**CTEC 3030 Integrated Curriculum in Preschool:**

**Early Literacy**

**Fall 2021**

**Course Time:** Tuesdays/Thursdays, 2:00 – 3:15 PM

**Course Location:** Haley Center 2442

**Credit Hours:** 3

**Prerequisites:** Admission to Early Childhood Teacher Education Program

**Co-requisite:** CTEC 4911

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**Required Textbooks:**

Ray, K.W., & Glover, M. (2008). *Already Ready: Nurturing writers in preschool and kindergarten*. Portsmouth, NH: Heinemann.

Souto-Manning, M., & Martell, J. (2016). *Reading, Writing and Talk: Inclusive Teaching Strategies for Diverse Learners, K-2.* New York: Teacher’s College Press.

\*\*\*Other required readings will be posted on Canvas\*\*\*

**Recommended Textbooks:**

Burns, M. S., Griffin, P., & Snow, C. E. (eds.) (1999). *Starting out right: A guide to promoting children’s reading success.* Washington, D.C.: National Academy Press, National Research Council.

Clay, M. (1975). *What did I write: Beginning writing behaviour.* Portsmouth, NH: Heinemann.

Clay, M. (2014). *By different paths to common outcomes: Literacy learning and teaching.* Portsmouth, NH: Heinemann. ISBN 978-0-325-05955-6

Curtis, D., & Carter, M. (2012). The art of awareness: How observation can transform your teaching. 2nd edition. Redleaf Press. ISBN-10: 1605540862

Jones, E., & Reynolds, G. (2011). *The play’s the thing: Teachers’ roles in children’s*

*play*. New York: Teachers College Press.

Kolbe, U. (2005). *It’s not a bird yet: The drama of drawing*. Byron Bay, AU: Peppinot Press.

Wohlwend, K. E. (2011). *Playing their way into literacies: Reading, writing, and*

*belonging in the early childhood classroom*. New York: Teachers College Press.

**Course Objectives/Outcomes:**

The unique nature of early childhood education encompasses the foundations of learning including play, developmentally appropriate practices, and integration within and across disciplines, which create a bridge between informal and formal learning environments. The course focuses on how young children construct an understanding of early literacy learning through multi-sensory, multi-modal means, and will provide the opportunity for students to

* Become familiar with and use the *Alabama Developmental Standards — Language and Literacy* for planning the learning environment, meaningful learning activities, and assessment opportunities [<http://children.alabama.gov/firstclass/firstclass-guidelines/>]:

1. Children will develop listening comprehension skills (receptive language).
2. Children will develop phonological awareness skills to discriminate the sounds of language.
3. Children will develop an understanding of new vocabulary.
4. Children will develop speaking skills for the purpose of communication (expressive language).
5. Children will develop age-appropriate writing skills.
6. Children will develop knowledge about the various uses of print and characteristics of written language (concepts about print).
7. Children will develop alphabet knowledge.

* Confront and attempt to answer the following questions:

1. How do children make the transition from intuitive thought to symbolic play, to emergent literacy, to flexible use of the symbol systems of our culture?
2. How can teachers provide tools and experiences, following the interests of the child, that enable children to represent their knowledge and thinking?
3. How can teachers provide experiences that challenge the intuitive thought of children?
4. How can teachers facilitate the development of symbolic function, early literacy and numeracy, in young children?
5. How can teachers observe, document, and understand the development from intuitive thought to symbolic function through multi-sensory, multi-modal literacies?
6. How can teachers organize their planning based on what they have observed, documented, and reflected upon?

