	assessment data.	
response to			
ongoing		Candidate	
assessment data.		describes an	
		assessment plan	
		which makes	
		responsive	
		adjustments to	
		instruction based	
		on continual	
		observations.	

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Standard:

Standard 5: Instructional Planning and Strategies - 5.0 Beginning special education professionals select, adapt, and use a repertoire of evidence-based instructional strategies to advance learning of individuals with exceptionalities.

Key Element:

5.1 Beginning special education professionals consider an individual's abilities, interests, learning environments, and cultural and linguistic factors in the selection, development, and adaptation of learning experiences for individual with exceptionalities.

Key Element:

5.2 Beginning special education professionals use technologies to support instructional assessment, planning, and delivery for individuals with exceptionalities.

Key Element:

5.3 Beginning special education professionals are familiar with augmentative and alternative communication systems and a variety of assistive technologies to support the communication and learning of individuals with exceptionalities.

Key Element:

5.4 Beginning special education professionals use strategies to enhance language development and communication skills of individuals with exceptionalities

Key Element:

5.5 Beginning special education professionals develop and implement a variety of education and transition plans for individuals with exceptionalities across a wide range of settings and different learning experiences in collaboration with individuals, families, and teams.

Key Element:

5.6 Beginning special education professionals teach to mastery and promote generalization of learning.

Key Element:

5.7 Beginning special education professionals teach cross- disciplinary knowledge and skills such as critical thinking and problem solving to individuals with exceptionalities.

	Does Not Meet	Meets	Exceeds	Score/Level
	Expectations	Expectations	Expectations	
Assistive	Candidate fails to	Candidate	Candidate	
Technology	incorporate	incorporates	incorporates a	
Car	appropriate	appropriate	range of	
CEC/IIC	assistive	assistive	appropriate low	
Standard 5	technology and	technology and	tech and high	
	augmentative	augmentative	tech assistive	
	communication	communication	technology and	
	devices, tools	devices, tools	augmentative	
	and/or strategies	and/or strategies	communication	
	within literacy	within literacy	devices, tools	
	instruction that	instruction based	and/or strategies	
	are specifically	on the needs of	within literacy	
	based on the	learners with	instruction based	
	needs of learners	moderate to	on the needs of	
	with moderate to	severe	learners with	
	severe	disabilities.	moderate to	
	disabilities.		severe	
			disabilities. These	
			technology	
			options support	
			the student in	
			reaching criterion	
			for the identified	
			literacy goals as	
			well as improving	
			student's	
			behavior,	
			independence	
			level and/or	
			social	
			functioning.	
	Standards			
	USA- CEC Initial			
	Preparation Star			
	Standard: Standard 5: Instructional I			
	education professionals se			
	instructional strategies to a Key Element:			
	5.1 Beginning special educa			
	interests, learning environ			
	selection, development, an with exceptionalities.			
	Key Element:			
	5.2 Beginning special educ instructional assessment, p			
	exceptionalities.			
	Key Element:			

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5.3 Beginning special educal alternative communication support the communication Key Element: 5.4 Beginning special educadevelopment and communication Key Element: 5.5 Beginning special education and transition plarange of settings and differ individuals, families, and to Key Element: 5.6 Beginning special education of learning. Key Element: 5.7 Beginning special education of learning.	ation professionals are familial systems and a variety of assonant and learning of individuals ation professionals use strate ication skills of individuals wation professionals develop a lans for individuals with except the arming experiences in contract of the systems.	ar with augmentative and istive technologies to with exceptionalities. egies to enhance language with exceptionalities and implement a variety of eptionalities across a wide ollaboration with mastery and promote ess- disciplinary knowledge	