# George Mason University College of Education and Human Development Graduate School of Education: Elementary Education Program (ELED)

# ELED 555 Section 002 Literacy Teaching and Learning in Diverse Classrooms, Part I, (3 credits) Spring 2024

4:30-7:10 Monday, Fairfax Campus West 1001

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**Prerequisites:** Admission to Elementary Education graduate program; must be taken in programmatic sequence.

University Catalog Course Description: Provides research-based introduction to literacy teaching and learning for younger children. Emphasizes language development; reading and writing processes; emergent literacy; culture, families, and literacy; and literacy integration in the curriculum. This course requires 15 hours of field observation.

Course Overview: This course addresses priorities in the GSE master plan including literacy, technology, and diversity. It is designed as an integral component of the new Elementary Program for teachers of grades PK-6, and meets new state and national guidelines and standards including Interstate New Teacher Assessment and Support Consortium (INTASC); International Society for Technology in Education, (ISTE); and International Reading Association (IRA) Standards for Literacy Professionals and Paraprofessionals. This course builds closely upon themes taught in the foundations courses and integrates ideas from other elementary methods courses.

**Course Delivery Method:** This face-to-face course includes multiple instructional strategies. Individual session formats will vary and may include lecture, small group/large group discussion, hands-on, interactive work, student presentations, and cooperative learning.

# **LEARNER OUTCOMES:**

This course is designed to enable students to:

- 1. Demonstrate an understanding of reading as a cognitive, sociocultural, psychological, and linguistic process.
- 2. Reflect on their own literacy learning histories and connect these to current theories of reading instruction.
- 3. Demonstrate an understanding of the structure of the English language and syntax.
- 4. Integrate children's literature across content areas (INTASC 1, 4, 5, 7)
- 5. Engage in book discussion to deepen knowledge about and appreciation of children's literature in conjunction with language arts content standards and the historical and cultural contexts within which the literature is situated (INTASC 4, 5, 8)
- 6. Be proficient in reading comprehension strategies for both fiction and nonfiction text, including questioning, predicting, inferencing, summarizing, clarifying, evaluating, and making connections.

- 7. Be proficient in explicit and systematic phonics instruction, including an understanding of sound and symbol relationships, syllables, phonemes, morphemes, word analysis, and decoding skills
- 8. Demonstrate the ability to assess individual and group reading needs in a classroom situation and organize classroom instruction to facilitate the literacy development of all learners.
- 9. 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. Observe, develop, and assess the reading development and needs of emergent literacy learners, including alphabetics, word recognition, concepts about print, concept of word, phonological awareness, phonemic awareness, and phonics.
- 11. Use formal and informal assessments as screening diagnostic, and progress monitoring measures for the components of reading: phonemic awareness, letter recognition, decoding, fluency, vocabulary, reading level, and comprehension
- 12. Use diagnostic data to inform instruction for acceleration, intervention, remediation, and differentiation
- 13. Understand the importance of promoting independent reading and reading reflectively by selecting quality literature, including fiction and non-fiction, at appropriate interest and reading levels.
- 14. Understand, possess, and integrate the knowledge, skills, dispositions, and processes needed to support learners' achievement in an interdisciplinary manner in Virginia's Foundation Blocks for Early Learning: Comprehensive Standards for Four-Year-Olds and the Virginia Standards of Learning in English, mathematics, history and social science, science, and computer technology.
- 15. Integrate English, mathematics, science, health, history and social sciences, art, music, drama, movement, and technology in learning experiences.
- 16. Plan reading instruction that demonstrates an understanding of connections between phonemic awareness, word recognition, fluency, accuracy, meaningful expression (prosody), comprehension strategies and proficient reading.
- 17. Plan reading instruction using strategies in literal, interpretive, critical, and evaluative comprehension.
- 18. Survey technological tools, print materials, and other resources for teaching reading and demonstrate understanding of appropriate classroom use.
- 19. Plan instruction that facilitates reading fluency, reading comprehension and vocabulary development across content areas.
- 20. Describe the literacy needs of diverse learners, including English Language Learners and students with specific reading disabilities, and they will adapt reading instruction to meet those needs.