**Upon completion of the course, students will be able to:**

1. Understand the multimodality of early literacy, applying and supporting multi-sensory strategies in foundational reading skills for young children (*Alabama Literacy Act,* Section 6.e.).
2. Demonstrate knowledge of content and resources in academic disciplines: language and literacy; the arts – music, creative movement, dance, drama, visual arts; mathematics; science, physical activity, physical education, health and safety; and social studies (*NAEYC*, 5.a., *CIEP,* 5.1).
3. Create, evaluate, and select activities, materials, and equipment that are developmentally appropriate, integrating multiple developmental areas and levels of ability and demonstrate skills in incorporating goals of individual children in all group activities (*CIEP,* 1.1, 3.2, 3.3).
4. Use own knowledge, appropriate early learning standards, and other resources to design, implement, and evaluate developmentally meaningful and challenging curriculum for each child (*NAEYC,* 5.c., *CIEP,* 5.3).
5. Develop and implement an integrated curriculum using the central concepts, inquiry tools, and structures of content areas or academic disciplines that focuses on children’s needs and interests and takes into account culturally valued content and children’s home experiences (*NAEYC,* 5.b., *CIEP,* 5.2).
6. Affirm and respect culturally and linguistically diverse children, support home language preservation, and promote anti-bias approaches through creation of learning environments and experiences (*CIEP,* 1.3, 2.1).
7. Demonstrate the ability to facilitate learning through play and child-initiated activities through high quality interactions, guided inquiry and discovery, and demonstrate competency in enhancing social interaction by integrating typically and atypically developing children (*CIEP,* 4.1).
8. Recognize the abstract nature of reading and writing as symbolic functions and the nature of play as literacy supportive; and learn how to facilitate play to enrich children’s thinking as they progress towards literate minds (*CIEP,* 5.3).
9. Demonstrate the ability to integrate functional and developmental objectives for learning (*CIEP,* 1.3).
10. Within a classroom environment, plan appropriate cooperative learning, discussion, and problem-based learning strategies, to plan for a wide-range of individual learning and maturational needs within differentiated literacy instruction, understanding the role of social interaction in emergent literacy, learning, and development as well as facilitating children’s involvement in planning for their own learning (*CIEP,* 4.1, 4.3).
11. Demonstrate skills in using developmentally appropriate planning strategies in cooperation with members of the teaching team (*CIEP,* 3.2).
12. Plan appropriate balance in child-initiated and adult-initiated activities, based on the individual needs of the typically and atypically developing children (*CIEP,* 3.3).
13. Learn to administer, analyze, and use the results from appropriate assessments for literacy development (*CIEP, 3*.1).
14. Demonstrate skills in observing, recording, analyzing, and using data gathered from and about children engaged in real, concrete, play-oriented activities in natural environments to inform the planning and guidance in the classroom (*CIEP,* 3.2).
15. Demonstrate competence in functioning in a preschool inclusive environment, and in analyzing and evaluating the teaching-learning environment (*CIEP,* 1.2).

**Assignments/Projects:**

1. **Authorship Project & Paper (15 pts):**

You will write a picture book in the genre of your choice. You will then write a reflection paper on your experience and what insights you gained that apply to your work with children. We will start this project in class, and more directions will be given at that time.

1. **Journal Reflections (60 pts, 12 entries @ 5 pts per entry):**

Reflections will incorporate the readings, articles, and/or videos that were required for the week, your personal thoughts and feelings about what was read, any connection to what you are seeing/doing in your practicum class, and how this can influence your future teaching practice. Prompts will be posted on Canvas or given in class.

1. **Learning Stories (30 pts, 2 entries @ 15 pts per entry):**

Document a child engaged in an ongoing, interest-driven, and focused experience. Follow the learning stories structure – describe in detail with photos, write to the child in first person what it means, reflect on opportunities and possibilities, and get feedback from family.

\*\*\*Include samples: clear photos in which the details of the child’s work can be clearly detected. These must be samples you observed and can describe in detail any oral language that accompanied the work, interactions with peers or adults at the time, and any other activity that accompanied the child’s thinking and representation.

1. **Provocation Presentations (20 pts):**  
   Each student will work with a partner to plan and present a Reggio-Inspired art and physical knowledge provocation. The provocations will be set up and displayed in class. These provocations may then be used in your preschool practicum classroom, or revised as necessary. More information will be provided on Canvas and in class.
2. **Documentation Panel (15 pts):**  
   Using what you have learned about documentation in class and through observing and implementing your lesson plans, provocations, and activities with the students in your preschool practicum class, you will create a documentation panel. This documentation panel should be student-centered and showcase student’s thinking, thought processes, original work, works in progress, quotes from students and/or teachers, and/or photographs. You will write one paragraph explaining your documentation panel and how it documents student learning, why it’s beneficial for students, teachers, or parents, and what you learned through implementing this process with preschool children.
3. **Balanced Literacy Planning & Peer-Teaching (60 pts):**  
   You will work with a small group or partner to plan for and peer teach lessons including an Interactive Read Aloud, Shared Reading, Shared Writing, and a Literacy Video Critique. We will plan for these lessons in class and you will “peer teach” them to your small group or partner. You will use a rubric to provide feedback to one another. These lessons may also be implemented in your preschool practicum class. For the Literacy Video Critique, you will record yourself teaching literacy (reading or writing) and you will work with your group or partner to critique the lessons of your peers. You will wrap up this learning by writing a reflection on what you learned through the planning process, from your peer-teaching and feedback, how implementation went with your preschool class, and your thoughts on how you could adapt these lessons to also work with other early childhood students in grades K-3.
   1. Read Aloud (planning and peer teaching) = 10 points
   2. Shared Reading (planning and peer teaching) = 10 points
   3. Shared Writing (planning and peer teaching) = 10 points
   4. Literacy Video Critique = 10 points
   5. Balanced Literacy Reflection = 20 points
4. **Vivian Paley Book Study Presentations (15 pts):**  
   Working with a partner, you will select and read a book by the early childhood author, Vivian Paley. Vivian Paley has authored many books for teachers on topics such as play in the classroom, gender-based play, literacy, and race and diversity within the classroom. You will read and discuss your book with your partner and complete a presentation on your book’s main points and classroom implications. The instructor will approve your book title and you will submit this assignment on Canvas.
5. **Participation/Professional Dispositions (10 pts):**

