

Eastern Illinois University
Early Childhood, Elementary, and Middle Level Education Department
ELE/MLE 4280 Content Area Reading in the Elementary,
Middle and Secondary School



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Unit Theme: Educator as creator of effective educational environments: integrating students, subjects, strategies and societies.

Course Description: Techniques for providing appropriate reading instruction in proper sequence for students in grades sixth through 12 (3-0-3).

Prerequisites & Concurrent Enrollment: ELE 3281 for early childhood; ELE 3280 for elementary; ELE 3280 and MLE 3110 for middle level; or permission of department chair. University teacher education requirements apply and department requirements for enrollment must be met.

Course Purpose: This course is designed to convey to elementary/middle school/secondary pre-service teachers the understanding that they have a serious responsibility to provide students with the instructional support necessary to comprehend content textbooks. To achieve this end, class members will become familiar with several perspectives of the reading process and will acquire multiple strategies for teaching the reading skills using content textbooks, reading textbooks, and other reading materials.

Course Textbook:

ELE Alvermann, D. E., Phelps, S. F., & Gillis, V. R. (2010). *Content Area Reading and Literacy: Succeeding in Today's Diverse Classroom (6th ed.)*. Boston: Allyn & Bacon.
MLE Vacca, R., Vacca J., & Mraz, M.(2014) *Content area reading (11th ed)*. Boston: Pearson.

Teaching Model:

The Information-Processing Models

- Information-processing models emphasize ways of enhancing the human being's innate drive to make sense of the world by acquiring and organizing data, sensing problems and generating solutions to them, and developing concepts and language for conveying them. (pp 10-13)

Joyce, B., Weil, M., & Calhoun, E. (2015). *Models of teaching*. (9th ed). Boston: Pearson.

Dispositions:

Teacher candidates in the Department of EC/ELE/MLE will exhibit professional ethical practices, effective communication, and sensitivity to diversity, the ability to provide varied teaching practices evidenced in a supportive and encouraging environment

Live Text Assessment and/or Practicum Requirements: For those classes with Live Text and/or Practicum- If the portfolio, practicum, and/or Live Text requirements are rated by the instructor to have been completed in less than a satisfactory manner then no more than a "D" may be earned in the class regardless of the number of points earned.

Standards

Course requirements are aligned with the following standards:

- Illinois Professional Teaching Standards (IPTS): http://www.isbe.net/PEAC/pdf/IL_prof_teaching_stds.pdf
- Eastern Illinois University Professional Dispositions
<http://www.eiu.edu/clinical/forms/DispositionsforEIUCandidates.pdf>
- Illinois Social Emotional Learning Standards (SEL) http://www.isbe.net/ils/social_emotional/standards.htm
- Association for Childhood Education International (ACEI): <http://www.isbe.net/rules/archive/pdfs/20ark.pdf>

- National Association for the Education of Young Children
(NAEYC): <http://www.ncate.org/Standards/ProgramStandardsandReportForms/tabid/676/Default.aspx>
- Association for Middle Level Education:
<http://www.amle.org/AboutAMLE/ProfessionalPreparation/AMLEStandards.aspx>

Outcomes Specific to ELE-MLE 4280:

- i. Demonstrates an understanding that the reading process involves an active, purposeful construction of meaning through the interactions of background knowledge/prior experiences, text information, and the context of the reading situation when designing content area instruction.
IPTS 6B, 6G, 6I, 6O;
IRA 1.1, 1.3, 4.1, 5.2, 5.4;
ILRT 1F, 1J;
ACEI 3.1, 3.2, 3.3, 5.1
AMLE B2c; C4a
SEL 2B, 2C
NAEYC 1A, 1B, 1C, 5A, 5B, 5C
Dispositions EC, SDE, IWS, PTSL
- ii. Analyzes instructional approaches and designs appropriate and varied content area literacy methodology that is to be implemented before, during, and after reading (i.e., vocabulary, comprehension and fluency) to create a motivating context.
IPTS 6A, 6F, 6I, 6L, 6M, 6N;
IRA 2.1, 2.2, 3.3, 3.4, 4.2, 4.3, 5.4;
IL RT 1G;
SEL 3B
ACEI 3.1, 3.4, 5.1
AMLE B2a; C4a; C4b
NAEYC 1A, 1B, 1C
Dispositions EC, SDE, IWS, PTSL
- iii. The competent teacher elicits students' motivation by evaluating developmentally appropriate instructional practices to support students' reading, writing, oral communication, and aspects of visual literacy (viewing and visually representing) to increase content learning.
IPTS 6A, 6D, 6F, 6I, 6M, 6P,
IRA 1.1, 2.1, 2.2, 4.1, 4.2, 4.3, 5.1, 5.2, 5.3, 5.4, 6.2;
IL RT 1G, 1L
ACEI 3.4
AMLE C4a; C4b
SEL 2B, 2C
NAEYC 1A, 1B, 1C
Dispositions: PEP, EC, SDE, IWS, PTSL
- iv. Designs, selects, modifies, and evaluates a wide range of content-specific materials (including print-based texts and electronic resources) that enable students to analyze, synthesize, evaluate, and construct meaning from a variety of narrative/expository text structures and genres.
IPTS 6B, 6G, 6O, 6P;
IRA 2.3, 5.1, 5.3;
IL RT 1H, 1J, 1K, 3F;
SEL 2B
ACEI 3.1, 3.2, 5.1
AMLE B2a; B2c; C4a; C4b
NAEYC 5A, 5B, 5C
Dispositions SDE, IWS, PTSL
- v. Applies modeling, explanation, practice, and feedback to teach students to self-monitor and apply comprehension strategies independently, appropriate to the content learning.
IPTS 6L, 6M, 6N,
IRA 3.1, 3.2, 3.3, 3.4, 5.3;
IL RT 1I;
SEL 2C, 3B
ACEI 3.1, 5.1
AMLE C4a; C4b
NAEYC 3A, 3B, 3C
Dispositions EC, IWS, PTSL

- vi. Applies a variety of appropriate diagnostic, formative, and summative assessments to identify students' literacy needs, monitor student progress, measure student growth, and evaluate student achievement of specific literacy standards and outcomes in order to make data driven decisions and adjust practices to meet the needs of each student.
- IPTS 6L, 6O,**
IRA 3.1, 3.2, 3.3, 3.4;
IL RT 1D, 1I, 3C,
SEL 3B
AMLE C4a
ACEI 3.1, 3.2, 3.3, 5.1
NAEYC 1A, 1B, 1C, 3A, 3B, 3C
Dispositions EC, SDE, IWS, PTSL

Reading Teacher Standard 1:

Knowledge Indicators - The competent reading teacher:

- 1D. is aware of trends, controversies, and issues in reading education.
 1F. understands, respects, and values cultural, linguistic, and ethnic diversity and knows how these differences can influence learning to read.
 1G. understands the differences between reading skills and strategies and the role each plays in reading development.
 1H. knows a wide range of quality literature for students.

Performance Indicators - The competent reading teacher:

- 1I. adjusts reading instruction to meet the needs of diverse learners (e.g., gifted students, students with limited English proficiency), as well as those who speak non-standard dialects.
 1J. locates, evaluates, and uses literature for readers of all abilities and ages.
 1K. uses various tools to estimate the readability of texts.
 1L. uses technology to support reading and writing instruction.

Reading Teacher Standard 3:

Knowledge Indicators - The competent reading teacher:

- 3A. knows State and national educational standards that are relevant to reading education.
 3C. is aware of guidelines for the evaluation of curriculum material and instructional technology.

Performance Indicators - The competent reading teacher:

- 3F. participates in the evaluation and selection of instructional materials, including textbooks, trade books, materials for students with special needs, and technology.