## **PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS:**

Learning	InTASC Standards
Outcomes	
1	4, 5
2	1, 2, 4, 5
3	4, 5
4	4, 5, 7
5	4, 5
6	1, 4, 5
7	4, 5, 7, 8
8	1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8
9	1, 2, 4, 5, 7, 8
10	1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7

11	1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8
12	1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8
13	4, 5, 7, 8
14	3, 4, 5, 7
15	3, 4, 5, 7, 8
16	4, 5, 7, 8
17	4, 5, 7
18	1, 2, 4, 5, 8, 9
19	1, 2, 4, 5, 7, 8
20	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8

Upon completion of this course, students will have met the following professional standards:

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

INTASC	Assignments
1. Learner Development	Classwork; Weekly work; Field; Read Aloud Lesson; Assessment-driven,
1	Small Group Instruction
2. Learning Differences	Classwork: Weekly work; Field; Read Aloud Lesson; Assessment-driven,
_	Small Group Instruction
3. Learning Environments	Field
4. Content Knowledge	Classwork; Weekly work; Field; Children's Literature Selection; Read Aloud
	Lesson; Assessment-driven, Small Group Instruction; Book club; Teaching
	Reading Praxis; Phonics Test
5. Application of Content	Classwork; Weekly work; Field; Read Aloud Lesson; Assessment-driven,
	Small Group Instruction; Children's Literature Selection; Book club
6. Assessment	Classwork; Weekly work; Field; Read Aloud Lesson; Assessment-driven,
	Small Group Instruction
7. Planning	Classwork; Weekly work; Field; Read Aloud Lesson; Assessment-driven,
	Small Group Instruction; Children's Literature Selection
8. Instructional Strategies	Classwork; Weekly work; Field; Children's Literature Selection; Assessment-
	driven, Small Group Instruction; Read Aloud Lesson
9. Professional Learning	Classwork; Weekly work; Field; Book club
and Ethical Practice	
10. Leadership and	Classwork; Weekly work; Field; Assessment-driven, Small Group Instruction;
Collaboration	Children's Literature Selection; Book club

## **REQUIRED TEXTS:**

Johnston, P.H. (2012). *Opening minds: Using language to change lives*. Portland, ME: Stenhouse Publishers. \*\*Available free online with Mason credentials: <a href="https://ebookcentral-proquest-com.mutex.gmu.edu/lib/gmu/reader.action?docID=1044764&ppg=1">https://ebookcentral-proquest-com.mutex.gmu.edu/lib/gmu/reader.action?docID=1044764&ppg=1</a>

Parsons, S.A. & Vaughn, M. (Eds.) (2021). *Principles of effective literacy instruction, grades K-5*. NY: Guilford Press.

Mesmer, H.A. (2019). *Letter lessons and first words: Phonics foundations that work*. Portsmouth, NH: Heinemann.

<sup>\*\*</sup>Additional selected readings will be posted on Blackboard.

#### **Course Performance Evaluation**

# **Attendance and Participation - Course**

This course operates with the assumption that knowledge is socially constructed, and the most meaningful learning opportunities are those where you have the opportunity to offer and explore diverse perspectives with peers; therefore, **you are expected to contribute to both class and online discussions and activities** as well as genuinely listen to peers as they do the same. In addition, **you are expected to be prepared for each class**, which means having completed all assigned readings and tasks for that class.

Cell phones are for emergency use only and it is expected that you will not use cell phones in class for purposes such as texting, social media, or phone calls.

In accordance with the GMU Attendance Policies (University Catalog, 2023-2024), "Students are expected to attend the class periods of the courses for which they are registered. In-class participation is important not only to the individual student, but also to the class as a whole. Because class participation may be a factor in grading, instructors may use absence, tardiness, early departure, or failure to engage in online classes as de facto evidence of nonparticipation." See <a href="https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/registration-attendance/#ap-1-6.">https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/registration-attendance/#ap-1-6.</a>

If you must be absent from class, inform the instructor prior to the beginning of the class session. Missed classes (or portions of classes) will result in loss of participation points. Unless there are extenuating circumstances that have been shared with the instructor, more than two missed classes will result in a failing grade and you must retake the course if you wish to earn credit.

