

Semester 96-2 Session: Summer Session

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**PREREQUISITE**

Educ 401/402

**COURSE DESCRIPTION**

The course will focus on developing knowledge, skills and strategies to create a rich and stimulating language arts program in the classroom. Issues in reading, writing, speaking and listening will be examined through current theory and teaching practice. Language acquisition will be viewed as a holistic, integrated process through which children's abilities develop naturally as they make meaning of their world.

You will have opportunities to examine your personal beliefs about children, the teacher and the curriculum; and to explore the congruency between theory and practice. The course will provide you with a framework to examine and reflect on your understandings about learning and teaching the language arts, and your role as teacher in engaging children in communicating and searching for meaning.

The course will comprise a broad range of experiences. These will include professional readings, discussion and written response, seminars, demonstrations, and individual tasks and small-group work threaded through cooperative learning strategies. Upon completion you should have an extensive repertoire of strategies and materials to use in the class.

**OBJECTIVES**

- \* Language and the learning process
- \* The process of reading and writing
- \* Vocabulary acquisition
- \* The linking of reading and writing
- \* Research skills
- \* Assessment and evaluation
- \* Children's literature in the Language classroom
- \* Developing an effective Language Arts program

**REQUIREMENTS**

1. Regular attendance and participation
2. Completion of assigned professional readings
3. Completion of short written assignments
4. Completion of a project for a Research Fair

**READINGS**

				REQ	REC
0-435-08809-2	Calkins, Lucy	Portsmouth, NH: Heinemann	<u>The Art of Teaching Writing</u>	X	
0-86709-163-0	Atwell, Nancy	Upper Montclair, NJ: Boynton/Cook (1987)	<u>In the Middle</u>		X
0-7747-3151-6	Booth, David	NY: Harcourt Brace (1994)	<u>Classroom Voices: Language-Based Learning in the Elementary School</u>		X

				<b>REQ</b>	<b>REC</b>
0-86863-279-1	Clay, Marie	Portsmouth, NH: Heinemann	<u>Becoming Literate: The Construction of Inner Control</u>		X
0-06-041337-9	Pike, Kathy	New York: Harper Collins Publishers Inc.	<u>New Connections: An Integrated Approach to Literacy</u>		X