



**ECE 366.01W – LEARNING ENVIRONMENTS
COURSE SYLLABUS: Summer II 2024**

INSTRUCTOR INFORMATION

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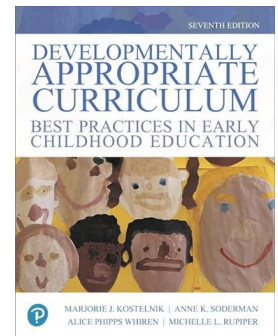
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COURSE INFORMATION

Required Textbook:

Kostelnik, M., Soderman, A. K., Whiren, A. P., & Rupiper, M. (2019).

Developmentally appropriate curriculum: Best practices in early childhood education (7th ed.). Pearson. ISBN 9780134747675



Additional required readings will be provided on D2L.

[Click here> TAMUC 2023-2024 Academic Calendar](#)

Course Description

This course will emphasize the developmentally appropriate design of an early learning environment for young learners that supports the learning process, family engagement, and the education of all learners. Strategies for differentiation of the learning environment for the diverse needs of learners will also be discussed using project-based learning that integrates social studies content and the fine arts. (3 hours)

Student Learning Outcomes

The learner who successfully completes this course will be able:

- A. to clarify developmentally appropriate principles and practices of early childhood education,
- B. to identify behavioral characteristics of young children to meet individual, developmental, and diverse needs;
- C. to equip and supply an early childhood classroom,
- D. to plan and organize a child centered environment,
- E. to build communication skills with parents & paraprofessionals,
- F. to associate ECE PPR TExES competencies with course content.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

Minimal Technical Skills Needed. Taking an online course requires general computer literacy. All work in this course must be completed and submitted through myLeo Online (D2L), our campus Learning Management System. You must have consistent and reliable access to a computer and the Internet. You must be able to use Leomail, organize and save electronic files, download and upload documents, locate information with a browser, and generate content using general word processing programs.

Instructional Methods

This course consists of a series of activities and assessments to assist you in achieving the outcomes/objectives for the course and instructional units/modules. Each week you will work on various combinations of assignments, activities, discussions, readings, research, quizzes, and/or exams.

Student Responsibilities or Tips for Success in the Course

The ABCs of Student Responsibility:

- Actively participate in class and the learning process.
- Be organized and prepared.
- Communicate with me about questions or concerns.

GRADING

All assignments and examinations are due as indicated on the course calendar. Written work should follow the guidelines published in the APA Manual (7th ed.) for citations, references, and manuscript style using 1" margins, double spaced, and 12-point font.

Work submitted late will be subject to a **10% deduction per day**. Ten days after the due date a grade of '0' will be entered in the Grade Center.

Unless otherwise stated, grading will be completed within one week of the due date.

Final grades in this course will be based on the following scale based on 100 points:

A = 90%-100%

B = 80%-89%

C = 70%-79%

D = 60%-69%

F = 59% or Below

Weights of the assessments in the calculation of the final letter grade.

Assignments (Gallery Walk)	50%
Chapter Quizzes	30%
Assessments	<u>30%</u>
TOTAL	100%

TECHNOLOGY REQUIREMENTS

All course sections offered by Texas A&M University-Commerce have a corresponding course shell in the myLeo Online Learning Management System (LMS). Below are technical requirements

LMS Requirements:

<https://community.brightspace.com/s/article/Brightspace-Platform-Requirements>

LMS Browser Support:

https://documentation.brightspace.com/EN/brightspace/requirements/all/browser_support.htm

Zoom Video Conferencing Tool

https://inside.tamuc.edu/campuslife/CampusServices/CITESupportCenter/Zoom_Account.aspx?source=universalmenu

ACCESS AND NAVIGATION

You will need your campus-wide ID (CWID) and password to log into the course. If you do not know your CWID or have forgotten your password, contact the Center for IT Excellence (CITE) at 903.468.6000 or helpdesk@tamuc.edu.

Note: Personal computer and internet connection problems do not excuse the requirement to complete all course work in a timely and satisfactory manner. Each student needs to have a backup method to deal with these inevitable problems. These methods might include the availability of a backup PC at home or work, the temporary use of a computer at a friend's home, the local library, office service companies, Starbucks, a TAMUC campus open computer lab, etc.

COMMUNICATION AND SUPPORT

If you have any questions or are having difficulties with the course material, please contact your instructor.

Technical Support

If you are having technical difficulty with any part of Brightspace, please contact Brightspace Technical Support at 1-877-325-7778. Other support options can be found here:

<https://community.brightspace.com/support/s/contactsupport>

COURSE AND UNIVERSITY PROCEDURES/POLICIES

Syllabus Change Policy

The syllabus is a guide. Circumstances and events, such as student progress, may make it necessary for the instructor to modify the syllabus during the semester. Any changes made to the syllabus will be announced in advance.

University Specific Procedures

Student Conduct

All students enrolled at the University shall follow the tenets of common decency and acceptable behavior conducive to a positive learning environment. The Code of Student Conduct is described in detail in the [Student Guidebook](#).

<http://www.tamuc.edu/Admissions/oneStopShop/undergraduateAdmissions/studentGuidebook.aspx>

Students should also consult the Rules of Netiquette for more information regarding how to interact with students in an online forum: <https://www.britannica.com/topic/netiquette>

TAMUC Attendance

For more information about the attendance policy please visit the [Attendance](#) webpage and [Procedure 13.99.99.R0.01](#).