Absence from class to observe a religious holiday, to serve jury duty, or to participate in required military service are exemptions to the above policy. If you anticipate being absent for any of these reasons, please make arrangements at least 48 hours in advance. See <a href="https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/registration-attendance/#ap-1-6-1">https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/registration-attendance/#ap-1-6-1</a>

In addition, **you are expected to be on time to class** each week unless 48 hours advance notice has been provided to the instructor. Your instructor will define their policy for tardiness as it relates to class participation points and absences.

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. PLEASE NOTE: assignments will not be accepted one week past the due date.

All written papers are expected to be double-spaced, with 1" margins, and in 12-point font (Times New Roman, Calibri, or Arial). APA format is expected. If you do not have a current edition APA manual, the OWL at Purdue is an excellent resource. <a href="http://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/560/01/">http://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/560/01/</a>

Please Note: The GMU Writing Center offers online support via email. They will provide feedback on your writing within one hour. Graduate and professional writing can be difficult; I encourage you to take advantage of this service. <a href="http://writingcenter.gmu.edu/?page\_id=177">http://writingcenter.gmu.edu/?page\_id=177</a>

#### **ASSIGNMENTS**

Assignment	Points
1. Classwork/Weekly Work/Course Notebook [Outcomes 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8,	40
9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20]	
2. Phonics Test [Outcomes 3, 7, 14]	5
<b>3. Children's Literature Selection</b> [Outcomes 1,3, 4,5, 6, 7, 8, 10, 11, 13, 14,	10
15, 18]	
4. Interactive/Strategic Read Aloud (PBA) [Outcomes 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9,	25
10, 11, 12, 13, 1516, 17]	
5. Assessment-Guided, Small-Group Explicit Teaching Lesson [Outcomes	15
1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 16, 17, 19, 20]	
6. Registration/Score for Praxis Teaching Reading Exam	5
Total	100

# 1. Course Notebook - Classwork and Fieldwork (40 points)

**DUE:** Weekly

See attendance policy above.

You are expected to be prepared for each class, which means having completed all assigned readings (Read, Reflect & React) and tasks (View and Do) prior to the class meeting.

Cell phones are for emergency use only and it is expected that you will not use cell phones (or computers) in class for purposes beyond enhancing your own learning of course content.

Fieldwork is required for this class. You will be assigned a classroom at a PDS site.

#### **Evaluation**

You will complete in-class and between class activities in your online class notebook. Your notebook is located at the journal tab on Blackboard. \*\*PLEASE NOTE: If you are absent from class, you can earn half the daily points by completing all the between session classwork (up to 1.5 points for a missed class). Journal entries are **due by 4:00 PM** on Monday. Please note: any journal entries submitted more than a week past due (the following Monday) will receive 0 points. Class 9 is worth one point and all other classes are worth 3 points each.

	Unsatisfactory	Basic	Proficient	Distinguished
	(0 pts)	(1 pt)	(2 pts)	(3 pts)
Classwork	The student is	The student is late;	The student is on time	The student is punctual
-to include	absent from class	leaves early and/or	and prepared for class	and prepared for class
work due	and/or is not	is not prepared for	discussions (between	(between class work is
prior to the	prepared for class	class (between class	class work is complete).	complete). The student
class session	(between class	work is incomplete).	The student participates	actively participates
(weekly	work is	The student does not	to an extent in group	and supports the
work) and	incomplete).	actively participate	and class discussions.	members of the
participation	Some or all work	in discussions. Work	Work is completed at a	learning group and the
during the	is missing.	is completed at a	level that displays	members of the class.
session.		basic level.	proficiency.	Work is completed in a
				distinguished way.

#### 2. Phonics Tests (5 points)

Initial Due: Monday, January 29th; Passed at 95% proficiency NLT Monday, February 19th

To teach phonics, you must know phonics. Students will take a phonics pretest at the beginning of the semester and will connect their existing understanding of English spelling patterns and features with class content to fully understand English phonology and orthography.

