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

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EDSE 503: Language Development and Reading
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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.

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

Course Description
Identifies literacy skills for typical and atypical students, and describes reading, language, and writing instruction for students with mild disabilities who access the general curriculum. Explores emergent literacy skills, phonemic awareness, vocabulary development, and comprehension. Note: Field experience required. Offered by Graduate School of Education. May not be repeated for credit.
Registration Restrictions:
Enrollment limited to students with a class of Advanced to Candidacy, Graduate, Non Degree or Senior Plus.
Enrollment is limited to Graduate, Non-Degree or Undergraduate level students.
Students in a Non-Degree Undergraduate degree may not enroll.
Schedule Type: Lecture

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 scheduled your RVE test? Students who need RVE for their program are encouraged to take it after completing the EDSE 503 course. Check your program plan or talk with your advisor to find out if you need RVE for your program.

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 emergent literacy skills, including concepts about print, phonemic awareness, phonics, syntactical forms of language, vocabulary, and pragmatics.
2. Describe how stages of language development for typical students and students with learning disabilities, emotional disturbance, and mild intellectual disabilities (high-incidence disabilities) impact reading and writing development of these students.
3. Describe the rules (e.g., spelling patterns, syllables, morphemes) of language, the forms (e.g., syntax, writing, speaking, listening, spelling) of language, and the functions (e.g., pragmatics, semantics) of language and its relationship to reading comprehension.
4. Identify distinctions between language delay/disorders of students with high-incidence disabilities and language differences of students with cultural and linguistic backgrounds.
5. Describe the five components of reading identified by the National Reading Panel (phonemic awareness, phonics, vocabulary, fluency, comprehension), and evidence-based practices for the specialized reading and writing instruction delivered to students with high-incidence disabilities.
6. Describe diagnostic decision making based on assessments (e.g., informal reading inventories, running records, and curriculum-based assessments) which monitor the ongoing progress of students, and the design and delivery of a balanced approach for students' specialized reading and writing instruction.
7. Describe evidence-based practices to effectively differentiate literacy instruction for elementary and secondary students with and without high-incidence disabilities.

Course Relationship to Program Goals and Professional Organizations
This course is part of the George Mason University, Graduate School of Education (GSE), Special Education Program for teacher licensure in the Commonwealth of Virginia in the special education areas of Special Education: Students with Disabilities who Access the General 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, 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 3: Curricular Content Knowledge (InTASC 4,5); CEC Standard 4: Assessment (InTASC 6) & CEC Standard 5: Instructional planning and strategies (InTASC 7,8).

Evidence-Based Practices
This course will incorporate the evidence-based practices (EBPs) relevant to the five essential elements of reading, language, and informal literacy assessments. Evidence for the selected research-based practices is informed by meta-analysis, literature reviews/synthesis, the technical assistance networks which provide web-based resources, and the national organizations whose mission is to support students with disabilities. We address both promising and emerging practices in the field of special education. This course will provide opportunities for teacher candidates/students to take an active, decision-making role to thoughtfully select, modify, apply, and evaluate EBPs in order to improve outcomes for students with disabilities.

Required Textbooks
Berkeley, S. & Barber, A.T. (2015). *Maximizing effectiveness of reading comprehension instruction in diverse classrooms.* Baltimore, MD: Paul H. Brookes Publishing.

Fox, B. (2013). *Phonics and word study for the teacher of reading* (11th ed.). Boston, MA: Pearson.

Jennings, J.H., Caldwell, J.S., & Lerner, J.W. (2014). *Reading problems assessment and teaching strategies* (7th ed.). Boston, MA: Pearson.

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

Required Resources
  1.) Required Access to Course Blackboard Site

  Blackboard (Bb) will be used to post important information for this course. Plan to access the Bb site several times per week; announcements and resources are posted on the Bb site in between class sessions. You are responsible for accessing the materials – for printed copies, etc. prior to class. You will use the site: http://courses.gmu.edu and click the Login tab. Your Login and password is the

same as your George Mason e-mail login. Once you enter, select the EDSE 503 course. The first night of class all handouts will be provided. After the first night, all handouts will be posted by Sunday evening before Tuesday's class. Students are responsible for downloading these handouts or printing hard copies for use in class from the second class onwards.