<http://www.tamuc.edu/admissions/registrar/generalInformation/attendance.aspx>

<http://www.tamuc.edu/aboutUs/policiesProceduresStandardsStatements/rulesProcedures/13students/academic/13.99.99.R0.01.pdf>

Academic Integrity

Students at Texas A&M University-Commerce are expected to maintain high standards of integrity and honesty in all of their scholastic work. For more details and the definition of academic dishonesty see the following procedures:

[Undergraduate Academic Dishonesty 13.99.99.R0.03](#)
[Undergraduate Student Academic Dishonesty Form](#)

<http://www.tamuc.edu/aboutUs/policiesProceduresStandardsStatements/rulesProcedures/documents/13.99.99.R0.03UndergraduateStudentAcademicDishonestyForm.pdf>

[Graduate Student Academic Dishonesty Form](#)

<http://www.tamuc.edu/academics/graduateschool/faculty/GraduateStudentAcademicDishonestyFormold.pdf>

<http://www.tamuc.edu/aboutUs/policiesProceduresStandardsStatements/rulesProcedures/13students/undergraduates/13.99.99.R0.03UndergraduateAcademicDishonesty.pdf>

Students with Disabilities-- ADA Statement

The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) is a federal anti-discrimination statute that provides comprehensive civil rights protection for persons with disabilities. Among other things, this legislation requires that all students with disabilities be guaranteed a learning environment that provides for reasonable accommodation of their disabilities. If you have a disability requiring an accommodation, please contact:

Office of Student Disability Resources and Services

Texas A&M University-Commerce

Velma K. Waters Library Rm 162

Phone (903) 886-5150 or (903) 886-5835

Fax (903) 468-8148

Email: studentdisabilityservices@tamuc.edu

Website: [Office of Student Disability Resources and Services](#)

<http://www.tamuc.edu/campusLife/campusServices/studentDisabilityResourcesAndServices/>

Nondiscrimination Notice

Texas A&M University-Commerce will comply in the classroom, and in online courses, with all federal and state laws prohibiting discrimination and related retaliation on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, disability, age, genetic information or veteran status. Further, an environment free from discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation, gender identity, or gender expression will be maintained.

Campus Concealed Carry Statement

Texas Senate Bill - 11 (Government Code 411.2031, et al.) authorizes the carrying of a concealed handgun in Texas A&M University-Commerce buildings only by persons who have been issued and are in possession of a Texas License to Carry a Handgun. Qualified law enforcement officers or those who are otherwise authorized to carry a concealed handgun in the State of Texas are also permitted to do so. Pursuant to Penal Code (PC) 46.035 and A&M-Commerce Rule 34.06.02.R1, license holders may not carry a concealed handgun in restricted locations.

For a list of locations, please refer to the [Carrying Concealed Handguns On Campus](#) document and/or consult your event organizer.

Web url:

<http://www.tamuc.edu/aboutUs/policiesProceduresStandardsStatements/rulesProcedures/34SafetyOfEmployeesAndStudents/34.06.02.R1.pdf>

Pursuant to PC 46.035, the open carrying of handguns is prohibited on all A&M-Commerce campuses. Report violations to the University Police Department at 903-886-5868 or 9-1-1.

A&M-Commerce Supports Students' Mental Health

The Counseling Center at A&M-Commerce, located in the Halladay Building, Room 203, offers counseling services, educational programming, and connection to community resources for students. Students have 24/7 access to the Counseling Center's crisis assessment services by calling 903-886-5145. For more information regarding Counseling Center events and confidential services, please visit www.tamuc.edu/counsel

AI Use in Courses

Texas A&M University-Commerce acknowledges that there are legitimate uses of Artificial Intelligence, ChatBots, or other software that has the capacity to generate text, or suggest replacements for text beyond individual words, as determined by the instructor of the course.

Any use of such software must be documented. Any undocumented use of such software constitutes an instance of academic dishonesty (plagiarism).

Individual instructors may disallow entirely the use of such software for individual assignments or for the entire course. Students should be aware of such requirements and follow their instructors' guidelines. If no instructions are provided the student should assume that the use of such software is disallowed.

In any case, students are fully responsible for the content of any assignment they submit, regardless of whether they used an AI, in any way. This specifically includes cases in which the AI plagiarized another text or misrepresented sources.

13.99.99.R0.03 Undergraduate Academic Dishonesty

13.99.99.R0.10 Graduate Student Academic Dishonesty

Department or Accrediting Agency Required Content

Pedagogy and Professional Responsibilities Standards:

Standard I. Domain I.

The teacher designs instruction appropriate for all students that reflects an understanding of relevant content and is based on continuous and appropriate assessment.

1.7k the importance of the state content and performance standards as outlined in the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS);

1.8k relevant content of the discipline being taught, including concepts, principle relationships, methods of inquiry, and key issues;

1.10k how lesson content and skills connect with other disciplines and within the discipline; 1.11k current research on best pedagogical practices.

1.12k the importance of developing instructional goals and objectives that are clear, relevant, meaningful, and age-appropriate;

1.13k the importance of developing instructional goals and objectives that can be assessed

1.14k the importance of developing instructional goals and objectives that are suitable for students with varied learning needs; and

1.15k the importance of aligning instructional goals with campus and district goals.

1.16k the use of appropriate materials and resources for preparing instruction, presenting lessons, and assessing learning;

1.21k the importance of planning lessons and structuring units so that activities progress in a logical sequence;

1.24k the importance of engaging in continuous monitoring and self-assessment of instructional effectiveness.

