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|  | **EDCI 4060 Content Area Reading in Secondary Schools** | |
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| **Instructor:** | Angela Randall, Ph.D. | |
| **Class Location:** | Asynchronous Online | |
| **Office:** | Matthews Hall 204 H | |
| **Office Hours:** | Monday 9:30-11:30, Zoom Wednesday 1-2 or by appt. | |
| **Communication:** | Canvas Message is the best way to communicate with me. | |

**Required Text**

Gillis, V. R., Boggs, G., & Alvermann, D. E. (2017). *Content area reading and literacy: Succeeding in today’s diverse classrooms* (8th Ed.). Boston, MA: Pearson.

* + Other readings in Canvas (chapters, journal articles, websites)

**Course Description**

This course was designed to help middle and secondary teacher educationcandidates, as well as practicing teachers in all teaching fields, increase and enhance students' learning. While there is a primary emphasis on learning from printed materials, learning effectively from all forms of text (visual media, audio, and so on) will be included. The course will build understanding of the importance and the process of recognizing and assessing the typically diverse population of classroom learners, and using that information to scaffold learning and differentiate instruction. For each course topic, relevant theory and research will be provided, however, practical application of course material to your future or current classroom is emphasized. Areas studied will include literacy (basic, intermediate, and disciplinary), cognition and metacognition, readiness to learn, concept development, teaching within an instructional framework, content literacy, instructional scaffolding, writing as a tool for thinking, classroom assessment, text analysis, academic diversity and use of alternate resources to improve teaching and learning. Students will explore and understand existing knowledge and theory regarding literacy in its many forms and apply that information to practical classroom situations.

**Technical Requirements**

Hardware and software necessary to use Canvas: [http://ithelp.unt.ed](http://ithelp.unt.ed/)

Computer and Internet Literacy: <http://clt.odu.edu/oso/index.php?src=pe_comp_lit>

Internet Access with [compatible web browser](http://kb.blackboard.com/pages/viewpage.action?pageId=101285989)

Download Microsoft Office for free from UNT <https://it.unt.edu/installoffice365%20>

If you need assistance with technical issues, contact the UNT Student Help Desk. Email: helpdesk@unt.edu Phone: 940-565-2324

If you need assistance with Foliotek, contact [alyssa.armstrong@unt.edu](mailto:alyssa.armstrong@unt.edu)

**Course Objectives**

1. Appreciate the value of an informed and reflective mindset about one’s instructional decision-making.

2. Recognize and describe the impact of students’ cognitive and metacognitive processing on thinking and learning.

3. Explain and apply to instructional decision-making an understanding of how reader, text, and context factors interact to affect the construction of meaning.

4. Delineate the distinctions among Basic literacy, Intermediate Literacy, Disciplinary Literacy, and Critical Literacy*.*

5. Develop strategies to use to modify instructional approaches based on student abilities, needs, interests, and cultural characteristics (to include language differences), narrowing the gap between students’ readiness to learn and the teacher’s instructional goals.

6. Incorporate content literacy strategies into instruction with the goal of creating self-regulated, independent and *engaged* learners.

7. Plan instruction which facilitates and scaffolds students' learning from text.

8. Develop an awareness of anti-biased and anti-racist instructional resources and strategies and approaches for implementing such.

9. Identify professional literature, technology resources, and literature created to engage young people related to being literate in his/her specific content area.

10. Choose and teach content vocabulary in ways that increase concept development and independent vocabulary learning.

11. Recognize the need for and beginning ways to support students with exceptionalities in the content classroom.

12. Purposefully choose and incorporate selected content literacy and disciplinary literacy strategies into his/her instructional-decision making, drawing from diverse modalities that are most aligned with specific areas.

