

Course Catalog: K-3

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We have a reading brain
that needs our attention
to the knowledge – the
Science of Reading.

Dr. Maryanne Wolf • Director of the Center for
Dyslexia, Diverse Learners and Social Justice & Cox
Campus National Advisory Member



Evidence Based Instruction:

SYSTEMATIC AND EXPLICIT PHONICS INSTRUCTION, WITH EXPERT CONTRIBUTOR - DR. DEBORAH GLASER • 1 HOUR, CEUS: 0.1

Teachers will build their knowledge of effective phonics instruction aligned with the science of reading. This course will provide teachers with practical tools and develop their commitment to take action in their classrooms to ensure all students have the support they need to become proficient readers.

 **By the end of the course, you will be able to:**

- Understand the characteristics of an effective systematic and explicit phonics program
- Understand the foundation of the English orthography
- Name and explain the role

 **Why It Matters:**

- The most recent report from our National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP, 2017) showed that nationwide 63% of our 4th-grade students scored below proficient in reading. The highest performing state showed 50% below proficient. This doesn't have to be! We know from decades of research how students learn to read, how to assess to identify those at risk, and what and how to teach so that the majority of our students can be successful. The approaches used to teach children in many of our schools apply methods that do not teach our most vulnerable students the skills they need to be successful. This course will lead you into a world of knowledge and instructional practice that will make it possible for you to be the difference in your students' lives. Welcome! Let's learn together!

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EARLY LITERACY: PRINT AWARENESS, PHONOLOGICAL AWARENESS, AND ALPHABET KNOWLEDGE, WITH EXPERT CONTRIBUTOR - DR. DEBORAH GLASER • 2.5 TRAINING HOURS, CEUS: 0.3

Teachers will learn about the importance of print awareness, phonological awareness, and alphabet knowledge. Along with oral language, these form four of the essential elements of early literacy.

 **By the end of the course, you will be able to:**

- Understand the different print awareness skills and apply this knowledge to their teaching practices
- Understand the different phonological awareness skills and apply this knowledge to their teaching practices
- Understand the different alphabet knowledge skills and apply this knowledge to their teaching practices
- Plan for teaching early literacy skills in their classrooms

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We have to make the science of reading available to all teachers because our kids are depending on it. Quite frankly when you look at our national data, our country is depending on it.

Dr. Ryan Lee-James • Director of Rollins Center for Language & Literacy

MEANINGFUL READ ALOUDS FOR VOCABULARY AND COMPREHENSION • 2 HOURS, CEUS: 0.2

How can you create an environment that helps children thrive? Learn how a classroom is more than a space with festive decorations, but a community of learning – an “ecosystem”



By the end of the course, you will be able to:

- Describe the relationship between reading aloud to students and listening comprehension, vocabulary, and language skills
- Model ability to read aloud to students to enhance critical thinking, personal reflection, empathy and imagination
- Develop a plan for read-alouds using the K3 START Read framework and lesson planning sheet
- Apply engaging activities that are related to your read-alouds throughout the day



Why It Matters:

- Meaningful read-alouds provide opportunities for students to use their schema.
- Meaningful read-alouds increase Tier 2 and Tier 3 vocabulary.
- Meaningful read-alouds increase listening comprehension.
- Meaningful read-alouds provide opportunities for students to improve oral and expressive language skills.

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READING FLUENCY, WITH EXPERT CONTRIBUTOR - DR. LAURA REINHART OF UNIVERSITY CALIFORNIA, LOS ANGELES • 2.5 TRAINING HOURS, CEUS: 0.3

Teachers and leaders will build knowledge and capacity around reading fluency including assessment, instruction and progress monitoring.



By the end of the course, you will be able to:

- Define fluency and distinguish between the three components of reading fluency
- Explain why reading fluency is important and conceptualize it within the process of reading
- Identify how various mechanics in the reading process contribute to fluent reading
- Address misconceptions around fluency assessment and will be equipped to assess reading fluency in their own settings
- Understand the types of activities involved for building fluency and be able to determine which activities meet the needs of learners in their classroom



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We can't go back to education as it was before. The needs are greater and the stakes are higher.