Course Requirement	Demonstrated Competencies	Standards
Traditional Exam	Student demonstrates content knowledge of various components of content area reading instruction for the appropriate grade level.	ACEI: 5.1 NAEYC: 5A, 5B AMLE: C4a; C4b Dispositions: PEP, EC, SDE, IWS
Book Talk and Annotated Bibliography	Student develops a content-based annotated bibliography representing diverse populations in the choice of literature that match children's interests and cultural backgrounds. The annotated bibliography will include various genres, including narrative and informational text. Students will identify text features and demonstrate understanding of the role, perspective, and purpose of text in the content areas. In addition, student plans for instruction by offering a creative book talk that reflects understanding of differentiated instruction, the use of authentic resources, and alternative assessment.	ACEI: 3.1, 3.2, 3.3 NAEYC: 1A AMLE: B2a; C4b Dispositions: PEP, EC, SDE, PTSL, IWS
Literature Circles (I and II)	The student understands the role of effective communication techniques through peer interaction in Literature Circles to foster	ACEI: 3.4 IPTS: 6I,

	active inquiry, collaboration, and support interaction in the classroom. Within the literature circle roles, the students will engage in Close Reading using text-based evidence to answer text-dependent questions. When taking on the Vocabulary role, students will identify Tier 2 and Tier 3 academic vocabulary. Text complexity, including qualitative and quantitative measures, will be determined by the literature circle groups.	SEL: 2B, 2C NAEYC: 1A AMLE C4a; C4b Dispositions: PEP, EC, SDE, PTSL, IWS
Response Journal	The student is reflective and continually evaluates himself/herself through a response journal. Responses will include a reflection of how the information is important to the teacher, student, and classroom.	ACEI: 1, 2.1, IPTS: 6A, 6B, 6D, 6I, 6F, 6G, 6L, 6N SEL: 2C, NAEYC: 1B, 3A, 3B, 3C, 5A, 5B AMLE: C4b Dispositions: PEP, EC, SDE, IWS
Reading Strategies Lesson Plan/ Presentation	Using the EQUIP lesson plan format, students will include Tier 2/Tier 3 academic vocabulary to create a lesson plan implementing a research-based strategy aligned to the CCSS. Student develops a useable notebook of reading strategies demonstrating access to a variety of strategies and competent planning for reading in the content area classroom. The student presents an individual content area reading strategy in the classroom demonstrating knowledge and understanding of the need for accommodations for struggling readers, English Language Learners, and an overall diverse student body. The lesson plan will model and support the conventions of language.	ACEI: 3.1, 3.2, 3.4, 5.1 IPTS: 6A, 6I, 6L, 6M, 6O, 6P, SEL: 2C, NAEYC: 1C, 5C AMLE: C4a; C4b Dispositions: PEP, EC, SDE, IWS, PTSL
Writing Assignment	Students will incorporate best practice writing concepts and skills in researching best practice methodology and assessment for their specific content area. These concepts and skills include, but are not limited to: - Determine and synthesize central ideas or conclusions of multiple and divergent sources - Explore, integrate, and assess the credibility and accuracy of evidentiary sources - Distinguish facts, reasoned judgment based on research findings, and speculation within and between texts - Demonstrate audience-awareness - Apply content-appropriate prescriptions with clarity, complexity, and cohesion in a logically-sequenced and organized format.	IPTS: 6B, 6G, 6J, 6I, 6O, 6P IRA 1.1, 1.3, 2.3, 4.1, 5.1, 5.2, 5.3, 5.4; ILRT 1F, 1H, 1J, 1K, 3F, SEL: 3B, NAEYC: 3A, 3B, 3C, 5A, 5B AMLE: B2a, B2c; C4a, C4b Dispositions: EC, PTSL, SDE, PEP
Participation	Participation includes presence in and contribution during class sessions and support of peers in group work.	ACEI: 5.1 Dispositions: PEP, EC, SDE, IWS