Starting September 5th, be sure to come to class prepared with the week's handouts electronically downloaded or as hard copies (whichever works best for you)!

2.) Language Modules Website
During the semester, students will be asked to access 3 online language modules through http://ttaconline.org . The purpose of these modules is for students to gain a greater understanding of language development through online narrated presentations that guide learners through key concepts in language development.

Additional Readings
National Institute for Literacy. (2001). *Put Reading First: The Research Building Blocks for Teaching Children to Read. Kindergarten through Grade 3.* Retrieved August 12, 2016, from https://www.nichd.nih.gov/publications/pubs/prf_k-3/Documents/PRFbooklet.pdf

The Dynamic Indicators of Basic Early Literacy Skills (DIBELS)
http://dibels.uoregon.edu/

Course Requirements
Requirements of this course include readings, from your textbook and professional journal articles, and activities, which include in-class individual and group work, as well as independent assignments outside of class. The goal of all work for this course is to increase your knowledge and skills about teaching reading and language to students with disabilities.

The required NCATE assignment for this course is the reading assessment report that will assist you in learning and understanding the implementation of a comprehensive informal reading assessment program with a student with a disability. You will need to submit this assignment to TK20. There are several other forms of assessment implemented in this class, including both formative and summative evaluation measures. Students are expected to complete all forms of class assessment and final grading will be based on the cumulative points that students *earn* based on their performance on all course assessments. Student performance on assignments is expected to be both timely and of high quality.

The Early Language Development Application Paper, Group Presentation, and Reading Assessment Lesson Follow Up should be submitted via the Blackboard Digital Assignments Tab. All assignments should be submitted by the start of class on the due date (7:20PM). Assignments should not be submitted by GMU email unless there is an emergency technical issue with Blackboard. In the case of an emergency, submit your

assignment to the Instructor's Blackboard email account. Assignments that are not submitted at the appropriate time **_are late_**. Paper copies of assignments (i.e., for the Reading Assessment Report and the Fox text) turned in during class should be given to the professor at the beginning of the class session on which they are due. The reading assessment report must also then be submitted to TK20. Assignments not submitted at the beginning of class **_are late_**. Late assignments will be accepted with a point deduction. All course assignments should be completed with graduate level use of content, grammar, spelling, and written expression clarity. If writing is an area of difficulty, you will need to visit the GMU Writing Center to work on these skills (http://writingcenter.gmu.edu).

Assignment Labeling Guidelines

Submitted assignments should be labeled with filenames that correspond to: **<your first initial your last name abbreviated form of the assignment's name**>. I will return graded assignments to you via Blackboard. It is suggested that you download and save all returned assignments, as well as corresponding evaluations and comments. Below is example labeling for submission of required assignments:

SRayLangDev – Early Language Development Application Paper (Blackboard)

SRayGrpPres – Group Presentation PowerPoint (Blackboard)

SRayLessFoll – Lesson Follow Up (Blackboard)

SRayReadRep – Reading Assessment Report (TK20)

Course Requirements Evaluation	
Assignment	**Points Earned/Total Points**
1. Attendance & Participation (1 pt. per class meeting, except for class with Leadership Role which is worth 2 pts.)	/15
2. Self-Paced Completion of Fox Text	/10
3. Early Language Development Application Paper	/15
4. Group Presentation	/15
*5. Reading Assessment Report	/30
6. Reading Assessment Lesson Follow Up	/10
7. Final Exam	/5
Total # of points earned	**/100**

***TK20 SUBMISSION REQUIRED**

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 503, the required PBA is Informal Reading Assessment & Educational Assessment Report Case Study. 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.

Performance-based Assessment (Tk20 submission required)

Assignments and/or Examinations

<u>Informal Reading Assessment Administration and Educational Assessment Report</u> – *Due November 14th* **(30 points)**

This assignment requires you to select a student with a disability with whom you will implement a comprehensive sequence of tasks representing excellent practices in assessment and data-based decision making for instruction. You will be required to demonstrate that you understand how exceptionalities may interact with development and learning, and that you have knowledge of evidence based instructional strategies for advancing the learning of individuals with exceptionalities. Directions and rubric are in the Appendix of this syllabus.

