

PDA Exploring Structured Literacy

Course Objectives

General Objective:

This course will allow K-6 educators to develop, increase, and demonstrate knowledge of explicit, systematic, sequential, and multi-sensory approaches to reading instruction as outlined in the 40-hour in-service requirement identified in Florida Statute s. 1012.585(3) F.S. In order for educators to effectively meet the needs of students with persistent reading difficulties and disabilities, including dyslexia, emphasis of this professional learning opportunity is focused on reading instruction that builds a strong, cumulative, and logical foundation of phonology, sound-symbol associations, syllables, morphology, semantics, and syntax.

Specific Objectives/Learning Targets:

Upon successful completion of this course, participants will be able to:

1. Develop your knowledge and understanding of the historical perspective on reading.
2. Identify the kinds and characteristics of readers categorized by the Simple View of Reading.
3. Recognize the language and neurobiological basis of reading disabilities, including dyslexia.
4. Explain various projects, entities, and resources available to Florida educators supporting evidence-based literacy learning.
5. Define what is meant by Universal Design for Learning and Assistive Technology.
6. Identify elements of effective, evidence-based literacy instruction and how to appropriately match instruction to student need.
7. Recognize the role assessment plays in planning structured literacy instruction.
8. Develop your knowledge and understanding of the role phonological awareness and phonemic awareness plays in literacy learning.
9. Describe how phonetics is foundational knowledge for educators for teaching students to read and spell.
10. Recognize that phonological processing deficits affect all areas of reading and are a hallmark of individuals with reading difficulties.
11. Increase your understanding of the components of phonological awareness and phonemic awareness.
12. Implement activities for teaching phonological awareness and phonemic awareness skills.
13. Develop your knowledge and understanding of the history of writing systems and their impact on modern English.
14. Explain the correspondence between phonemes and graphemes in English.
15. Describe English orthographic conventions and the predictability of the English language.
16. To explain the importance of structured literacy instruction in developing accurate decoding for all students, especially those with reading difficulties and disabilities.
17. Implement activities for teaching sound-symbol correspondences (i.e. phonics or decoding) and syllables.
18. Develop knowledge and understand the impact morphology has on literacy learning.
19. Define the essential terminology related to morphology.
20. Describe the relationship of etymology to morpheme patterns.
21. Explain the importance of structured literacy instruction in developing morphological awareness, especially for students with reading difficulties and disabilities.
22. Implement activities for teaching morphology.
23. Develop knowledge and understand the impact syntax has on literacy learning.

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24. Describe the language components of syntax.
25. Recognize that understanding sentences requires knowledge of syntax.
26. Explain the importance of structured literacy instruction in developing syntactical awareness.
27. Implement activities for teaching syntax.
28. Develop knowledge and understand the impact that semantics has on literacy learning.
29. Define the three ways language derives meaning.
30. Describe the contribution of semantics to vocabulary acquisition.
31. Explain an explicit, systematic method for choosing essential words to teach and an effective instructional routine to teach vocabulary.
32. Implement activities for teaching semantics.