1.25k the role of assessment in guiding instructional planning;

1.26k the importance of creating assessments that are congruent with instructional goals and objectives;

1.30k the connection between the Texas statewide assessment program, the TEKS, and instruction; and

1.31k how to analyze data from local, state, and other assessments using common statistical measures.

1.4s plan instruction that motivates students to want to learn and achieve; and

1.5s acknowledge and respect cultural and socioeconomic differences among students when planning instruction.

1.7s exhibit appropriate knowledge of a subject to promote student learning;

1.8s demonstrate awareness of common student misconceptions or likely sources of student error in relation to particular content;

1.9s plan instruction that reflects an understanding of important prerequisites relationships; 1.11s use a variety of pedagogical techniques to convey information and teach skills.

1.16s use various types of materials and other resources to aid in preparing and implementing instruction;

1.17s use technological tools to promote learning and expand instructional options; and

1.18s use resources available outside the school (e.g., museums, businesses, community members) to enhance students' learning opportunities

1.20s select instructional resources that support instructional goals, enhance student achievement, and engage students in learning;

1.21s use varied activities and instructional groupings to engage students in instructional content and meet instructional goals and objectives;

1.22 s allocate time appropriately within lessons and units, including providing adequate opportunities for students to engage in reflection and closure; and

1.23 s provide students with opportunities to explore content from many perspectives.

Unit 1: Language Foundations & Diversity

Major Assignments:

- **Discussion Group Introductions and Video Reflections**
- **Differentiating Across ELL Language Proficiency Levels Assignment**
(Beginning, Intermediate, Advanced, High Advanced)
- **Culturally & Linguistically Diverse Families: Encouraging Home -School Connections Assignment** (Small Group Presentation)

Chapter Quizzes: Ch. 1, Ch. 3, Ch. 14

Course Student Learning Outcomes(SLOs) <i>Students will....</i>	ECE-3 Testing Framework	Science of Teaching Reading	Technology Standards
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<p>Demonstrate knowledge of English language proficiency levels (ELPS Standards) and concepts related to second language acquisition.</p> <p>Learn and apply strategies for working with culturally and linguistically diverse families.</p> <p>Demonstrate knowledge of culturally responsive classroom experiences that recognize and build on students' home</p>	<p>Demonstrate knowledge of strategies and practices that acknowledge and respect diversity (e.g., cultural, economic, linguistic) and support inclusion in order to promote students' overall development and learning, including understanding of the benefits of primary and secondary languages and bilingualism to learning.</p> <p>Recognize the role personal bias plays in potential learning expectations for students in order to promote safe, positive, and supportive interactions and learning environments for all students.</p> <p>Demonstrate understanding of the role of language and culture in learning, as well as how to modify instruction to support language acquisition to ensure that both language and instruction are accessible across the content areas.</p> <p>Apply knowledge of skills</p>	<p>Demonstrate knowledge of the characteristic features of the four English language proficiency levels as described in the Texas English Language Proficiency Standards (ELPS) (i.e., beginning, intermediate, advanced, and high advanced) in order to plan appropriate language and literacy instruction for English learners.</p> <p>Demonstrate knowledge of culturally responsive instruction, including research-based strategies and best practices for supporting English learners' oral language, literacy, and concept development across academic disciplines as described in the Texas Prekindergarten Guidelines and the TEKS for ELAR (Kindergarten through Grade 5) (e.g., identifying and aligning relevant language objectives with content-area lessons; using appropriate scaffolds, particularly visual cues, to support understanding).</p> <p>Recognize that a student's home language or language variety</p>	<p>Teachers know how to...</p> <p>2.2s participate in electronic communities as a learner, initiator, and contributor;</p> <p>2.3s employ technological collaboration such as sharing information through online communications to complete tasks;</p> <p>5.3k how to practice and explain safe and appropriate online behavior, personal security guidelines, digital etiquette, and acceptable use of technology.</p> <p>5.3s demonstrate proper etiquette and knowledge of acceptable use of electronic information and products while in an individual classroom, a lab, or on the Internet or an intranet;</p> <p>2.7s use productivity</p>
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	and strategies for working collaboratively and effectively	may not include all the sounds used in standard English and that English learners and speakers of various dialects or regional styles of English may require explicit, linguistically	tools, such as slide shows, posters, multimedia presentations, newsletters, banners, brochures, or reports, to create effective document files for defined audiences;
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<p>language differences and distinctions.</p>	<p>with families, including families with linguistically and culturally diverse backgrounds, and of how to build positive relationships by advocating for families and by respecting and valuing families' preferences and goals.</p> <p><i>Demonstrate</i> knowledge of strategies and practices that acknowledge and respect diversity (e.g., cultural, economic, linguistic) and support inclusion in order to promote students' overall development and learning, including understanding of the benefits of primary and secondary languages and bilingualism to learning.</p>	<p>appropriate support in order to perceive and manipulate some of the phonemes of standard English.</p> <p>*Demonstrate knowledge of the interrelationships between oral language and literacy development and various ways in which oral language provides a critical foundation for reading skills and comprehension development, particularly for young children at the emergent and beginning stages of reading development, including factors that affect oral language development (e.g., familial, cultural, educational, socioeconomic, linguistic, and developmental characteristics).</p>	<p>1.1k how to use innovative technology and electronic communication to create new knowledge;</p> <p>1.3k how to demonstrate creative thinking, construct new knowledge, and develop innovative products and processes that use technology.</p> <p>1.1s design and create interdisciplinary multimedia presentations that include audio, video, text, and graphics;</p> <p>2.1 k how to design and format digital information for appropriate and effective communication;</p> <p>2.2k how to deliver a product electronically in a variety of media;</p> <p>2.4 s use groupware, collaborative software, and productivity tools to</p>
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			<p>create products;</p> <p>2.5s use technology in self-directed activities to create products for and share products with defined audiences;</p> <p>6.21s demonstrate proficiency in the use of multimedia authoring programs by creating linear or nonlinear projects that incorporate text, audio, video, and graphics;</p>
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Unit 2: Infant Toddler and Pre-K Language & Emergent Literacy Development