Course Requirement	Demonstrated Competencies	Points/Due Date
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Participation	Participation includes presence in and contribution during class sessions and support of peers in group work.	Points vary Ongoing
Traditional Exam	Student demonstrates content knowledge of various components of content area reading instruction for the appropriate grade level.	Midterm (30 pts), Mar. 9 Final (20 pts), May 1
Book Talk and Annotated Bibliography	Student develops a content-based annotated bibliography representing diverse populations in the choice of literature that match children's interests and cultural backgrounds. The annotated bibliography will include various genres, including narrative and informational text. Students will identify text features and demonstrate understanding of the role, perspective, and purpose of text in the content areas. In addition, student plans for instruction by offering a creative book talk that reflects understanding of differentiated instruction, the use of authentic resources, and alternative assessment.	10 points for Book Talk, 30 points for Annotated Bibliography Various dates, see calendar
Literature Circles (I and II)	The student understands the role of effective communication techniques through peer interaction in Literature Circles to foster active inquiry, collaboration, and support interaction in the classroom. Within the literature circle roles, the students will engage in Close Reading using text-based evidence to answer text-dependent questions. When taking on the Vocabulary role, students will identify Tier 2 and Tier 3 academic vocabulary. Text complexity, including qualitative and quantitative measures, will be determined by the literature circle groups. Students will share literature circle findings with whole class.	40 pts each (80 point total), Various dates, see calendar
Response Journal	The student is reflective and continually evaluates himself/herself through a response journal. Responses will include a reflection of how the information is important to the teacher, student, and classroom.	60 points, format varies Various dates, see calendar
Reading Strategies Lesson Plan/ Presentation	Using the provided lesson plan format, students will create a lesson plan implementing a research-based strategy aligned to the CCSS. The student presents an individual content area reading strategy in the classroom demonstrating knowledge and understanding of the need for accommodations for struggling readers, English Language Learners, and an overall diverse student body.	Lesson plan- 20 points Presentation- 20 pts Various dates, see calendar
Writing Assignment	Students will incorporate best practice writing concepts and skills in researching best practice methodology and assessment for their specific content area. These concepts and skills include, but are not limited to: • Determine and synthesize central ideas or conclusions of multiple and divergent sources • Explore, integrate, and assess the credibility and accuracy of evidentiary sources • Distinguish facts, reasoned judgment based on research findings, and speculation within and between texts • Demonstrate audience-awareness	120 points, April 27

	Apply content-appropriate prescriptions with clarity, complexity, and cohesion in a logically-sequenced and organized format.	
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Grading Scale: A= 100-93%, B = 92 – 84%, C = 83 – 75%, D = 74 – 66%, F = 65% and below

Tentative Calendar

Readings are to be done PRIOR to class

<u>January 10</u>	<u>January 12</u>	<u>January 17</u>	<u>January 19</u>
Introduction to course, syllabus, assignment explanations, etc. <i>My Dog is as Smelly as Dirty Socks</i> portraits Selection of content area for assignments “Overview of Literature Circles” <i>Highlight 5 points for discussion</i> Select Books for Literature Circles Explain Double Entry Journal	Read “Making a Case and a Place for Effective Content Literacy Instruction in the Elementary Grades” (DEJ) DEJ Discussion (small groups) Lesson Plan Format	<i>Read in class:</i> Chapter 1 <i>Content Literacy and the Reading Process</i> Literature Circle Discussion #1 LC role sheet due	Literature Circle Discussion #2 LC role sheet due Read “Examining Text Complexity in the Early Grades” <i>in class</i> (small group response) Lesson plan example
<u>January 24</u>	<u>January 26</u>	<u>January 31</u>	<u>February 2</u>
Read “Increasing ELL Student Reading Comprehension with Non-Fiction Text” (DEJ) Literature Circle Discussion #3 LC role sheet due	Read pp. 209-215 on Question Answer Relationships 4-Square Response Literature Circle Discussion #4 LC role sheet due Extension Activity for Literature Circles QAR activity	Read “Selecting Texts and Tasks...”article (DEJ) QAR continued Extension Activity due	Read Chapter 5 Assessment of Students and Textbooks QAR response Student Presented Reading Strategy
<u>February 7</u>	<u>February 9</u>	<u>February 14</u>	<u>February 16</u>

