**I. Course Description:** Content Area Reading and Writing – An examination of reading, writing, speaking and listening processes to learn subject matter across the curriculum and to meet the needs of all students. Topics of discussion include vocabulary acquisition and instruction, fluency, and comprehension skills and the differentiation of instruction to meet the needs of all students including ELL, Special Education, and GT students.

**II. Intended Learning Outcomes/Goals/Objectives (Program/Student Learning Outcomes):**

This course is aligned with the mission of the College of Education (COE), which is to prepare competent, successful, caring, and enthusiastic professionals dedicated to responsible service, leadership, and continued professional and intellectual development. The COE theme is “preparing professional educators who positively impact learning for all students.” In the COE at Stephen F. Austin State University, we are committed to the following core values:

- Academic excellence through critical, reflective, and creative thinking
- Life-long learning
- Collaboration and shared decision-making
- Openness to new ideas, to culturally diverse people, and to innovation and change
- Integrity, responsibility, diligence, and ethical behavior, and
- Service that enriches the community.

The Program Learning Objectives and Student Learning Objectives in this course align with the mission of preparing competent professionals and values of academic excellence, life-long learning, collaboration, openness, integrity, and service as you learn to instruct middle level learners. The Program Learning Objectives are aligned to the Association for Middle Level Education (AMLE) and the TExES PPR and MLG 4-8 Content Standards. All content and assignments are aligned to these standards; this was assured as faculty aligned the curriculum during 2012-2014.
Program Learning and Student Learning Outcomes:

**PLO 2** The teacher candidates will understand and use the central concepts, tools of inquiry, standards, research and structures of content to plan and implement curriculum that develops all young adolescents’ competence in subject areas (AMLE 2; InTASC 4,5,7,8).

- **Element A: Subject Matter Content Knowledge**
- **Element B: Implications of Young Adolescent Development for Middle Level Curriculum, Instruction and Schooling**
  - SLO 2.1 Candidates will understand reading comprehension as an active process of constructing meaning (4/8 Texas E/LA ST IV.K)
  - SLO 2.1.1 Assessment - Chapter 4 Quiz
  - SLO 2.2 Candidates will understand factors affecting students’ reading comprehension such as oral language development, word analysis skills prior knowledge, previous reading experiences, fluency, ability to monitor understanding, and the characteristics of specific texts. (4/8 Texas E/LA ST IV.3K)(EC12 Texas PPR ST I)
  - SLO 2.2.1 Assessment - Chapter 4 Quiz
  - SLO 2.3 Candidates will understand the relationship among extensive reading, vocabulary development, and reading comprehension (4/8 Texas E/LA ST IV)
  - SLO 2.3.1 Assessment - Chapter 3 Quiz
  - SLO 2.4 Candidates will understand the use of metacognitive skills in reading comprehension(4/8 Texas E/LA ST IV)
  - SLO 2.4.1 Assessment - Chapter 4 Quiz
  - SLO 2.4.2 Assessment – Charter Grade 4 or 5 Reading Workshop including metacognitive skill strategies mini lesson Observation Checklist (video or face to face)
  - SLO 2.5 Candidates will understand comprehension skills and strategies for understanding interpreting different types of written materials, including narratives, expository texts, technical writing and content-area textbooks. ((4/8 Texas E/LA ST IV.11K)
  - SLO 2.5.1 Assessment - Chapter 5 Quiz
  - SLO 2.6 Candidates will understand how to interpret and evaluate information presented in various formats such as maps, tables, and charts (4/8 Texas E/LA ST IV.13K)
  - SLO 2.6.1 Assessment - Survey Content Area Textbook
  - SLO 2.7 Candidates will understand the importance of locating the meanings, pronunciations, and derivations of unfamiliar words using dictionaries, glossaries, and other sources. (4/8 Texas E/LA ST IV.16K)
  - SLO 2.7.1 Assessment - Chapter 3 Quiz

**PLO 4** The teacher candidates will understand, use, and reflect upon the major concepts, principles, theories and research related to data-informed instruction and assessment, and they will employ a variety of strategies for a developmentally appropriate climate to meet the varying abilities and learning styles of all young adolescents (AMLE 4; InTASC 2,3,6,7,8).