Major Assignment:

**Supporting Developmental Oral Language
Functions Thematic Unit
Assignment/Dialogic Reading
Part I & Part II (Incorporate Multimodal Learning Experiences)**

Chapter Quizzes: Ch. 6 & 7

Course Student Learning Outcomes (SLOs) Students will....	ECE-3 Testing Framework	Science of Teaching Reading	Technology Standards
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<p>Demonstrate knowledge of emergent print awareness, emergent writing concepts and the instructional strategies that support them.</p> <p>Demonstrate knowledge of creating interactive and supportive oral language building learning experiences for young children.</p>	<p>Demonstrate knowledge of the developmental stages in children's acquisition of writing skills (e.g., scribbling, mock letters, letter formation, invented spelling) and of different ways that individual students may vary in their rates of acquiring these stages.</p> <p>Apply knowledge of developmentally appropriate strategies for fostering students' ability to listen and speak for various purposes (e.g., expressing needs, interacting with others, responding to experiences, developing concepts).</p> <p>Demonstrate knowledge of strategies and technology for developing and reinforcing young children's language acquisition (e.g., oral language, listening comprehension, expressive and receptive vocabulary, pragmatic language skills).</p> <p>Apply knowledge of strategies and activities for infusing opportunities for purposeful, child-oriented, meaningful language and communication into all areas of the curriculum (e.g., purposeful conversations, dramatic play, word games,</p>	<p>Demonstrate knowledge of the continuum of development of knowledge and skills related to print concepts, alphabet knowledge, and the alphabetic principle as described in the Texas Prekindergarten Guidelines and the TEKS for ELAR (Kindergarten through Grade 5).</p> <p>***Demonstrate knowledge of the continuum of oral language development as described in the Texas Prekindergarten Guidelines and the TEKS for ELAR (Kindergarten through Grade 5), including basic stages of oral language development; characteristic features of children's oral language at different stages of development; and the importance of providing young children with frequent, repeated, incremental exposures to and opportunities to use new academic language structures in meaningful contexts, including providing opportunities for low-risk oral language rehearsal.</p> <p>Demonstrate ability to accurately interpret the results of ongoing</p>	<p>2.9s design and create interdisciplinary multimedia presentations that include audio, video, text, and graphics for defined audiences; and</p> <p>3.1k how to use strategies for acquiring information from electronic resources in a variety of formats;</p> <p>6.1k the correct use of hardware components, software programs and various systems and their connections; 6.2k how to use software applications, including selecting and using software for a defined task;</p> <p>6.1s demonstrate knowledge and appropriate use of operating systems, hardware systems, network systems, virtual systems,</p>
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	<p>storytelling, songs, poetry, questioning).</p>	<p>assessments in print concepts, alphabet knowledge, and the alphabetic principle, and to use the results to inform instructional planning and delivery, including differentiation strategies and interventions.</p> <p>Demonstrate knowledge of explicit, research-based strategies, tools, and techniques for assessing various aspects of students' development in print</p>	<p>learning systems, software applications, and communication and networking components;</p> <p>7.10s use a variety of instructional strategies to ensure all students' reading comprehension of content-related texts, including helping students link the content of texts to their lives and connect related ideas across different texts;</p>
		<p>concepts and alphabet knowledge, including their understanding of the alphabetic principle.</p>	

Unit 3: Kindergarten Language & Emergent Literacy Development

Major Assignment: *Phonological Awareness Continuum Activities/Lessons Assignment*

Chapter Quizzes: Ch. 8, Ch. 9

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Course Student Learning Outcomes(SLOs) Students will....	ECE-3 Testing Framework	Science of Teaching Reading	Technology Standards
<p>Demonstrate knowledge of phonological awareness concepts, the sequential levels of phonological awareness and various phonological awareness activities that support early literacy development.</p>	<p>Interpret assessment results to enhance knowledge of students; evaluate and monitor development, learning, and progress; establish goals; and plan, differentiate, and continuously adjust learning activities and environments for individuals and groups.</p> <p>Demonstrate knowledge of a variety of types of systematic observation and documentation (e.g., anecdotal notes, checklists, data collection) and the ability to use these processes and procedures to gain insight into students' development, strengths, needs, and learning.</p> <p>Demonstrate knowledge of</p>	<p>Demonstrate understanding of the distinctions between phonological awareness and phonemic awareness and the distinctions between phonemic awareness and the alphabetic principle.</p> <p>Demonstrate knowledge of explicit, research-based strategies, tools, and techniques for assessing students' development of phonological and phonemic awareness skills.</p> <p>Demonstrate ability to accurately interpret the results of ongoing assessments in phonological and phonemic awareness and to use the results to inform instructional planning and delivery, including differentiation strategies and interventions.</p> <p>Demonstrate knowledge of research-based strategies and</p>	<p>6.2s manipulate files by using appropriate naming conventions, file management (including folder structures and tagging), file conversions, and emerging digital organizational strategies;</p> <p>6.6s delineate and make necessary adjustments regarding compatibility issues, including but not limited to digital file formats and cross-platform connectivity;</p> <p>6.7s use and understand technology terminology appropriate to</p>