**Evaluation** Students must pass this test with at least 95% accuracy and can retake until proficiency is attained.

# 3. Children's Literature Selection (10 points)

DUE: Monday, March 11th

Books are central to literacy instruction. Therefore, it is important for teachers to have a vast knowledge of children's literature and how to select high quality, culturally responsive text. For this assignment, you will investigate children's literature resources. You will use the resource of your choice to select a text to analyze using a Guide for Selecting Anti-Bias Books and a Selecting and Using Culturally Responsive Children's Books Guide that will be provided to you. You will reflect on the text, the tools and their impact on your future text selection. All information should be in your own words. This assignment is to support your understanding of text selection for classroom use. You may use this text for your Strategic Read Aloud.

#### **Evaluation**

Children's literature selection will be evaluated for depth of reflection/analysis of the Anti-Bias Selection Guide and the Selecting and Using Culturally Responsive Children's Books Guide.

# 4. Interactive/Strategic Read Aloud Lesson (25 points) (PBA)

Lesson Plan DUE: Monday, March 18th Written Reflection DUE: Monday, April 22nd

Reading aloud is a staple of every elementary classroom and should occur daily. Conducting a strategic read aloud is an effective way for showing students how readers think while they read. Therefore, strategic read-alouds are at the heart of comprehension instruction. You will conduct a strategic read aloud in your field classroom, explicitly explaining to students a comprehension strategy (e.g., questioning, predicting, inferencing, summarizing, clarifying, evaluating, or making connections) using Declarative, Procedural and Conditional language and modeling the strategy to students by thinking aloud as you read the book, gradually releasing the strategy use to the students. You will video record your read aloud. After conducting the read aloud you will use the video to do a guided reflection on the lesson and submit a written reflection as well as video highlights. I will explain and model a strategic read aloud in class.

\*\*The Interactive/Strategic Read Aloud assignment serves as a performance-based assessment (PBA) for this course. While this is an important assignment for this course, this PBA is not used for accreditation purposes and does not need to be submitted to VIA.

#### **Evaluation**

Lesson will be evaluated for understanding of read aloud, modeling and teaching of a strategy, and thoughtfulness of reflections as well as connections to course material.

## 5. Assessment-Driven, Small-Group, Reading Lesson (15 points)

# Assessment & Lesson Plan DUE: Monday, April 15th Reflection DUE: Monday, April 29th

Assessment-driven, small-group, explicit teaching is one of the best ways to support students' specific literacy needs. In this assignment, you will work with your mentor teacher to identify a small group of students (at any level) who have similar literacy learning needs (e.g., phonemic awareness, phonics, decoding, fluency, vocabulary, comprehension). You will gather assessment information about these students via a series of conferences. You will use this information to design a targeted, explicit lesson for this small group of students. Your mentor teacher and I need to review your lesson plan before you teach it. You will video record your lesson. After conducting the lesson, you will reflect on it using your video. I will describe this type of lesson in class.

#### **Evaluation**

Reading lessons will be evaluated based upon use of assessment data to drive instruction, appropriateness and thoroughness of written plan, and thoughtfulness of reflections as well as connections to course material.

# 6. Registration/Score for Teaching Reading Praxis Exam (10 points)

DUE: Monday, April 29th

To support timely completion of licensure requirements, you are expected to upload evidence of either registration for or test scores received for the Teaching Reading Praxis Exam ID# 5205

Minimum score: 159 Cost: \$156 Time: 180 minutes

Teaching Reading: <a href="https://www.ets.org/praxis/site/test-takers/resources/prep-materials.html?examId=5205">https://www.ets.org/praxis/site/test-takers/resources/prep-materials.html?examId=5205</a>

Students must request that official test score reports be sent directly to George Mason University, CEHD Teacher Preparation Office, 4400 University Dr., MS:6C13, Fairfax, VA 22030.

#### **GRADING POLICIES**

Grade	Grading Scale	Interpretation
A+	97-100	Represents mastery of the subject through effort beyond basic
A	93-96	requirements
A-	90-92	
B+	87-89	Reflects an understanding of and the ability to apply theories and
В	83-86	principles at a basic level
<i>B</i> -	80-82	Denotes an unacceptable level of understanding and application of the
C	70-79	basic elements of the course. Grade does not meet the minimum
F	<69	requirement for licensure courses.