- **Element B: Middle Level Instructional Strategies**
  - SLO 4.1 Candidates will apply strategies for decoding and determining the meaning of increasingly complex words including: One-Pagers, Frayer Model, Word Walls, Vocabulary Preview, Vocabulary O, Toss Terms (4/8 Texas E/LA ST III.7K)
SLO 4.1.1 Assessment - Journal Reflection shows application of vocabulary strategies in content area classroom

- SLO 4.2 Candidates will model instructional strategies and practices for promoting students’ word analysis skills and reading fluency including Reader’s Theater, Pattern Partner Reading (4/8 Texas E/LA ST III.9K)
  - SLO 4.2.1 Assessment - Model Strategies with Partner

- SLO 4.3 Candidates will learn a variety of informal and formal procedures for assessing an ongoing basis students’ word analysis skills and reading fluency (4/8 Texas E/LA ST IV.11K)
  - SLO 4.3.1 Assessment - Burke Reading Survey

- SLO 4.4 Candidates will compare and contrast the different purposes for reading and associated strategies (4/8 Texas E/LA ST IV)
  - SLO 4.4.1 Assessment - Reading Strategies Notebook

- SLO 4.5 Candidates will know a range of strategies that students can use to facilitate comprehension before, during and after reading including Demonstrations, Discrepant Events, Visual Displays, and Thought Provoking Questions (Anticipatory) and QtA, ReQuest, QAR, SQRQCQ (4/8 Texas E/LA ST IV/15K)(EC12 Texas PPR ST III)
  - SLO 4.5.1 Assessment - Design an Anticipatory Set Using a Middle Level Text in their Content Area
  - SLO 4.5.2 Assessment - Model Questioning Strategy to class

- SLO 4.6 Candidates will know how to apply strategies for helping students comprehend abstract content and ideas in written material by using manipulatives, examples, and diagrams (4/8 Texas E/LA ST IV.18K)
  - SLO 4.6.1 Assessment - Teaching a mini-lesson in their content area using strategies learned in the course.

- SLO 4.7 Candidates will understand study and inquiry skills and their significance for student learning and achievement such as: using text organizers, taking notes, outlining, drawing conclusions, applying test-taking strategies; previewing; setting purposes for reading; locating, organizing, evaluating, and communicating information; summarizing information; using multiple sources of information; interpreting and using graphic sources of information including Concept Maps, Tree Diagrams, Matrices, and Flow Diagrams(4/8 Texas E/LA ST VI.1K)
  - SLO 4.7.1 Assessment - Design a graphic organizer in content area and present to class.

- SLO 4.8 Candidates will understand instructional practices that promote students’ acquisition and use of study and inquiry skills across the curriculum including Cornell Notes, Split Page Note-taking, and Journaling (4/8 Texas Eng/LA ST VI.2K)(EC12 Texas PPR ST I)
  - SLO 4.8.1 Assessment - Journal Scavenger Hunt

- ESL SLO 4.9 Candidates will explain classroom discourse for English learners and promote cognitive academic language proficiency (ESL SLO 3.3; Texas ESL ST IV, V; TESOL 31, 3b. 3c)
  - ESL SLO 4.9.1 Assessment: Chapter 1 Quiz

- SLO 4.10 Candidates will understand different methods and purposes for instructional grouping
  - SLO 4.10 Assessment - Quiz

- Element C: Middle Level Assessment and Data-informed Instruction
o SLO 4.10 The candidate will understand the role of assessment, characteristics, and uses of formal and informal literacy assessments (4/8 Texas Eng/LA ST VIII.1K)(EC12 Texas PPR ST I)
   SLO 4.10.1 Assessment - Quiz 9
o SLO 4.11 Candidates will understand continuous monitoring and how to use formative, summative, and self-assessments. (4/8 Texas Eng/LA ST VIII.2K)(EC12 Texas PPR ST I)
   SLO 4.11.1 Assessment - Quiz 9
o SLO 4.12 Candidates will understand how to use assessment to determine when a student needs additional help or intervention to bring the students’ performance to grade level, based on state content and performance standards for reading, writing, listening, and speaking that comprise the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS) (4/8 Texas Eng/LA ST VII.4K)(EC12 Texas PPR ST I)
   SLO 4.12.1 Assessment – Chapter 9 Quiz
   SLO 4.12.2 Assessment - Write a letter to a senator regarding High-Stakes Testing and its impact on their students.