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	<p>practices and procedures for effectively planning and managing flexible student groupings, including pairings, individualized, and small-group instruction, to facilitate learning.</p>	<p>best practices for promoting young children's development of phonological awareness skills.</p> <p>Demonstrate knowledge of key concepts related to the development of phonological and phonemic awareness (e.g., recognizing that young children naturally attend to the meaning of language rather than its sounds and that larger units of sound are easier to detect and manipulate than smaller units of sound).</p> <p>Demonstrate knowledge of the phonological</p>	<p>the task;</p> <p>6.8s perform basic software application functions, including but not limited to opening an application program and creating, modifying, printing, and saving documents;</p> <p>6.9s apply techniques and available resources (such as online help and knowledge bases) to troubleshoot minor technical problems with hardware and software;</p> <p>6.13s demonstrate keyboarding proficiency in technique and posture while building speed and accuracy;</p>
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		<p>awareness continuum as described in the Texas Prekindergarten Guidelines and the TEKS for ELAR (Kindergarten through Grade 5) and apply knowledge of the phonological awareness continuum in order to plan and deliver instruction that is systematic and sequential.</p> <p>Demonstrate knowledge of research-based strategies and best practices for differentiating instruction in phonological and phonemic awareness skills in order to address the assessed needs of all students.</p>	
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Unit 4: Primary Language & Early Literacy Development

Major Assignment:

Pre-K- 1st Grade Student Mini-Case Study

Administering and Reflecting on Phonological Awareness; Concepts About Print (CAP) Or Record of Oral Language (ROL) Student Data Assignment (Choose 2-Assessments)

Chapter Quizzes: Ch. 12, Ch. 13

<p>Course Student Outcomes(SLOs) Students will....</p>	<p>ECE-3 Testing Framework</p>	<p>Science of Teaching Reading</p>	<p>Technology Standards</p>
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<p>Understand components of academic language and demonstrate knowledge of creating interactive and supportive academic language building learning experiences for young children.</p> <p>Demonstrate knowledge of oral and academic sentence structures and administer and/or interpret the results of sentence structure assessments.</p>	<p>Apply knowledge of instructional strategies, materials, and developmentally appropriate activities for teaching students English writing conventions (e.g., grammar, capitalization, punctuation).</p>	<p>Demonstrate knowledge of explicit, research-based strategies, tools, and techniques for assessing various aspects of students' oral language development, including their academic language development (e.g., knowledge and usage of sentences and grammatical structures of increasing complexity).</p> <p>Demonstrate ability to accurately interpret the results of ongoing assessments in oral language development, including sentence and grammatical complexity, and to use the results to inform instructional planning and delivery, including differentiation strategies and interventions.</p> <p>Demonstrate knowledge of research-based strategies and best practices for promoting students'</p>	<p>6.12s use a variety of input and storage devices such as mouse/track pad, keyboard, microphone, digital camera, digital voice recorder, scanner, disk/disc, modem, and controller;</p> <p>6.15s identify, create, and use files in various appropriate formats such as text, bitmapped/vector and raster graphics, image, video, and audio files;</p>
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<p>Administer a phonological awareness assessment, analyze, interpret and create a data driven learning experience for young children.</p> <p>Analyze phonological awareness class data and create differentiated group learning experiences based on the data.</p>		<p>understanding and use of sentences and grammatical structures of increasing complexity (e.g., compound sentences, complex sentences, relative clauses).</p>	
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Unit 5: Language Assessment, Delays, and Interventions

Major Assignment: *Planning A Differentiated Interdisciplinary Learning Segment Assignment (Critical Assignment)*

Chapter Quizzes: *Ch. 10 & Ch.11*

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<p>Understand components of academic language and demonstrate knowledge of creating interactive and supportive academic language building learning experiences for young children.</p> <p><i>Demonstrate</i> knowledge of culturally responsive classroom experiences that recognize and build on students' home language differences and</p>	<p>Demonstrate knowledge of the continuum of teaching strategies for promoting learning—from child initiated activities to adult-guided instruction; methods to capitalize on incidental and spontaneous opportunities for teaching; and ways to use the environment, daily routines, and interactions to support learning and development (e.g., developmentally appropriate homework practices).</p> <p>.Apply knowledge of strategies and activities for infusing opportunities for purposeful, child-oriented, meaningful language and communication into all areas of the curriculum (e.g., purposeful conversations, dramatic play, word games, storytelling, songs, poetry, questioning).</p> <p>Apply knowledge of developmentally appropriate strategies for fostering students' ability to listen and speak for various purposes (e.g., expressing needs, interacting with</p>	<p>Demonstrate knowledge of research-based strategies and best practices for differentiating instruction in oral language development, including in sentence and grammatical structures, in order to address the assessed needs of all students.</p> <p>Demonstrate knowledge of the distinctions between various tiers of vocabulary (Tier One—everyday, Tier Two—general academic, and Tier Three—discipline-specific) and the importance of explicitly teaching all students new Tier Two and Tier Three words that are key to understanding a new concept or comprehending a new text, while also identifying any relevant Tier One words with which students may be unfamiliar and explicitly teaching these words.</p> <p>Demonstrate knowledge of criteria for selecting words</p>	<p>6.15s identify, create, and use files in various appropriate formats such as text, bitmapped/vector and raster graphics, image, video, and audio files;</p> <p>6.21s demonstrate proficiency in the use of multimedia authoring programs by creating linear or nonlinear projects that incorporate text, audio, video, and graphics;</p>
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<p>distinctions.</p> <p><i>Demonstrate</i> knowledge of creating interactive and supportive oral language building learning experiences for young children.</p>	<p>responding to experiences, developing concepts)..</p> <p>Demonstrate knowledge of strategies and technology for developing and reinforcing young children's language acquisition (e.g., oral language, listening comprehension, expressive and receptive vocabulary, pragmatic language skills).</p>	<p>for explicit word study (e.g., a word's utility and frequency within a discipline or across disciplines) and apply knowledge of strategies for providing students with multiple opportunities to use new Tier Two and Tier Three words in a variety of settings.</p> <p>***Demonstrate knowledge of the continuum of oral language development as described in the TexasPrekindergarten Guidelines and the TEKS for ELAR (Kindergarten through Grade 5), including basic stages of oral language development; characteristic features of children's oral language at different stages of development;</p>	
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		<p>and the importance of providing young children with frequent, repeated, incremental exposures to and opportunities to use new academic language structures in meaningful contexts, including providing opportunities for low-risk oral language rehearsal.</p>	
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A Complete List of Standards below are addressed within learning sessions, the course textbook and other learning resources which are posted within D2L learning modules.