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

Self-Paced Completion of Fox Text – *Due November 28th* (10 points)

To teach reading and language effectively, teachers must be proficient in phonics themselves. The Fox text is a tool that will familiarize you (if you were originally taught to read using a whole language approach) or refamiliarize you (if you were originally taught to read using a phonics approach) with many of the core phonics and structural analysis rules. While a portion of each class will be dedicated to phonics-based skills for emphasis and review, you will need to independently complete the Fox (2013) self-instruction textbook outside of class. We will complete the pretest and posttest in class, and then you will work on the self-paced exercises in the text. For a part to be considered complete, you will need to fill-in the blanks of all exercises in that part, as well as the review questions at the end of that part. The within-text exercise completion will reinforce the phonics skills you are learning about in the text as you write while reading. To receive full credit, all sections of Parts I-VI must be completed. *Parts VII and VIII can be completed for an additional .25 point each (.5 point total) for your final grade.*

Final Exam – *Due December 5th* (5 points)

The final exam will include multiple-choice and application items and short-essay questions that cover assigned readings and class lectures. In addition, the final exam will include items related to the Fox self-study for the entire semester AND the Reading for Virginia Educators (RVE) assessment.

Field Experience Requirement

A field experience is a part of this course. A field experience includes a variety of early and ongoing field-based opportunities in which candidates may observe, assist, and/or tutor. Field experiences may occur in off-campus settings, such as schools (CAEP, 2016). Below are REQUIRED PROCEDURES FOR ALL STUDENTS ENROLLED IN THS COURSE.

1. **Complete the online EDSE Field Experience form**. This online form will be sent to your GMU email from EDSEfld@gmu.edu on the first day of the semester. Click on the link and complete the form as soon as possible. ALL students should complete the form, regardless of whether you need assistance in locating a field experience placement or not. This information is required by the state. Please direct any questions about the form to Dr. Kristen O'Brien at EDSEfld@gmu.edu.

   If you are arranging your own field experience because you are a full-time contracted school system employee and will complete the field experience at your worksite, you will be asked to specify the school at which you will be completing the field experience.

If you request a field experience placement to be arranged, you will receive information via your GMU email account about your assigned internship placement from the Clinical Practice Specialist in the College's Educator Preparation Office (EPO). Check your GMU email regularly for important information regarding your field experience. Follow all instructions for the necessary Human Resource (HR) paperwork required to access the assigned field experience placement.

2. **View the EDSE Field Experience Introduction presentation**. On the first week of classes and prior to representing George Mason in off-campus settings, your instructor will show a video presentation or provide a link to the presentation, which includes important information about the registration process for EDSE field experiences and tips for a successful field experience. After the presentation, sign the document provided by your instructor to indicate that you have watched the presentation and are aware of the EDSE field experience professionalism expectations.

3. **Document your field experience hours**. Your instructor will provide you with access to field experience documentation forms to use. There are two different field experience documentation forms – one for those completing field experience at their worksite and one for those completing field experiences in other classroom settings (e.g., GMU arranged a placement for you). Use the form that is most appropriate for your field experience placement. Your instructor will provide more directions on how to use and submit the documentation form.

4. **Complete the field experience end-of-semester survey**. Towards the end of the semester, you will receive an email from EDSEfld@gmu.edu with a link to an online survey. This brief survey asks you to report about important features of your field experience placement.

Other Assignments

Attendance and Participation - *Weekly* **[1 point per class (with the exception being the Leadership Role class which is worth 2 points) for a total of 15 points]**

In general terms, attendance points are earned based on the Attendance Policy described in the Policies section of this syllabus. More specifically, Points for class attendance and participation are positively impacted by:

a. attending class and being psychologically available to learn,
b. completing and handing in weekly class assignments,

c. participating in class discussions/activities throughout the semester,
d. thoughtfully contributing to class discussions,
e. listening to the ideas of other peers, respectively, and
f. demonstrating an enthusiasm for learning,
g. successfully facilitating assigned group work activities, which may include guided questioning and problem solving roles,
h. and taking initiative and leadership in class discussions, which may include leading class discussions on assigned sections of specific content.