<sup>\*</sup>Remember: A course grade less than B requires that you retake the course. "C" is not satisfactory for a licensure course; "F" does not meet requirements of the College of Education and Human Development.

## **Professional Dispositions**

See <a href="https://cehd.gmu.edu/students/polices-procedures/">https://cehd.gmu.edu/students/polices-procedures/</a>

# **Course Schedule**

\*Faculty reserves the right to alter the schedule as necessary with notification to students.

Class Session	Readings, Activities, and Assignments DUE 4 PM, BEFORE MONDAY CLASS
Class 1 Monday, January 22 Introductions: Building Community Whole group discussions: Kohn and Adaptive Teaching K-W-L reading instruction	Read & Reflect/React: Kohn (2001) Five Reasons to Stop Saying, "Good Job" Parsons & Vaughn, chapter 20 Weekly View and Do Activities – see course materials on Bb
Class 2 Monday, January 29  Cognitive development of reading Science of reading 5 Pillars - NRP Explicit Teaching	Read & Reflect/React: Mesmer introduction and chapter 1 Parsons & Vaughn chapters 1 and 10 Weekly View and Do Activities – see course materials on Bb  DUE: Phonics test – initial attempt
Class 3 Monday, February 5  Early Literacy Development  Oral Language Development  Concepts About Print  Alphabetics Introduction to Interactive Read Aloud and Think Alouds	Read & Reflect/React: Parsons & Vaughn chapter 2 Mesmer chapters 2 and 3 Weekly View and Do Activities – see course materials on Bb
Class 4 Monday, February 12 Assessment and Instruction Phonological Awareness Phonemic Awareness Phonics Decoding Interactive Read aloud - model	Read & Reflect/React: Parsons & Vaughn chapter 4 Mesmer chapters 4 and 5 Weekly View and Do Activities – see course materials on Bb
Class 5 Monday, February 19 Fluency Assessment and Instruction ORF/PRF Wide Reading Choral Reading – shared reading Repeated Readings Audio Books Readers' Theater	Read & Reflect/React: Parsons & Vaughn chapter 5 Mesmer chapter 6  Weekly View and Do Activities – see course materials on Bb  DUE: Phonics test 95% proficiency
Class Session	Readings, Activities, and Assignments DUE 4 PM, BEFORE MONDAY CLASS

Class Session	Readings, Activities, and Assignments DUE 4 PM, BEFORE MONDAY CLASS
Class 11 Monday, April 8  Book club Johnston chapter 4  Differentiating instruction  • Focus lessons  • Small group reading instruction Intervention	Read & Reflect/React: Johnston chapter 4 Parsons & Vaughn chapter 8 Weekly View and Do Activities – see course materials on Bb
Class 10 Monday, April 1 Book club Johnston chapter 3 Guided Reflection	Read & Reflect/React: Johnston chapter 3 Parsons & Vaughn chapter 21 Weekly View and Do Activities – see course materials on Bb
Class 9 Monday, March 25 ASYNCHRONOUS Assessment Informal vs. formal Conferences	Read & Reflect/React: Parsons & Vaughn chapter 7  Weekly View and Do Activities – see course materials on Bb
Class 8 Monday, March 18 Book club Johnston chapter 2 Interactive/Strategic Read Aloud  Comprehension Strategies Lesson planning	Read & Reflect/React: Johnston chapter 2 Weekly View and Do Activities – see course materials on Bb  DUE: Read aloud lesson plan
Class 7 Monday, March 11  Book club Johnston chapter 1  Types of Text – basals and decodables, fiction and nonfiction  Evaluating Children's Literature Anti-Bias Checklist Selecting CDLD Literature  Critical literacy stance	Read & Reflect/React: Johnston chapter 1 Parsons & Vaughn chapters 11 and 18  Weekly View and Do Activities – see course materials on Bb  DUE: Children's Literature Selection and Anti-Bias/Culturally Relevant Text Analysis
Class 6 Monday, February 26 Comprehension Vocabulary  • Tiers, Wide Reading, Word Consciousness  • Word learning strategies: Morphological awareness, Context clues, structural analysis, word banks	Read & Reflect/React: Parsons & Vaughn chapter 6  Weekly View and Do Activities – see course materials on Bb