Read “Expanding Range of Text Types...” article in class	<i>Student Presented Reading Strategy</i> Read Graphic Novel article in class Book Talk example <i>Student Presented Reading Strategy</i>	Read Chapter 7 Reading to Learn (DEJ) <i>Student Presented Reading Strategy</i> Book Talks (one-third of class) Choose Graphic novel	Read “Content Area Vocabulary Learning” article (DEJ) <i>Student Presented Reading Strategy</i>
<u>February 21</u>	<u>February 23</u>	<u>February 28</u>	<u>March 2</u>
Read Chapter 8 Increasing Vocabulary and Conceptual Growth (4-square response) Book Talks (one-third of class) <i>Literature Circle II response</i>	Read “Close Reading of Science Texts” article (DEJ) Book Talks (one-third of class) <i>Literature Circle II response</i>	Read Chapter 10 Writing Across the Curriculum (Small group collaboration) <i>Literature Circle II response</i>	Read RTI..article Save the Last Word for Me activity Annotated Bibliography due <i>Brainstorm extension activities for Graphic Novels</i>
<u>March 7</u>	<u>March 9</u>	<u>March 13-18</u>	<u>Mar. 20-Apr. 21</u>
Study guide for midterm exam <i>Literature Circle II extension activity due</i>	Midterm exam (30 pts.)	<i>SPRING BREAK !!!!</i>	Practicum
<u>April 25</u>	<u>April 27</u>	<u>Monday May 1</u>	
Discussion of content area literacy within practicum experiences	<i>Chapter 12 (DEJ) Writing Assignment due</i> Study Guide for Final Exam	Final exam (20 pts)	

Instructor’s Policies for the Course as Appropriate (attendance, late assignments, etc.)

Reading Assignments & Discussion Questions – *It is your responsibility to keep up with the reading assignments and to come to class prepared to discuss the information contained in the assigned reading and be able to apply this to the information presented in class.* For a more detailed explanation of some of the assignments see supplemental explanations for assignments (below).

Instructor's Policies for the Course as Appropriate (attendance, late assignments, etc.)

- Attend all class meetings. Attendance is mandatory. You are to be here when class begins and to stay until class ends. This is a part of the expected professionalism of the field. In case of an absence, in-class assignments cannot be made up unless prior arrangements have been made with the professor, and class content must be obtained from another class member. Absences will be excused only in an emergency situation. Absences are unexcused unless written documentation is provided. If you must be absent, call or email the instructor **BEFORE** the class. For each unexcused absence, 5% of points will be deducted from the final grade. Students are responsible for all material assigned or covered in class as well as class announcements. Attendance will be recorded.
- Tardiness shows a lack of professionalism, as well as a lack of consideration for colleagues. Two tardies will be counted as an unexcused absence, and points will be deducted accordingly.
- ***Complete all assignments on time. Assignments are due on the due date. Late assignments will receive a letter deduction for each day they are late. Assignments more than 3 days late will not be accepted, and will receive a grade of zero, unless the student and instructor have agreed that extenuating circumstances exist. Technology problems are not an acceptable excuse:*** Let's face it. . technology breaks, servers go down, viruses attack, files become corrupted...the list goes on and on. These are not considered emergencies. They are part of the normal process of working with technology. Any issue you may have with technology is no excuse for late work. Assume technology will fail you. Plan ahead. Manage your time. Back up your work. ***Any late assignment must be cleared with the instructor at least 24 hours in advance.***
- Proper classroom etiquette should be practiced in the classroom. ***Thus, you should not be doing activities, such as talking out of turn, texting, talking on your cell phone, emailing, sleeping, or doing homework or work for another class during ELE 4280 class time. If you are doing any of the aforementioned activities during the class period, you will be marked absent.*** Cell phone usage is not permitted during class. Cell phones should be out of sight and silenced or on vibrate setting. To be ready to participate in each class meeting, you will have to complete reading and writing assignments.