Walter Gilliam • Professor of Child Psychiatry & Psychology, Yale University Child Study Center & Cox Campus National Advisory Member

SHARING IDEAS THROUGH WRITING • 4.5 HOURS, CEUS: 0.5

When a kid scribbles on paper, long before they can write their letters, they're starting to understand writing and what it means. Learn how you can foster this love of writing – and learning – in young children.

 **By the end of the course, you will be able to:**

- Describe the different stages of emergent writing for children
- Integrate strategies to support children's writing skill development
- Design fun and exciting emergent writing activities to do with children

 **Why It Matters:**

- Emergent writing activities prepare children to meet nationwide third-grade writing standards.
- Children will be able to communicate thoughts, ideas, and feelings through developmentally appropriate writing.

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Systems and Structures for Literacy Success:

ASSESSING OUR STUDENTS • 1 HOUR, CEUS: 0.1

We all want to see our students succeed. With these assessments, you will be able to pinpoint and better understand each student's unique needs and then adapt how you teach to help each and every child learn.

 **By the end of the course, you will be able to:**

- Outline the Big 5 components of reading
- Compose a drill down method to identify areas of growth for your students
- Learn to backfill for students who need additional help

 **Why It Matters:**

- Assessments are powerful tools to track student progress.
- Assessments allow you to individualize your teaching to meet each student's needs.
- You can create an environment that fosters cognitive development necessary for children to read.

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We know that 95% of all children can learn to read with evidence-based structured literacy practices.

TARGETED SMALL GROUP INSTRUCTION • 1.5 HOURS, CEUS: 0.2

Once you've learned each students' unique needs, you can use targeted small group instruction to help them master critical, foundational reading skills. Learn the essentials of targeted small group instruction and how to incorporate it in your classroom.

 By the end of the course, you will be able to:

- Develop small groups to maximize instruction
- Model best practices to teach and review foundational reading skills
- Demonstrate ways to help students construct meaning from reading

 Why It Matters:

- Studies have shown students who receive small group instruction perform significantly better than those who only receive whole group instruction.
- You can help fill in the gaps in student's reading skills so they can become more accurate readers.

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CLASSROOM ECOSYSTEM • 1 HOUR, CEUS: 0.1

How can you create an environment that helps children thrive? Learn how a classroom is more than a space with festive decorations, but a community of learning - an "ecosystem" of teachers, students, materials, and more - all working together so learning can flourish.

 By the end of the course, you will be able to:

- Name the 4 major categories of an ideal classroom ecosystem
- Recognize the 5 vital cognitive processes children need for learning
- Develop activities and routines that will engage children in learning

 Why It Matters:

- Establishing deliberate classroom ecosystems allows children to learn, thrive and develop.
- Fostering classroom culture engages children's brains for learning.
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RESPONSE TO INTERVENTION, WITH EXPERT CONTRIBUTOR - DR. LAURA JUSTICE OF THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY • 1.5 TRAINING HOURS, CEUS: 0.2

Site-based school leaders will learn about the importance of leading the implementation of the Response to Intervention (RTI) model in their school.

 By the end of the course, you will be able to:

- Understand what the RTI prevention framework is and be able to dispel myths about the process
- Understand the different core components that make up the RTI prevention framework
- Help implement systems for an effective school-wide RTI process

 Why It Matters:

- Response to Intervention (RTI) is a prevention framework for implementing data-driven decision-making. It's important because it provides necessary stakeholders with timely and specific information about children so that they can improve learning and increase student performance.

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FUTURE COURSEWORK

Writing - Summer 2022

Oral Language, with Expert Contributor Dr. Margie Gillis of Literacy How and Haskins Lab at Yale University - Fall 2022

Explicit Vocabulary Instruction - Fall 2022

Reading Comprehension - Spring 2023