**Foliotek e-Portfolio**

Foliotek is a software data management system (DMS) used in the assessment of your knowledge, skills, and dispositions relevant to program standards and objectives. You will be required to use your Foliotek account for the duration of your enrollment in the College of Education in order to upload required applications, course assignments, and other electronic evidences/evaluations as required. *This course requires assignment(s) to be uploaded and graded in Foliotek. You will upload to Foliotek directly from your Canvas assignment page by clicking on the load button at the bottom of the assignment page.* The College of Education will track your progress in your program through this data to verify that you have successfully met the competencies required in your program of study. **All students must register in the (free) program portfolio that aligns with their degree plan. Registration codes and tutorials can be found here:** <https://coe.unt.edu/educator-preparation-office/foliotek>

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| **REQUIRED ASSIGNMENTS**  **\*Subject to change Grades are done by points** |  | **Points** |
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| **CHECKPOINT ACTIVITIES (Modules 1, 3, 5, 7; 10 points each)** |  |  |
| You will encounter different Content Literacy Strategy designed to connect you to the topic in some way. These are the types of activities you should use with your own |  |  |
| students to scaffold their understanding of material in your own classroom. |  |  |
| Completing them will give you a chance to see what the strengths and weaknesses of the |  | 40 |
| activities are, and consider modifications to make each work more effectively in your |  |  |
| discipline. |  |  |
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| **CASE STUDIES (Modules 2, 4, 6; 15 points each)** |  |  |
| Thinking critically about, analyzing problems of practice, and sharing thoughts and ideas with other teachers is essential to your continued growth as an educator. These case studies |  | 45 |
| are designed the help prepare you for the everyday challenges of a teacher. |  |  |
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| **CLASSROOM APPLICATION (Modules 1-7; 25 points each except Mod 3 CA = 45 points)** |  |  |
| Each module will provide an opportunity for you to apply what you have learned to a |  |  |
| hypothetical (or actual, if you are currently teaching) classroom setting which should |  | 195 |
| simulate your desired future teaching context as closely as possible. |  |  |
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| **FINAL EXAM** |  |  |
| To ensure your understanding of the material in this course and to prepare you to be |  | 72 |
| successful on your TExES and SoTR Exam, there will be a final exam which will test your knowledge and understanding of key concepts and objectives. |  |
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| **GRADING SCALE: Points**  A/316-352  B/281-315  C/246-280  D/211-245  F/ 210-0 | | |

*Submitting Work:* All assignments will be submitted via Canvas, with the Common Lesson Plan and EL Modification chart assignments requiring submission to Foliotek via Canvas. Assignments posted afterthe deadline will be considered late and points will be deducted from the final grade. For each day an assignment is late, you will lose points off. Once the assignment is 1 week late, you will receive a zero with no chance for submission.

*Canvas Message:* All instructor correspondence to the student is conducted through Canvas message and it is the student’s responsibility to read their Canvas messages regularly.

**UNT TEACHER EDUCATION PROGRAM**

**COMMITMENTS**

While teaching has always been a relational and intellectual endeavor, we acknowledge that *teaching is also both an ethical and a political act.* We recognize that many of the practices and traditions in schools today perpetuate long-seated historical and social oppressions. These social inequities are structural *and* socially constructed along dimensions of intersecting identities, including, but not limited to, race, color, ethnicity, national origin and identity, dis/ability, gender identity and expression, sex, sexual orientation, religion, immigration status, language, social class, age, and genetic orientation.

It is through our radical imaginations that we can create spaces for critical inquiry and engagement in schools at multiple levels: intellectual, ethical, physical, social, emotional, ecological, and aesthetic. We envision classrooms to be inclusive places that serve as complex and just ecosystems that allow for multiple identities, modes of expression, and ways of engagement to thrive together. We do this because we are committed to dismantling oppression. Teachers play an important role in this movement. Our teacher education program supports the development of core values related to:

* **Identity.** Preparing teachers who have agency and critically reflect on their lived experiences and identities as a way of informing their professional knowledge and humanizing pedagogies.
* **Inquiry.** Preparing teachers who value and inquire into the complex identities, as well as intellectual and transformational capacities, of children and youth.
* **Activism.** Preparing teachers who create curriculum that responds to children’s and youth’s inquiries and identities, as well as the sociopolitical and socioeconomic conditions of the world outside of schools—in neighborhoods, communities, and society-at-large.
* **Community.** Preparing teachers who recognize and honor the unique sociocultural experiences and communities of children and youth with whom they work.

We commit to teaching and teacher preparation that takes a transformative stance toward school change. We believe—acting in solidarity with teachers, children, youth, school leaders, and communities—we can radically reimagine and reconstruct schools and, thus, our society.