Points are negatively affected by being late to class, demonstrating a disinterest in the material/discussions (e.g., reflection activities, small group activities, discussions, etc.), failure to guide your group's collaborative work or take leadership roles on assigned content, and/or absences. Also, please display digital etiquette during class sessions. Use of laptops may be used to observe the class PowerPoints/materials, specifically. **Additionally, the use of electronic devices that produce sound or otherwise interfere with the learning of others (i.e., cell phones, pagers, etc.) is prohibited during class. Please turn these devices off or to vibrate before the start of class.**

Specific Attendance Points: Each class (13 sessions): .5 = psychologically invested, prepared, and present; .25 = participation, thoughtful contributions, completed in-class assignments, and .25 = actively guiding group discussions towards thoughtful work completion and presenting assigned content in a knowledgeable and reflective manner.

During one class session, you will be asked to take a Leadership Role in the class by guiding a discussion on one part of the assigned text reading from the previous week. For this one class, additional attendance points can be earned. This assignment does not require any written work being turned in to the instructor but simply means that you will have read the specific section of text, and gone beyond and referenced some outside information on that section of text, for which you are leading the discussion. You will come prepared with 3-5 "thinking" questions (open-ended critical thinking type questions) that ask your peers to think about the content they have read and synthesize their own thoughts and ideas on it to be shared in a discussion format.

Leadership Role Class: An extra point will be assigned for the discussion led based on: .5 = preparation of open-ended discussion questions on assigned text section; .5 = thoughtful and respectful guidance provided during discussion.

Early Language Development Application Paper – *Due October 31st* (15 points)

An understanding of the key terminology and concepts underlying language development is essential for an educator's foundation for teaching language and reading in the classroom. To this end, students will first complete three online language modules that can be accessed through http://ttaconline.org . The titles of the three modules are: *Oral Language Development, Language Foundations*

Part I; *Oral Language Development, Typical Development Part II; and Oral Language Development: Developing Speech & Language Skills in the Classroom Part III.* In cases of technology issues, students will have the option to read two language development chapters posted on the class website in lieu of viewing the modules. Second, students will pick a language development topic of interest from one of the modules to conduct further research by using the GMU digital library to find one research study on the selected topic. Finally, students will write a 3-5 page application paper where:

- the topic of interest is clearly identified and connections to early language development is clearly developed;
- key ideas from the selected study and its relevance to the topic are highlighted (key ideas would include highlighting the study's purpose, basic research process, results, and connections to language development); and
- finally using both modules and study information to help synthesize the student's application ideas for practice in his/her own classroom or future classroom/practice.

Group Presentations – *Varying Weeks by Presentation Topic* (15 points)

On the second night of class, we will form small groups and each group will be matched with an area of reading (phonemic awareness, phonics, vocabulary, fluency, comprehension) to focus on throughout the semester. Each group will select 3 specific activities targeting their area of reading to present to the class. Your group will be responsible for delivering a 20-25 minute presentation session on an assigned night, which will coordinate with the topic of that evening's class. You will be given time in class to work on these presentations, but some outside of class time may also be needed. If you are a graduate student, you will be required to take a leadership role in weekly group meetings, as well as in terms of guiding the cohesiveness of the actual group presentation on the group's designated presentation night.

Two weeks prior to presenting, each member of your group will submit a one-page document specifying the roles of each member (intended and enacted) and a more elaborate account of his/her own contribution to the project. Including an assessment of group strengths or any weaknesses is strictly personal, not mandatory.

In terms of group functioning, some groups may prefer to designate a project manager whose role it is to coordinate the work, but a project manager is not required. Should you elect for a project manager, that person should be indicated in each member's "role" paper. Roles of "Researcher(s)" and "Presenter(s)" may be designated; however, details of these roles must be specific, described, and demonstrated if individuals take on specific roles such as these or others.