Supplemental explanations for assignments

1. Book Talk and Annotated Bibliography

You will develop an annotated bibliography of ten books (can be a combination of books and websites, no more than 3 websites), for a specific content area. The books should be a combination of genres, fiction, informational books, poetry, etc. You will be required to present a book talk on one of the books from your annotated bibliography.

2. Literature Circles I and II

Literature Circle I will be small group discussions on, and responses to, a common text. Literature Circle II will be small group discussions on, and responses to, a common text as well. However, the text for Literature Circle II will be a graphic novel.

3. Response Journal

Formats will include double-entry journals (DEJ), 4-square responses, QAR formats or other responses on chapters or articles read. Details will be given in class.

4. Reading Strategies Lesson Plan/ Presentation

You will select one content area (math, science, social studies, etc.). You will choose a strategy appropriate for your content area. You must write a lesson plan for this strategy (using the lesson plan format provided) and execute the lesson plan in class. The lesson plan must include a trade book or other authentic text.

5. Writing assignment

You will use a minimum of five peer-reviewed journal articles to write a literature review on content area literacy. All topics must be approved. Your literature review must be two to four literacy strategies you can use in your content area. I would recommend using comprehension or vocabulary strategies, but you are not limited to those. These strategies can be for use before, during, and/or after reading. All references should be in APA format. The paper should include an introduction and a conclusion. Paper should be a minimum of 5 pages.

Academic Integrity

"The Department of EC/ELE/MLE is committed to the learning process and academic integrity as defined within the Student Conduct Code Standard I. "Eastern students observe the highest principles of academic integrity and support a campus environment conducive to scholarship." Students are expected to develop original and authentic work for assignments submitted in this course. "Conduct in subversion of academic standards, such as cheating on examinations, plagiarism, collusion, misrepresentation or falsification of data" or "submitting work previously presented in another course unless specifically permitted by the instructor" are considered violations of this standard."

Student Success Center

Students who are having difficulty achieving their academic goals are encouraged to first contact their instructor. If needing additional help, please contact the Student Success Center (www.eiu.edu/~success) for assistance with time management, test taking, note taking, avoiding procrastination, setting goals, and other skills to support academic achievement. The Student Success Center provides individualized consultations. To make an appointment, call 217-581-6696, or go to 9th Street Hall, Room 1302.

Students with Disabilities

If you are a student with a documented disability in need of accommodations to fully participate in this class, please contact the Office of Student Disability Services (OSDS). All accommodations must be approved through OSDS. Please stop by Ninth Street Hall, Room 2006, or call 217- 581-6583 to make an appointment.

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Course Specific Glossary:

Close Reading – The mindful, disciplined reading of a text with a view to deeper understanding of its meaning.

Explicit Instruction – Instruction guided by a teacher, who uses various strategies to help students understand what they are reading.

Reciprocal Reading Instruction – A four-step teacher-directed reading technique that consists of summarizing, questioning, clarifying, and predicting.

Text Complexity – the inherent difficulty of reading and comprehending a text combined with a consideration of reader variables (qualitative components, quantitative components, reader-task components)

Text Dependent Questions – specifically asks a question that can only be answered by referring back to the text being read.

Tier 2 Academic Vocabulary – High frequency words that occur across content areas; often used in conversations and text; strongly influence speaking and reading

Tier 3 Academic Vocabulary – Words specific to a content area (e.g., water cycle – science, island – social studies, quadrilateral – mathematics, verb – English)