**Teacher Preparation at The University of North Texas**

**Core Commitments**

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| **Commitments->** | **As Teachers** | **To Children and Youth** | **In our Practice** | **To Radically Imagine** |
| **Identity** | **We are** individuals with cultural histories, knowledges, talents, and interests that we use as resources in our teaching. | **We value**and nurture the love, grace, humor, compassion, creativity, patience, joy, and peace young people bring into our teaching spaces. | **We practice** humanizing pedagogies that are asset-based, equitable, and appreciative of who we are and who we are becoming. | **We imagine**schools as spaces where teachers are encouraged and given space to be different in what they do with young people and their communities. |
| **Inquiry** | **We are** intellectuals with a deep understanding of academic content, curriculum development, and flexible pedagogies. | **We value** young people’s knowledge, creativity, curiosity, aesthetics, imagination, and embodied ways of being as essential, educative and liberating | **We practice** curriculum as critical inquiry and research where children and youth are positioned as capable, knowledgeable and social agents for change. | **We imagine** a curriculum in schools that is shaped by societal goals and influenced daily by events unfolding in the world around us. |
| **Advocacy &**  **Activism** | **We are** activists working against injustice for young people, teachers, and communities rooted in racism and other forms of discrimination. | **We value**and embody caring in all its forms – personal, social, cultural, linguistic, and ecological – as essential to growing a positive learning and living environment. | **We practice** activism in the curriculum by engaging children and youth in work that contributes to the creation of  more just, more caring, and more peaceful world. | **We imagine** metaphors for schools as nurturing spaces for the whole individual rather than as efficient factories or businesses that produce products and profit. |
| **Communities** | **We are** members of a multiple communities— connected in ways that make our successes intertwined. | **We value** inclusive learning communities that connect us within and outside of our classrooms. | **We practice** humility through our vulnerability; hope in the face of adversity; and resilience in response to our efforts that have fallen short. | **We imagine** schools as sustaining intersecting ways of being, knowing, and languaging. |

**Department of Teacher Education and Administration: Preparing Tomorrow’s Educators and Scholars**

The **Department of Teacher Education and Administration** seeks to improve educational practice through the generation of knowledge and to prepare education professionals who serve all students in an effective, inclusive and equitable manner. Its focus is on the preparation of highly competent educators, researchers and administrators who employ current theory and research as they fill these important roles.

**Mission**

The Department of Teacher Education and Administration integrates theory, research, and practice to generate knowledge and to develop educational leaders who advance the potential of all learners.

**Vision**

We aspire to be internationally recognized for developing visionary educators who provide leadership, promote social justice, and effectively educate all learners.

**UNT’s Course Policies**

### **Face Coverings**

UNT encourages everyone to wear a face covering when indoors, regardless of vaccination status, to protect yourself and others from COVID infection, as recommended by current CDC guidelines.  Face covering guidelines could change based on community health conditions.

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### **Attendance**

Students are expected to attend class meetings regularly and to abide by the attendance policy established for the course.  It is important that you communicate with the professor and the instructional team prior to being absent, so you, the professor, and the instructional team can discuss and mitigate the impact of the absence on your attainment of course learning goals.  Please inform the professor and instructional team if you are unable to attend class meetings because you are ill, in mindfulness of the health and safety of everyone in our community.

 If you are experiencing any [symptoms of COVID-19](https://nam04.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.cdc.gov%2Fcoronavirus%2F2019-ncov%2Fsymptoms-testing%2Fsymptoms.html&data=04%7C01%7CLauri.Morrow%40unt.edu%7Cf5922acf16c847d609bb08d95b7c3ee0%7C70de199207c6480fa318a1afcba03983%7C0%7C0%7C637641411465778240%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=5HZO7D21i5N9V9no6Y%2FiWWhE%2BIeE3xCPkLCTTeyuOsk%3D&reserved=0) ([https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/symptoms-testing/symptoms.html](https://nam04.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.cdc.gov%2Fcoronavirus%2F2019-ncov%2Fsymptoms-testing%2Fsymptoms.html&data=04%7C01%7CLauri.Morrow%40unt.edu%7Cf5922acf16c847d609bb08d95b7c3ee0%7C70de199207c6480fa318a1afcba03983%7C0%7C0%7C637641411465788226%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=EZ%2FLDed2Iw8BqwPBf9ya09neKFBckO2Yxf2Zg8yxUGw%3D&reserved=0)) please seek medical attention from the Student Health and Wellness Center (940-565-2333 or [askSHWC@unt.edu](mailto:askSHWC@unt.edu)) or your health care provider PRIOR to coming to campus. UNT also requires you to contact the UNT COVID Team at [COVID@unt.edu](mailto:COVID@unt.edu) for guidance on actions to take due to symptoms, pending or positive test results, or potential exposure.