“All teacher candidates should be familiar with the Texas Teacher Standards in Chapter 149 which can be found at <https://tea.texas.gov/sites/default/files/ch149aa.pdf>”

English Language Arts and Reading Generalist EC-6 Standards

https://tea.texas.gov/sites/default/files/EC_6_ELAR_Standard%284%29_0.pdf

Standard I. Oral Language: Teachers of young students understand the importance of oral language, know the developmental processes of oral language, and provide a variety of instructional opportunities for young students to develop listening and speaking skills.

Standard II. Phonological and Phonemic Awareness: Teachers of young students understand the components of phonological and phonemic awareness and utilize a variety of approaches to help young students develop this awareness and its relationship to written language.

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Standard III. Alphabetic Principle: Teachers of young students understand the importance of the alphabetic principle to reading English, know the elements of the alphabetic principle, and provide instruction that helps students understand that printed words consist of graphic representations that relate to the sounds of spoken language in conventional and intentional ways.

Standard IV. Literacy Development and Practice: Teachers of young students understand that literacy develops over time and progresses from emergent to proficient stages. Teachers use a variety of contexts to support the development of young students' literacy.

Texas Pre-Kindergarten Guidelines

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II. Language and Communication Domain

- A. Listening Communication Domain**
- B. Speaking and Communication Domain**
- C. Speech Production Skills**
- D. Vocabulary**
- E. Sentences and Structure Skills**

III. Emergent Literacy: Reading Domain

- B. Phonological Awareness Skills**
- C. Alphabet Knowledge Skills**
- D. Comprehension of Text Read Aloud Skills**

IV. Emergent Literacy Writing Domain

- C. Conventions in Writing**

Science of Teaching Reading Testing Framework Standards

Competency 001 (Foundations of the Science of Teaching Reading): Understand foundational concepts, principles, and best practices related to the science of teaching reading.

A. Demonstrate knowledge of scientifically based reading research (e.g., key findings of the National Reading Panel, the National Early Literacy Panel, the National Literacy Panel for Language Minority

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Children and Youth), including the key research-based components of reading instruction (i.e., phonemic awareness, phonics, fluency, vocabulary, and text comprehension) and the essential roles that oral language, writing, and motivation play in promoting reading development for students in prekindergarten through grade 3.

B. Demonstrate knowledge of the Texas Prekindergarten Guidelines related to reading and the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS) for English Language Arts and Reading (ELAR) (Kindergarten through Grade 6).

F. Demonstrate knowledge of the interrelationships between the various components of reading and the importance of promoting students' development of both foundational reading skills and various dimensions of reading comprehension (e.g., listening comprehension, vocabulary development, literary analysis, analysis of informational text, responses to text) at all stages of reading development.

H. Demonstrate knowledge of key principles of research-based and evidence-based reading instruction, including basing instruction on the standards outlined in the Texas Prekindergarten Guidelines and the TEKS for ELAR (Kindergarten through Grade 6); making instructional decisions based on ongoing assessment results; designing and implementing developmentally appropriate, standards-driven instruction that reflects evidence-based best practices; and ensuring that reading instruction is systematic, sequential, explicit, and strategic and promotes the prevention of reading difficulties.

Competency 002 (Foundations of Reading Assessment): Understand foundational concepts, principles, and best practices related to reading assessment.

A. Demonstrate knowledge of the role of assessment in standards-based reading instruction, including basing reading assessment on relevant grade-level standards in the Texas Prekindergarten Guidelines or TEKS for ELAR (Kindergarten through Grade 6), and using data from ongoing reading assessments to inform instruction, to plan differentiated instruction, and to adjust instructional planning and delivery to meet all students' reading needs.

C. Demonstrate understanding of the importance of using both code-based and meaning-based classroom reading assessments to inform instructional planning, and identify techniques for assessing various decoding skills (e.g., using word lists to assess recognition of high-frequency words; using word pattern surveys, pseudo-word assessments, phonics surveys, writing samples, or spelling surveys to assess phonics knowledge and skills; using structural analysis surveys to assess syllabication and morphemic analysis skills) and various dimensions of reading comprehension (e.g., using oral retellings, written responses, or text-based questioning to assess reading comprehension and vocabulary knowledge; using oral language and writing samples to analyze academic language and vocabulary development).