Your presentation should be active and engaging, demonstrating activities for peers in a dynamic way or actually engaging your peers in the activities in a hands-on manner. Elements that should be included are:

- A definition of the chosen area of reading (phonemic awareness, phonics, vocabulary, fluency, comprehension) from the National Reading Panel's 2000 report and all terminology surrounding this area.
- Identification of skills underneath that particular area of reading and a description of the purpose of those skills to the overall successful reading process
- A description of how the activities can be differentiated as well as made usable for English language learners.
- A description of 2-3 activities, which can be used to target this area of reading, which can be used easily with students with reading difficulties. Each activity needs to encompass at least one evidence-based practice for that area of reading.
- **Active demonstration/engagement of peers with at least two of the three activities for your designated area of reading is required.** Activities can take the form of innovative usage of typical classroom materials, be centers based, or use technology through computer, iPad, or other technology device
- A handout for the class of the most vital information on your reading activities for your peers (If you take any information directly from a specific source, you must cite it in your handout. Also, it is expected that while you will pull information from multiple sources, you will personalize the handout and make it your own, not just complete it as a "cut and paste."). ***Note – It should not be a copy of your PowerPoint slides, if you are using PowerPoint as your visual support.**
- At least one type of visual support (PowerPoint, etc.) to illustrate the major points of your presentation. One group member should submit an electronic copy used in the presentation prior to presenting and include the names of all participants.
- A bibliography (APA format) with at least three references, including one-reputable website is required. Bibliographies will be uploaded to Blackboard so others may share in your resources.

Reading Assessment Lesson Follow Up – *Due December 5th* **(10 points)**

Following the Reading Assessment Report, students will complete the lesson assignment, which includes a lesson plan designed for the target student of the Reading Assessment Report. Students will be asked to select the most significant area of reading need for their target K-12 student as determined through the assessment report, and select an evidence-based reading practice for application in a lesson with this student. A one page description of the selected reading intervention/practice, with at least two supporting sources (beyond the course text) must be included. The rest of the lesson plan will be completed using the lesson plan template provided by the instructor. Items included in the template will be the development of an IEP goal based on the target student's evidenced area of reading need; an instructional objective based on this goal for the specific lesson at hand; a listing of required materials for the lesson; descriptions of the introduction to the lesson and actual instruction to be provided; detailed information on how the lesson will be adapted to the particular needs of the target student; and an outline for progress monitoring.

Course Policies and Expectations
Attendance/Participation

Class attendance and participation are an important part of this class because of the technical nature of the information learned through the course. Attendance points are earned for each class to emphasize the importance of engaging in the learning activities and educational environment of the course. Students are expected to arrive on time, participate in all class discussions and activities, and stay until the end of class. Attendance will be maintained through the artifacts students produce during class through group and individual work. For full attendance credit during each class, students must not only attend the full class session, but actively participate, work cooperatively, and turn in high quality class products. If you are unable to make any class sessions during the semester, please contact the instructor by phone or e-mail **before** the class session where you will be absent. In the rare event of an emergency or severe sickness, each student is given 1 "grace" absence without a point penalty, **as long as the instructor is notified before the class session.** In this case, it is still the student's responsibility to make arrangements to obtain notes, handouts, and lecture details from another student. ***Attendance points missed for more than one absence or any absence without instructor contact before class cannot be made up!*** **Two or more unexcused absences may result in no credit for this course.**

Late Work

All assignments should be submitted *on or before* the assigned due date. **In fairness to students who make the effort to submit work on time, total assignment points will be deducted from your grade for late assignments.**

Late assignments will be accepted in the following manner for the Early Language Development Application Paper, Fox Text, and the Reading Assessment Report **(Note: No late work will be accepted for the Group Presentation, Final Exam, or Reading Assessment Lesson Plan Follow Up)**:

> ➢ **5% point deduction – up to 1 week late**
> ➢ **10% point deduction – 1-2 weeks late**
> ➢ **25% point deduction – 2 weeks late up through last class before exam**

Grading Scale

A	=	95-100%
A-	=	90-94%
B+	=	87-89%
B	=	80-86%
C+	=	77-79%

C   =   70-76%
         F   =   69% and below

*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 must be your own or with proper citations (see http://oai.gmu.edu/the-mason-honor-code/).

