

Summer Semester 2001

**EDUC 472 - 4**  
**Designs for Learning:**  
**Elementary Language Arts**  
**D01.00**

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**PREREQUISITE**

Educ 401/402

**COURSE DESCRIPTION**

If children are to become readers and writers, we as teachers must find ways to create real and purposeful reading and writing experiences in our classrooms. In this course students will explore the principles and components of a "Balanced Literacy Program". Emphasis will be placed on students developing an understanding of how to build a rich and meaningful literacy environment where children can become successful readers and writers.

Instruction will be organized around: professional readings; case studies; discussion and written response; small study groups and task work in cooperative learning groups; demonstrations; and opportunities to view and interact with children's literature, children's work and portfolios. These experiences will provide students with a framework to examine and reflect on their beliefs and understandings about teaching and learning in Language Arts, as well as to increase their knowledge and skills in implementing a successful literacy program.

**REQUIREMENTS**

- regular attendance and participation
- completion of assigned professional readings
- completion of short written assignments and one short oral presentation
- completion of one written project (Description of Literacy Program)

**REQUIRED READINGS**

Calkins, Lucy McCormick. The Art of Teaching Writing. Portsmouth, NH: Heinemann, 1994. ISBN 0-435-08809-2.

Fox, Mem. Radical Reflections, Passionate Opinions on Teaching, Learning, and Living. New York: Harcourt Brace, 1994. ISBN 0-15-607947.

May, Frank, B. Reading as Communication. Macmillan Publishing Company, 1994. ISBN 0-02-378242-0.

English Language Arts K-7, Integrated Resource Package, 1996. Province of B.C.: Ministry of Education, Skills and Training. IRP 038.

Evaluating Reading Across the Curriculum: Reading Reference Set. Province of B.C.: Ministry of Education.

Evaluating Writing Across the Curriculum: Writing Reference Set. Province of B.C.: Ministry of Education.

In addition, other reading may be assigned through the semester and available in class.