E. Demonstrate knowledge of key assessment concepts (e.g., validity, reliability, equity in testing) and the characteristics, uses, and limitations of standardized criterion-referenced and norm-referenced tests to assess reading development and identify reading difficulties.

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Competency 003 (Oral Language Foundations of Reading Development): Understand foundational concepts, principles, and best practices related to the development of oral language, including second language acquisition, and demonstrate knowledge of developmentally appropriate, research- and evidence-based assessment and instructional practices to promote all students' development of grade level oral language skills.

- A. Demonstrate knowledge of explicit, research-based strategies, tools, and techniques for assessing various aspects of students' oral language development, including their academic language development (e.g., knowledge and usage of sentences and grammatical structures of increasing complexity).
- B. Demonstrate ability to accurately interpret the results of ongoing assessments in oral language development, including sentence and grammatical complexity, and to use the results to inform instructional planning and delivery, including differentiation strategies and interventions.
- C. Demonstrate knowledge of the continuum of oral language development as described in the Texas Prekindergarten Guidelines and the TEKS for ELAR (Kindergarten through Grade 6), including basic stages of oral language development; characteristic features of children's oral language at different stages of development; and the importance of providing students with frequent, repeated, incremental exposures to and opportunities to use new academic language structures in meaningful contexts, including providing opportunities for low-risk oral language rehearsal.
- D. Recognize that individual variations in oral language development occur and that speech or language delays require additional support and monitoring in the early childhood education classroom and may warrant in-depth evaluation and/or collaboration with other professionals, if improvement is not achieved through classroom interventions.
- E. Demonstrate knowledge of research-based strategies and best practices for promoting students' understanding and use of sentences and grammatical structures of increasing complexity (e.g., compound sentences, complex sentences, relative clauses).
- F. Demonstrate knowledge of research-based strategies and best practices for promoting students' understanding and use of grade-level instructional language, including terminology and sentence structures used to label and describe people, things, places, and locations and to name, describe, and explain actions, directions, positions, sequences, locations, and categories (e.g., colors, shapes, textures).
- G. Demonstrate knowledge of the interrelationships between oral language and literacy development and various ways in which oral language provides a critical foundation for reading skills and comprehension development, particularly for young children at the emergent and beginning stages of reading development, including factors that affect oral language development (e.g., familial, cultural, educational, socioeconomic, linguistic, and developmental characteristics).
- H. Demonstrate knowledge of the importance of English learners' home language as an asset that provides an essential foundation for their oral language and literacy development in English, and apply knowledge of research-based strategies and best practices for facilitating language transfer by helping English learners make cross-language connections (e.g., explicitly pointing out words that are cognates in English and the home language, using objects or pictures from students' home cultures to connect new English words with familiar meanings).
- I. Demonstrate knowledge of basic concepts related to second-language acquisition as described in the Texas Prekindergarten Guidelines and the TEKS for ELAR (Kindergarten through Grade 6) (e.g., recognizing that general

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education teachers have a shared responsibility in promoting English learners' English language development, that an English learner's English language proficiency level does not relate to the student's grade level, that beginning-level English learners may experience a "silent period" during which they are listening actively without producing oral language, that English learners acquire a new language best when they are provided with multiple, incremental opportunities to expand and extend their English language skills as they build on their strengths in the home language).

J. Demonstrate knowledge of the characteristic features of the four English language proficiency levels as described in the Texas English Language Proficiency Standards (ELPS) (i.e., beginning, intermediate, advanced, and high advanced) in order to plan appropriate language and literacy instruction for English learners.

K. Demonstrate knowledge of culturally responsive instruction, including research-based strategies and best practices for supporting English learners' oral language, literacy, and concept development across academic disciplines as described in the Texas Prekindergarten Guidelines and the TEKS for ELAR (Kindergarten through Grade 6) (e.g., identifying and aligning relevant language objectives with content-area lessons; using appropriate scaffolds, particularly visual cues, to support understanding).

L. Demonstrate knowledge of research-based strategies and best practices for differentiating instruction in oral language development, including in sentence and grammatical structures, in order to address the assessed needs of all students.

Competency 004 (Phonological and Phonemic Awareness): Understand concepts, principles, and best practices related to the development of phonological and phonemic awareness, and demonstrate knowledge of developmentally appropriate, research- and evidence-based assessment and instructional practices to promote all students' development of grade-level phonological and phonemic awareness skills. For example:

A. Demonstrate knowledge of explicit, research-based strategies, tools, and techniques for assessing students' development of phonological and phonemic awareness skills.

B. Demonstrate ability to accurately interpret the results of ongoing assessments in phonological and phonemic awareness and to use the results to inform instructional planning and delivery, including differentiation strategies and interventions.

C. Demonstrate knowledge of the role of phonological and phonemic awareness in the development of literacy in an alphabetic language.

D. Demonstrate understanding of the distinctions between phonological awareness and phonemic awareness and the distinctions between phonemic awareness and the alphabetic principle.

E. Demonstrate knowledge of key concepts related to the development of phonological and phonemic awareness (e.g., recognizing that young children naturally attend to the meaning of language rather than its sounds and that larger units of sound are easier to detect and manipulate than smaller units of sound).