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

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

	COURSE SCHEDULE	
Date	**Topics**	**Assignments Due**
8/29	**Introductions and Icebreaker** **Syllabus and Course Expectations** **Online Signature Assignment "Student"** **Fox Pretest**	
9/5	**Group Formation and First Meetings** **A Historical Perspective** • Scientifically Based Reading Instruction (National Reading Panel, 2000; NCLB, IDEA) Five Domains of Reading* **Language Development** • Rules, Forms, and Functions of Language	**Jennings, Caldwell & Lerner** **(JCL)** **Ch. 1, 15**
9/12	**Language Development Continued** • Birth through the Preschool Years	Read *Put Reading First* https://www.nichd.nih.gov/publications/pubs/prf_k-3/Documents/PRFbooklet.pdf TTAC Unit 1
9/19	**Language & Literacy in the Beginning School Years** • Selecting/evaluating text for diverse learners; readability • Concepts of Print	**JCL –** **Read Chapter 2** TTAC Units 2 & 3
9/26	**Gathering Background Information** • Forms & Procedures for Obtaining Student Educational Histories **Collecting Diagnostic Information** • Informal Assessments • Informal Reading Inventory (IRI)* • Running Records; Miscue Analysis*	**JCL** **Read Chapters 4 & 5** Access and Review: *The Dynamic Indicators of Basic Early Literacy Skills (DIBELS)* http://dibels.uoregon.edu/ Please select the student that you will use for the case study by this date or let the instructor know if you will use

		the online assignment module.
10/3	**Informal Assessment through Progress Monitoring** • The Assessment Continuum • Reliability • Validity • Criterion-Referenced Assessment • Progress Monitoring in Reading	**JCL** **Read Chapters 4 & 5 Continued** **Phonemic Awareness Group Presentation Role Papers Due**
10/10	***Columbus Day – Holiday – No Class Meeting!* (Monday classes are meeting Tuesday)**	
10/17	**Systematic and Explicit Reading Instruction** • Systematic/Explicit Instruction* (I do, we do, you do) • Phonemic Awareness Instruction (detect, segment, blend, manipulate phonemes; rhyming; Elkonin boxes)*	**JCL** **Read Chapter 6** **Phonics Group Presentation Role Papers Due**
10/24	**Factors Affecting Early Literacy** • The Connection between Early Language Development & Phonemic Awareness/Phonological Awareness **Phonemic Awareness Group Presentation**	**JCL** **Read Chapter 7**
10/31	**Advanced Word Reading Strategies** • Multisyllabic Phonics Strategies (phoneme-grapheme correspondence; word analysis)* **Phonics Group Presentation**	**JCL** **Read Chapter 8** **Due Early Language Development Application Paper** **Fluency Group Presentation Role Papers Due**
11/7	**Writing Instruction in the Inclusive Classroom**	**JCL** **Read Chapter 13**

	• Nature and Organization of English orthography • Spelling Assessment • Writing Instruction	**Vocabulary Group Presentation Role Papers Due**
11/14	**The Dimensions of Fluency** • Fluency Instruction* (progress monitoring*) • Accuracy, speed, and prosody **Fluency Group Presentation** **Literacy & Diversity** • First Language Interference in Speech and Writing for English Language Learners	**JCL** **Read Chapters 9 & 14** **Due Reading Assessment Report** **Comprehension Group Presentation Role Papers Due**
11/21	**Vocabulary Instruction*** • Mnemonics* • Semantic maps* • Word meaning sorts **Vocabulary Group Presentation**	**JCL** **Read Chapter 10** **Berkeley & Barber** **Read Chapter 3**
11/28	**Comprehension Instruction*** • Graphic organizers* • Questioning strategies* • Self monitoring/metacognition* • Direct/explicit comprehension instruction – think aloud* **Comprehension Group Presentation** **Review for Final Exam** **Fox Post-test** **Course Evaluations**	**JCL** **Read Chapter 11** **Berkeley & Barber** **Read Chapter 5** **Due Fox Text**
12/5	**Final Exam**	**JCL** **Read Chapter 12** **Berkeley & Barber** **Read Chapter 6** **Due Reading Assessment Lesson Follow Up**

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 turned off 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/aero/tk20. Questions or concerns regarding use of Blackboard should be directed to http://coursessupport.gmu.edu/.