III. Course Assignments, Activities, Instructional Strategies, use of Technology:

A. Weekly Journal Reflections: 90 points
   Teacher candidates will respond to 9 journal prompts.
B. Chapter Quizzes: 90 points
   Teacher Candidates will be given 9 short quizzes throughout the semester. These quizzes will each be worth 10 points.
C. Discussions: 120 points (12@10 points each)
   Questions will be in the modules. Students must post to the discussion and respond to at least two classmates’ posts in order to receive full credit.
D. Strategy Assignments: 200 points
   Teacher Candidates will choose 10 different strategies listed in the 50 Instructional Routines to Develop Content Literacy textbook. A template will be provided for you to complete these assignments, and they will be the “meat” of what we do in this course. I believe that this will benefit you the most when you have your own classrooms and are faced with struggling readers. A grading rubric will be used to grade these assignments
E. Final: 100 points
   The final in this class will be a reflective essay quiz over the concepts covered this semester.
F. Professionalism/Participation: 95 points
   Professionalism Grade will be based on completing assignments in a timely manner, and conducting yourself as a professional. The time that you spend in D2L will be monitored.
G. Reading Tool Kit: 300 points
   Your Reading Tool Kit will be the culmination of your strategy assignments contained in an organized notebook. It will also contain a collection of articles and handouts from the course. This can be in the form of a binder, or an electronic binder (www.livebinder.com). A grading rubric will be used to grade the notebook.
IV. Evaluation and Assessments (Grading):

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Grading Scale:
A  900-1000 points  
B  800-899 points  
C  700-799 points  
F  below 700 points

V. Tentative Course Outline/Calendar:

All assignments are due by 11:59 p.m. on the due date (Sundays).

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VI. Readings (Required and recommended—including texts, websites, articles, etc.):

VII. Course Evaluations:

Near the conclusion of each semester, students in the Perkins College of Education electronically evaluate courses taken within the PCOE. Evaluation data is used for a variety of important purposes including: 1. Course and program improvement, planning, and accreditation; 2. Instruction evaluation purposes; and 3. Making decisions on faculty tenure, promotion, pay, and retention. As you evaluate this course, please be thoughtful, thorough, and accurate in completing the evaluation. Please know that the PCOE faculty is committed to excellence in teaching and continued improvement. Therefore, your response is critical!

In the Perkins College of Education, the course evaluation process has been simplified and is completed electronically through MySFA. **Although the instructor will be able to view the names of students who complete the survey, all ratings and comments are confidential and anonymous, and will not be available to the instructor until after final grades are posted.**

VIII. Student Ethics and Other Policy Information:

**Class Attendance and Excused Absence: Policy 6.7**
Regular, punctual attendance, documented participation, and, if indicated in the syllabus, submission of completed assignments are expected at all classes, laboratories, and other activities for which the student is registered. Based on university policy, failure of students to
adhere to these requirements shall influence the course grade, financial assistance, and/or enrollment status. The instructor shall maintain an accurate record of each student’s attendance and participation as well as note this information in required reports and in determining final grades. Students may be excused from attendance for reasons such as health, family emergencies, or student participation in approved university-sponsored events. However, students are responsible for notifying their instructors in advance, when possible, for excusable absences. Whether absences are excused or unexcused, a student is still responsible for all course content and assignments. Students with accepted excuses may be permitted to make up work for up to three weeks of absences during a semester or one week of a summer term, depending on the nature of the missed work. Make-up work must be completed as soon as possible after returning from an absence.

**Academic Accommodation for Students with Disabilities: Policy 6.1 and 6.6**
To obtain disability related accommodations, alternate formats and/or auxiliary aids, students with disabilities must contact the Office of Disability Services (ODS), Human Services Building, and Room 325, 936-468-3004 as early as possible in the semester. Once verified, ODS will notify the course instructor and outline the accommodation and/or auxiliary aids to be provided. Failure to request services in a timely manner may delay your accommodations. For additional information, go to http://www.sfasu.edu/disabilityservices/.

**Student Academic Dishonesty: Policy 4.1**
Abiding by university policy on academic integrity is a responsibility of all university faculty and students.

**Definition of Academic Dishonesty**
Academic dishonesty includes both cheating and plagiarism. Cheating includes, but is not limited to:
- using or attempting to use unauthorized materials on any class assignment or exam;
- falsifying or inventing of any information, including citations, on an assignment; and/or;
- helping or attempting to help another in an act of cheating or plagiarism.