Teacher candidates are expected to participate fully in class and to stay focused and engaged. All teacher candidates are required to attend all classes, be punctual, and be active participants in class discussions and activities. During Zoom sessions, all students are expected to keep their cameras on unless otherwise instructed. Students are also expected to be respectful to others by not displaying disruptive or inappropriate behavior during class. *(This includes talking while another student has been acknowledged to speak, as well as while the instructor is speaking, and texting or using a mobile device in any inappropriate manner unrelated to the course.)* Points will be deducted from the original 10 points when an infraction occurs (as determined by the instructor) and the student will be notified that points were deducted within a reasonable time after the infraction. Each incidence of unprofessional behavior will result in a 2-4 point deduction, depending on whether the behavior has already been addressed or not.

\*Please note that this is only a plan; assignments and point values/totals *may change during the semester*.

**Rubric and Grading Scale:**

Authorship Project & Paper (15 points)

Journal Reflections (60 points)

Learning Stories (30 points)

Provocation Presentations (20 points)

Documentation Panel (15 points)

Balanced Literacy Planning & Peer Teaching (60 points)

Vivian Paley Book Study Presentations (15 points)

Participation/Professional Disposition (10 points)

TOTAL = 225 points

A = 203-225, B= 180-202, C= 158-179, D= 135-157, F= 134 & below

\*If D or below is obtained, the course must be repeated; also, students must maintain a 2.5 average GPA to participate in clinical residency.

**Class Policy Statements:**

***Accommodations****:* Students who need accommodations are asked to electronically submit their approved accommodations through AU Access and to arrange a meeting during office hours the first week of classes, or as soon as possible if accommodations are needed immediately. If you have a conflict with my office hours, please email me, and an alternate time can be arranged. If you have not established accommodations through the Office of Accessibility, but need accommodations, make an appointment with the Office of Accessibility, 1228 Haley Center, 844-2096 (V/TT). See <https://fp.auburn.edu/disability/faculty/syllabus.asp> .

***Attendance/Absences***: Attendance is required at each class meeting. If an exam is missed, a make-up exam will be given only for University-approved excuses as outlined in the [Student Policy eHandbook](http://www.auburn.edu/student_info/student_policies/%2523vii). Arrangement to take the make-up exam must be made in advance. Students who miss an exam/project deadline because of an illness need a doctor’s excuse for verification of sickness and should clear the absence with the instructor the day they return to class. Other unavoidable absences from campus must be documented and cleared with the instructor in advance. \*\*Each unexcused absence will result in 2 points deducted from the participation/professionalism grade and a grade of 0 will be given to work/assignments missed during that class period. Unexcused or excessive absences could result in a teacher candidate being dropped from the early childhood education program.

***Honesty Code***: The University Academic Honesty Code and the Student Policy eHandbook Rules and Regulations pertaining to Cheating and Plagiarism will apply to this class. See <https://sites.auburn.edu/admin/universitypolicies/Policies/AcademicHonestyCode.pdf>

***Late work***: Students are expected to turn in all work on time. Late work will incur an immediate 2-point deduction, followed by a 2-point deduction for each subsequent day the work is not submitted. If you find yourself falling behind in your coursework, it is of the utmost importance that you immediately contact your instructor. This is the best way to stay caught up with the course, and to achieve the highest possible grade.

\* If you find that you need to submit late work, it is required that you contact the instructor before submitting any late work.

***Mobile Device Policy***: Smartphone use, text messaging, or unapproved tablet/laptop usage during the class session is viewed as extremely unprofessional and will result in an automatic loss of 2 points from the Class Participation/Professional Behavior grade for the first occurrence; additional points will be deducted for repeated occurrences. It is best that phones, iPads, and laptops not be visible during the class session to avoid any misunderstanding of their use, unless specific use for the device is communicated by the instructor. If you take notes on your laptop, let the instructor know in advance.

***Participation***: Students are expected to participate in all class discussions and participate in all exercises. It is the student’s responsibility to contact the instructor if assignment deadlines are not met. Students are responsible for initiating arrangements for missed work.

***Professionalism***: As faculty, staff, and students interact in professional settings, they are expected to demonstrate professional behaviors as defined in the College’s conceptual framework. These professional commitments or dispositions are:

* Engage in responsible and ethical professional practices
* Contribute to collaborative learning communities
* Demonstrate a commitment to diversity
* Model and nurture intellectual vitality