- The 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 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/).) to enhance students' personal experience and academic performance (see http://caps.gmu.edu/).

- The Student Support & Advocacy Center staff helps students develop and maintain healthy

lifestyles through confidential one-on-one support as well as through interactive programs and resources. Some of the topics they address are healthy relationships, stress management, nutrition, sexual assault, drug and alcohol use, and sexual health (see http://ssac.gmu.edu/). Students in need of these services may contact the office by phone at 703-993-3686. 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://ssac.gmu.edu/make-a-referral/.

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

Appendix

Assessment Rubric(s)

Assessment 7 (As required by the SPA): Informal Reading Assessment Administration and Educational Assessment Report (EDSE 503: Language Development and Reading)

GUIDELINES FOR THE INFORMAL READING ASSESSMENT ADMINISTRATION AND EDUCATIONAL ASSESSMENT REPORT ASSIGNMENT

This assignment requires you to select a student with a disability with whom you will implement a comprehensive sequence of tasks representing excellent practices in assessment and data-based decision making for instruction. You will be required to demonstrate that you understand how exceptionalities may interact with development and learning, and that you have knowledge of evidence based instructional strategies for advancing the learning of individuals with exceptionalities.

DIRECTIONS

You will use information from class lectures and assigned course text and readings to learn sound measurement principles and practices for administering and interpreting assessment results. You will then write an educational report of these findings along with instructional recommendations.

Assessment Administration

First, you will correctly administer, accurately score, and appropriately interpret a thorough literacy assessment in the following areas:

1. Student background significant to reading and writing development (including language, culture and family background as appropriate)

2. Oral language development (including how receptive and expressive language development may impact student performance in reading and/or writing)
3. Present levels of performance in reading and writing in the following areas:
    a. Decoding
    b. Fluency
    c. Comprehension
    d. Spelling

Assessment Report

Next, you will write a 4-5 page educational report that documents the findings from the assessments. This report should be written **as if it were a formal document for school record** *(not an academic paper).* That means that, it must be written with an audience of both educators AND parents in mind.

You should include the following sections in your report:

1. **Student Demographic Information**
   Present basic information about student (name, grade, age, disability)

2. **Student Background Information**
   Present a narrative description of the student's demographic and background information significant to reading and writing development (including language, culture and family background as appropriate).

3. **Oral Language Development**
   Present a narrative description of the student's oral language development and compare to typical language development for the respective grade. Consider how the student's expressive and receptive language (both oral and written) may be impacting the student's performance in reading and/or writing (including spelling).

4. **Assessment Information**
   Provide a general description of each assessment (Informal Reading Inventory and Developmental Spelling Assessment) including what kind of information can be obtained from the assessment and definition of related terminology.

5. **Informal Reading Inventory (IRI) Results**
   Present the results of each assessment area of the IRI. This should include: (a) a reporting of the results for each area within the assessment, and (b) an indication of whether this area

of reading is an area of concern.   For each assessment area (decoding, fluency, comprehension) provide a narrative error analysis of student strengths and weaknesses on the assessments given. <u>All completed assessment protocols must be attached to the final report.</u>

6. **Developmental Spelling Assessment (DSA) Results**
   Present results from the DSA. This should include a description of the identified spelling stage compared to typical development, and an error analysis of spelling features within that stage.

7. **Supplemental Assessment Results (or Recommendations)**
   Identify an area of literacy development where additional assessment may be needed to further understand an area of weakness found, or suspected, from the reading and spelling assessments administered.

8. **Assessment Summary**
   Provide an overall summary of the student's performance based on everything you have learned from all of the assessments. Provide a comparison to expectations for grade level for each area assessed, and then elaborate on any strengths and/or particular weaknesses the student may have.

9. **Recommendations for Accommodation**
   Consider the assessment results and make a judgement about whether the student is in need of accommodations to access and/or have positive learning results in general and special curricula.

10. **Recommendations for Instruction**
    Make recommendations for instruction based on each area of weakness identified from the assessments. Instructional recommendations should be evidence based and grade/age appropriate, and include adaptations to instruction if appropriate. Consider student identified interests, learning environments, and any cultural and linguistic factors when making your recommendations.