Plagiarism is presenting the words or ideas of another person as if they were one’s own. Examples of plagiarism include, but are not limited to:
- submitting an assignment as one's own work when it is at least partly the work of another person;
- submitting a work that has been purchased or otherwise obtained from the Internet or another source; and/or,
- incorporating the words or ideas of an author into one's paper or presentation without giving the author credit.

**Penalties for Academic Dishonesty**
Penalties may include, but are not limited to reprimand, no credit for the assignment or exam, re-submission of the work, make-up exam, failure of the course, or expulsion from the university.

**Student Appeals**
A student who wishes to appeal decisions related to academic dishonesty should follow procedures outlined in Academic Appeals by Students (6.3).
Withheld Grades: Policy 5.5
At the discretion of the instructor of record and with the approval of the academic unit head, a grade of WH will be assigned only if the student cannot complete the course work because of unavoidable circumstances. Students must complete the work within one calendar year from the end of the semester in which they receive a WH, or the grade automatically becomes an F, except as allowed through policy [i.e., Active Military Service (6.14)]. If students register for the same course in future semesters, the WH will automatically become an F and will be counted as a repeated course for the purpose of computing the grade point average.

Student Code of Conduct: Policy 10.4
Classroom behavior should not interfere with the instructor’s ability to conduct the class or the ability of other students to learn from the instructional program. Unacceptable or disruptive behavior will not be tolerated. Students who disrupt the learning environment may be asked to leave class and may be subject to judicial, academic or other penalties. This policy applies to all instructional forums, including electronic, classroom, labs, discussion groups, field trips, etc. The instructor shall have full discretion over what behavior is appropriate/inappropriate in the classroom. Students who do not attend class regularly or who perform poorly on class projects/exams may be referred to the iCare: Early Alert Program at SFA. Information regarding the iCare program is found at https://www.sfasu.edu/judicial/earlyalert.asp or call the office at 936-468-2703.

To complete Certification/Licensing Requirements in Texas related to public education, you will be required to:
1. Undergo criminal background checks for field or clinical experiences on public school campuses; the public school campuses are responsible for the criminal background check; YOU are responsible for completing the information form requesting the criminal background check; the completed information form is due upon request from your school. If you have a history of criminal activity, you may not be allowed to complete field or clinical experiences on public school campuses. At that point, you may want to reconsider your major while at SFASU.

2. Provide one of the following primary ID documents: passport, drivers license, state or providence ID cards, a national ID card, or military ID card to take the TExES exams (additional information available at www.texas.ets.org/registrationBulletin/<http://www.texas.ets.org/registrationBulletin/>). YOU must provide legal documentation to be allowed to take these mandated examinations that are related to certification/licensing requirements in Texas. If you do not have legal documentation, you may want to reconsider your major while at SFASU.

3. Successfully complete a state mandated fingerprint background check. If you have a history of criminal activity, you may want to reconsider your major while at SFASU.

For further information concerning this matter, contact Katie Snyder 936-468-1740 or snyderke1@sfasu.edu.

IX. Other Relevant Course Information:
**Expectations:**

1. Future teachers are held accountable for correct spelling and grammar usage. Spelling and correct grammar are expected at all times, on all assignments. Points will be deducted for incorrect spelling and poor grammar. If you are experiencing difficulty with standard English and the conventions of speaking and writing, you should seek assistance at the campus Academic Resource Center. Call 468-4108. You may also visit the following website for assistance in writing: [www.columbia.edu/acis/bartleby/strunk](http://www.columbia.edu/acis/bartleby/strunk)

2. All submitted work must be typed unless the instructor provides a (i.e. class assignments). Handwritten work will not be accepted.

3. In order to pass this course ALL WORK must be completed and submitted to the instructor.

4. Students are expected to read all assignments and be prepared to participate in all class discussions. Participation will be noted according to the depths and comprehension of your responses on the discussion boards. Participation will contribute to your final grade.

**Professionalism:**

Enthusiastic completion of the course activities is of utmost importance in demonstrating commitment to becoming a responsible teacher. Mastery and professional products reflect quality work and reflect on the work you will produce as a teacher. Attitude and confidentiality are essential in determining the teacher’s potential as a successful educator.

Completing assignments in a timely manner and meeting deadlines also reflect on your professionalism. Late assignments will receive a reduction of grade at the discretion of the instructor and all assignments must be completed to pass the course. Late assignments will also impact your professionalism grade. Attendance at face-to-face meetings is also mandatory. Please contact the instructor immediately if problems arise.