Class 12 Monday, April 15 Book club Johnston chapter 5 Differentiating instruction Culturally Responsive Instruction	Read & Reflect/React: Johnston chapter 5 Parsons & Vaughn chapters 9 and 17 Weekly View and Do Activities – see course materials on Bb  DUE: Small group assessments and lesson plan
Class 13 Monday, April 22  Motivation and Engagement Interest Success Choice, collaboration, authenticity Autonomy	Read & Reflect/React: Parsons & Vaughn chapters 14 and 15  Weekly View and Do Activities – see course materials on Bb  DUE: Interactive/strategic read aloud reflection
<ul> <li>Class 14 Monday, April 29</li> <li>Organization and management of the reading classroom</li> <li>Tying it all together</li> <li>Course evaluations</li> </ul>	Read & Reflect/React: Groth (2021) Parsons & Vaughn chapter 16  Weekly View and Do Activities – see course materials on Bb  DUE: Assessment-Driven, Small-Group Explicit Teaching Lesson reflection DUE: Registration/Score for Teaching Reading Praxis

# **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: <a href="http://cehd.gmu.edu/values/">http://cehd.gmu.edu/values/</a>.

#### **GMU Policies and Resources for Students**

**Policies** 

Students must adhere to the guidelines of the Mason Honor Code (see  $\underline{\text{https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/honor-code-system/}}$  ).

Students must follow the university policy for Responsible Use of Computing (see <a href="https://universitypolicy.gmu.edu/policies/responsible-use-of-computing/">https://universitypolicy.gmu.edu/policies/responsible-use-of-computing/</a>).

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 https://ds.gmu.edu/).

Students must silence all sound emitting devices during class unless otherwise authorized by the instructor.

# Campus Resources

Support for submission of assignments to VIA should be directed to <a href="wiahelp@gmu.edu">wiahelp@gmu.edu</a> or <a href="https://cehd.gmu.edu/aero/assessments">https://cehd.gmu.edu/aero/assessments</a>. Questions or concerns regarding use of Blackboard should be directed to <a href="https://its.gmu.edu/knowledge-base/blackboard-instructional-technology-support-for-students/">https://its.gmu.edu/knowledge-base/blackboard-instructional-technology-support-for-students/</a>.

For information on student support resources on campus, see <a href="https://ctfe.gmu.edu/teaching/student-support-resources-on-campus">https://ctfe.gmu.edu/teaching/student-support-resources-on-campus</a>

# Notice of mandatory reporting of sexual assault, interpersonal violence, and stalking:

As a faculty member, I am designated as a "Non-Confidential Employee," and must report all disclosures of sexual assault, sexual harassment, interpersonal violence, and stalking to Mason's Title IX Coordinator per <u>University Policy 1202</u>. If you wish to speak with someone confidentially, please contact one of Mason's confidential resources, such as <u>Student Support and Advocacy Center</u> (SSAC) at 703-380-1434 or <u>Counseling and Psychological Services</u> (CAPS) at 703-993-2380. You may also seek assistance or support measures from Mason's Title IX Coordinator by calling 703-993-8730, or emailing <u>titleix@gmu.edu</u>.

For additional information on the College of Education and Human Development, please visit our website <a href="https://cehd.gmu.edu/students/">https://cehd.gmu.edu/students/</a>.

#### Guidelines for Interactive/Strategic Read Aloud (ELED 555 PBA)

Reading aloud is a staple of every elementary classroom and should occur daily. Conducting a strategic read aloud is an effective way for showing students how readers think while they read. Therefore, strategic read-alouds are at the heart of comprehension instruction. You will conduct a strategic read aloud in your field classroom, explicitly explaining to students a comprehension strategy (e.g., questioning, predicting, inferencing, summarizing, clarifying, evaluating, or making connections) using Declarative, Procedural and Conditional language and modeling the strategy to students by thinking aloud as you read the book, gradually releasing the strategy use to the students. You will video record your read aloud. After conducting the read aloud you will use the video to do a guided reflection on the lesson and submit a written reflection as well as video highlights.