11. **Signature**
    Sign and date your report.

12. Disclaimer

Your report should include the following disclaimer: "This report is to be used for course requirements only. It should not be placed in a student's official file nor used to make decisions about a student's educational services."

Informal Reading Assessment Administration and Educational Assessment Report

	Does Not Meet Expectations 1	Meets Expectations 2	Exceeds Expectations 3
Student Background & Oral Language Development: **CEC/IGC Standard 1** Beginning special education professionals understand how exceptionalities may interact with development and learning and use this knowledge to provide meaningful and challenging learning experiences for individuals with exceptionalities.	Candidate produces a description of the target student's background that <u>fails</u> to show a clear understanding of: • the student's present level of performance relevant to literacy instruction, and/or • the potential impact of the target student's language proficiency on reading and writing development	Candidate produces a description of the target student's background (including language, culture, and/or family background) that shows a clear understanding of: • the student's present level of performance relevant to literacy instruction, and • the potential impact of the target student's language proficiency on reading and writing development	Candidate produces a detailed description of the target student's background (including language, culture, and/or family background) that shows a clear understanding of: • the student's present level of performance relevant to literacy instruction, and • the relationship between the target student's language proficiency and typical language development, and • the potential impact of the target student's language proficiency on reading and writing development
Reading & Writing Development: **CEC/IGC Standard 4**	• Candidate inaccurately administers and/or scores the results from technically sound	• Candidate correctly administers and accurately scores results from technically sound	• Candidate correctly administers and accurately scores results from technically sound informal reading and spelling inventories.

	Does Not Meet Expectations **1**	**Meets Expectations** **2**	**Exceeds Expectations** **3**
Beginning special education professionals use multiple methods of assessment and data sources in making educational decisions.	informal reading and spelling inventories to the extent that interpretation of the assessment results is impacted. • Candidate fails to identify an appropriate area of literacy development where additional assessment may be needed to further understand an area of weakness.	informal reading and spelling inventories. Minor errors that do not change interpretation of the assessment results may be present. • Candidate appropriately identifies an area of literacy development where additional assessment may be needed to further understand an area of weakness. Candidate may identify, develop, implement, and/or modify an appropriate curriculum based assessment to assess this area.	• Candidate appropriately identifies an area of literacy development where additional assessment may be needed to further understand an area of weakness. Candidate may identify, develop, implement, and/or modify an appropriate curriculum based assessment to assess this area.
Reading & Writing Development: **CEC/IGC Standard 4** Beginning special education professionals use multiple methods of assessment and data sources in making	• Candidate fails to use assessment information to identify applicable accommodations needed for the target student to access and/or have positive learning results in general and special curricula. Recommendations may be grounded in opinion rather	• Candidate uses assessment information to identify applicable accommodations needed for the target student to access and/or have positive learning results in general and special curricula.	• Candidate uses assessment information to identify applicable accommodations needed for the target student to access and/or have positive learning results in general and special curricula. Candidate provides a clear rationale for these recommendations that is grounded in assessment data.

	Does Not Meet Expectations **1**	**Meets Expectations** **2**	**Exceeds Expectations** **3**
educational decisions.	than assessment data.		
Instructional Recommendations: **CEC/IGC Standard 5** Beginning special education professionals select, adapt, and use a repertoire of evidence-based instructional strategies to advance learning of individuals with exceptionalities.	Candidate makes recommendations for reading and/or writing instruction that are: • not connected to the assessment results, and/or • that are not evidence based for students with exceptionalities.	Candidate makes recommendations for reading and/or writing instruction that: • are appropriate based on the assessment results for the target student, and • include evidence based instructional strategies appropriate for students with exceptionalities, including adaptations to instruction when appropriate.	Candidate makes recommendations for reading and/or writing instruction that: • are appropriate based on the assessment results for the target student, and may also consider student interests, learning environments, and/or cultural and linguistic factors, and • include evidence based instructional strategies appropriate for students with exceptionalities, including adaptations to instruction when appropriate, and • makes a clear connection between the assessment results and the recommended practices