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### **Course Materials for Remote Instruction**

Remote instruction may be necessary if community health conditions change or you need to self-isolate or quarantine due to COVID-19.  Students will need access to a [webcam and microphone – faculty member to include what other basic equipment is needed] to participate in fully remote portions of the class.  Additional required classroom materials for remote learning include: [list specific software, supplies, equipment or system requirements needed for the course].  Information on how to be successful in a remote learning environment can be found at <https://online.unt.edu/learn>

**UNT’s Standard Syllabus Statements**

**Academic Integrity Standards and Consequences.** According to UNT Policy 06.003, Student Academic Integrity, academic dishonesty occurs when students engage in behaviors including, but not limited to cheating, fabrication, facilitating academic dishonesty, forgery, plagiarism, and sabotage. A finding of academic dishonesty may result in a range of academic penalties or sanctions ranging from admonition to expulsion from the University.

**ADA Accommodation Statement.** UNT makes reasonable academic accommodation for students with disabilities. Students seeking accommodation must first register with the Office of Disability Accommodation (ODA) to verify their eligibility. If a disability is verified, the ODA will provide a student with an accommodation letter to be delivered to faculty to begin a private discussion regarding one’s specific course needs. Students may request accommodations at any time, however, ODA notices of accommodation should be provided as early as possible in the semester to avoid any delay in implementation. Note that students must obtain a new letter of accommodation for every semester and must meet with each faculty member prior to implementation in each class. For additional information see the ODA website at disability.unt.edu.

**Course Safety Procedures (for Laboratory Courses).** Students enrolled in [insert class name] are required to use proper safety procedures and guidelines as outlined in UNT Policy 06.038 Safety in Instructional Activities. While working in laboratory sessions, students are expected and required to identify and use proper safety guidelines in all activities requiring lifting, climbing, walking on slippery surfaces, using equipment and tools, handling chemical solutions and hot and cold products. Students should be aware that the UNT is not liable for injuries incurred while students are participating in class activities. All students are encouraged to secure adequate insurance coverage in the event of accidental injury. Students who do not have insurance coverage should consider obtaining Student Health Insurance. Brochures for student insurance are available in the UNT Student Health and Wellness Center. Students who are injured during class activities may seek medical attention at the Student Health and Wellness Center at rates that are reduced compared to other medical facilities. If students have an insurance plan other than Student Health Insurance at UNT, they should be sure that the plan covers treatment at this facility. If students choose not to go to the UNT Student Health and Wellness Center, they may be transported to an emergency room at a local hospital. Students are responsible for expenses incurred there.

**Emergency Notification & Procedures.** UNT uses a system called Eagle Alert to quickly notify students with critical information in the event of an emergency (i.e., severe weather, campus closing, and health and public safety emergencies like chemical spills, fires, or violence). In the event of a university closure, please refer to Blackboard for contingency plans for covering course.

**Department Syllabus Statements**

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**Student Evaluation Administration Dates.** Student feedback is important and an essential part of participation in this course. The student evaluation of instruction is a requirement for all organized classes at UNT. The survey will be made available during weeks 13, 14 and 15 of the long semesters to provide students with an opportunity to evaluate how this course is taught. Students will receive an email from "UNT SPOT Course Evaluations via *IASystem* Notification" (no-reply@iasystem.org) with the survey link. Students should look for the email in their UNT email inbox. Simply click on the link and complete the survey. Once students complete the survey, they will receive a confirmation email that the survey has been submitted. For additional information, please visit the SPOT website at www.spot.unt.edu or email spot@unt.edu.

**Sexual Assault Prevention.** UNT is committed to providing a safe learning environment free of all forms of sexual misconduct. Federal laws and UNT policies prohibit discrimination on the basis of sex as well as sexual misconduct. If you or someone you know is experiencing sexual harassment, relationship violence, stalking and/or sexual assault, there are campus resources available to provide support and assistance. The Survivor Advocates can be reached at SurvivorAdvocate@unt.edu or by calling the Dean of Students Office at 940-565- 2648.