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- F. Demonstrate knowledge of the phonological awareness continuum as described in the Texas Prekindergarten Guidelines and the TEKS for ELAR (Kindergarten through Grade 2) and apply knowledge of the phonological awareness continuum in order to plan and deliver instruction that is systematic and sequential.
- G. Demonstrate knowledge of research-based strategies and best practices for promoting young children's development of phonological awareness skills.
- H. Demonstrate knowledge of research-based strategies and best practices for promoting development of phonemic awareness skills, including strategies that help make the concept of phonemes more concrete for young children (e.g., using manipulatives).
- I. Recognize that a student's home language or language variety may not include all the sounds used in standard English and that English learners and speakers of various dialects or regional styles of English may require explicit, linguistically appropriate support in order to perceive and manipulate some of the phonemes of standard English.
- J. Demonstrate knowledge of research-based strategies and best practices for differentiating instruction in phonological and phonemic awareness skills in order to address the assessed needs of all students.

Competency 005 (Print Concepts and Alphabet Knowledge): Understand concepts, principles, and best practices related to the development of print concepts and alphabet knowledge, including understanding of the alphabetic principle, and demonstrate knowledge of developmentally appropriate, research- and evidence-based assessment and instructional practices to promote all students' development of grade-level print concepts and alphabet knowledge and their understanding of the alphabetic principle. For example:

- A. Demonstrate knowledge of explicit, research-based strategies, tools, and techniques for assessing various aspects of students' development in print concepts and alphabet knowledge, including their understanding of the alphabetic principle.
- B. Demonstrate ability to accurately interpret the results of ongoing assessments in print concepts, alphabet knowledge, and the alphabetic principle, and to use the results to inform instructional planning and delivery, including differentiation strategies and interventions.
- D. Demonstrate knowledge of research-based strategies and best practices for promoting young children's development of print concepts (e.g., understanding that illustrations and print carry meaning; distinguishing between illustrations and print and between a letter and a word; identifying key conventions of print that contribute to meaning) and print and digital book-handling skills (e.g., identifying a book's front cover, back cover, and title page; turning pages correctly).
- E. Demonstrate understanding of the role of alphabet knowledge in reading development (e.g., recognizing that phonemic awareness and alphabet knowledge are key predictors of early reading success because phonemic awareness skills, letter recognition, and letter-sound correspondence provide the foundation for decoding and spelling development).
- F. Demonstrate knowledge of research-based strategies and best practices for promoting young children's development of alphabet knowledge, including strategies for reinforcing alphabet knowledge (e.g., using multimodal techniques).
- G. Demonstrate knowledge of the alphabetic principle (i.e., the understanding that letters and combinations of letters represent the sounds of spoken language and that phonemes have a predictable, systematic relationship to those letters).

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and letter combinations) and the role of the alphabetic principle in reading development (e.g., interrelationships between letter-sound correspondence, phonemic awareness, and beginning decoding).

H. Demonstrate knowledge of research-based strategies and best practices for promoting young children's development of the alphabetic principle (e.g., identifying the most common sound or sounds associated with each letter of the alphabet), including strategies for reinforcing the alphabetic principle (e.g., using articulatory feedback when teaching letter-sound relationships, encouraging engagement in meaningful writing using phonetic spelling).

I. Demonstrate understanding of the role of predictable texts in promoting young children's development of print concepts and alphabet knowledge.

J. Demonstrate understanding that not all written languages are alphabetic, that many alphabetic languages are more phonetically regular than English, and that English learners' literacy development in English is affected by these factors.

Competency 009 (Vocabulary Development): Understand concepts, principles, and best practices related to vocabulary development, and demonstrate knowledge of developmentally appropriate, research- and evidence-based assessment and instructional practices to promote all students' development of grade-level vocabulary knowledge and skills. For example:

C. Demonstrate knowledge of the essential role of vocabulary in supporting students' oral language development, reading comprehension, and ability to engage in self-sustained reading, including the interrelationships between vocabulary knowledge, reading achievement, and overall academic achievement.

D. Demonstrate knowledge of the continuum of vocabulary development as described in the Texas Prekindergarten Guidelines and the TEKS for ELAR (Kindergarten through Grade 6), including the importance of providing students with frequent, repeated, incremental exposures to and opportunities to use new vocabulary in meaningful contexts.

F. Demonstrate knowledge of the distinctions between various tiers of vocabulary (Tier One—everyday, Tier Two—general academic, and Tier Three—discipline-specific) and the importance of explicitly teaching all students new Tier Two and Tier Three words that are key to understanding a new concept or comprehending a new text, while also identifying any relevant Tier One words with which students

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may be unfamiliar and explicitly teaching these words.

Competency 010 (Comprehension Development): Understand concepts, principles, and best practices related to the development of reading comprehension, and demonstrate knowledge of developmentally appropriate, research- and evidence-based assessment and instructional practices to promote all students' development of reading comprehension strategies in order to gain, clarify, and deepen understanding of appropriately complex texts. For example:

C. Demonstrate knowledge of factors affecting reading comprehension (e.g., oral language development, including listening comprehension skills; academic language development, including vocabulary and grammatical knowledge and skills; decoding skills; reading fluency; ability to monitor for understanding; background knowledge relevant to a text's topic or setting; level of English language proficiency; prior literacy experiences with other texts of the same genre or text type; specific text characteristics).

E. Demonstrate knowledge of the challenges and supports in a text (e.g., pictures, predictability, decodability, text structure) and strategies for evaluating and sequencing texts for reading instruction according to text complexity (e.g., quantitative dimensions, qualitative dimensions, reader and task variables), including strategies that promote students' self-sustained reading of increasingly complex texts and their ability to self-select appropriately complex texts for independent reading, inquiry, and research.

F. Demonstrate knowledge of different levels of comprehension, including literal comprehension skills, inferential comprehension skills, and evaluative comprehension skills

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