#### **Evaluation**

Lesson will be evaluated for understanding of read aloud, modeling and teaching of a strategy, and thoughtfulness of reflections as well as connections to course material. See rubric below.

Assessment Rubric for Interactive/Strategic Read Aloud ELED 555 Performance Based Assessment

Revised January 2024

Criteria	Exceeds 90-100% (met)	Meets 80-89% (met)	Approaches 70-79% (unmet)	Falls Below 0-69% (unmet)	Score
Lesson Plan InTASC Standards: 1, 4, 5, 7, 8	Candidate writes an exemplary lesson plan that thoroughly incorporates a high-quality, ageappropriate mentor text, the comprehension strategy to be taught, identifies the instructional flow of the lesson specifically identifying stopping points. The lesson includes end of story reflection that allows students to reflect on the strategy's application to reading.	Candidate writes an effective lesson plan that mostly incorporates a high-quality, age-appropriate mentor text, the comprehension strategy to be taught, identifies the instructional flow of the lesson specifically identifying stopping points. The lesson includes an end of story reflection that allows students to reflect on the strategy's application to reading.	Candidate writes a less effective lesson plan neglecting to incorporate one or more of the following: a high-quality, age-appropriate mentor text, the comprehension strategy to be taught, the instructional flow of the lesson specifically identifying stopping points. an end of story reflection.	Candidate does not turn in a lesson or submits one that does not incorporate any of the following: high-quality, ageappropriate mentor text, the comprehension strategy to be taught, the instructional flow of the lesson specifically identifying stopping points. An end of story reflection.	/7
Comprehen -sion Strategy Instruction InTASC Standards: 1, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8	Candidate is highly effective at focusing the learning, naming the comprehension strategy to be learned and utilizes an explicit think- aloud and concrete example to name the comprehension strategy to be learned	the learning, naming the comprehension strategy to be learned and utilizes an explicit think- aloud and concrete example to name the comprehension strategy to be learned.	the learning, and neglects or ineffectively attempts to name the comprehension strategy to be learned. There is no clear Evidence of an explicit think- aloud and concrete example.	1 point or less Candidate does not focus the learning, and neglects to identify the comprehension strategy to be learned. There is no clear evidence of an explicit thinkaloud and a concrete example.	/5
Modeling Strategy	4.1-5 points Candidate is highly effective at	3.1-4 points  Candidate is mostly effective at modeling	1.1-3 points Candidate is ineffective at	1 point or less Candidate does not model the	/5

InTASC Standards: 1, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8	modeling the comprehension strategy and fluency. The candidate frequently checks for understanding through guided conversations and reflective thinking	the comprehension strategy and fluency. The Candidate sometimes checks for understanding through guided conversations and reflective thinking.	modeling the comprehension strategy and fluency. The candidate rarely checks for understanding and does not incorporate guided conversations and reflective thinking.	comprehension strategy and fluency. The candidate does not check for understanding and does not incorporate guided conversations and reflective	
	4.1-5 points	3.1-4 points	1.1-3 points	thinking.  1 point or less	
Reflection	Candidate is	Candidate is	Candidate is less	Candidate does	/8
InTASC	highly reflective	reflective after	reflective watching	not reflect on the	
Standards:	after watching the	watching the video,	the video, noticing	video, noticing	
1, 5, 7, 8	video, noticing and	noticing and naming	and naming (1)	and naming (0)	
	naming several (4-	some (2-3) impactful	impactful teacher	impactful teacher	
	5) impactful	teacher	move/instructional	moves/practices.	
	teacher moves	moves/instructional	practice. Candidate	Candidate	
	/instructional	practices and others	neglects to name an	neglects to name	
	practices and others that provide	that provide	opportunity for growth. The	an opportunity for growth. The	
	opportunities for	opportunities for growth. The	candidate does not	candidate does	
	growth. The	candidate identifies	identify area of	not identify area	
	candidate	area of refinement for	refinement for future	of refinement for	
	identifies area of	future IRA's.	IRA's.	future IRA's.	
	refinement for		nu i s.	Tavaro II a I s.	
	future IRA's.				
	7.1-8 points	5.1-7 points	1.1-5 points	1 point or less	
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