READ 4312, CRN 80689, Literacy Development II  
Fall 2023  
Texas A&M University-Central Texas  

COURSE DATES, MODALITY, AND LOCATION  
This is a 16-week, 100% asynchronous course, and uses the A&M-Central Texas Canvas Learning Management System [https://tamuct.instructure.com/].  

INSTRUCTOR AND CONTACT INFORMATION  
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Thursdays 1:00 – 4:00pm f2f  

Student-instructor interaction  
As your professor, my role is to facilitate in your learning and help assist you in your college journey. Please take advantage of the office hours provided – they are your time to visit. I will do my best to help you in any way. I will be checking email daily. My response time will be returned within 72 hours. When sending an email, please put the course name and number in the subject line. For the body of the email, remember to include your W# and follow netiquette guidelines. Professional communication is expected at all times.  

Emergency Warning System for Texas A&M University-Central Texas  
SAFEZONE. SafeZone provides a public safety application that gives you the ability to call for help with the push of a button. It also provides Texas A&M University-Central Texas the ability to communicate emergency information quickly via push notifications, email, and text messages. All students automatically receive email and text messages via their myCT accounts.  
Downloading SafeZone allows access to push notifications and enables you to connect directly for help through the app.  
You can download SafeZone from the app store and use your myCT credentials to log in. If you would like more information, you can visit the SafeZone website [www.safezoneapp.com].  
To register SafeZone on your phone, please follow these 3 easy steps:  
1. Download the SafeZone App from your phone store using the link below:  
   - iPhone/iPad: [https://apps.apple.com/app/safezone/id533054756]  
   - Android Phone / Tablet: [https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.criticalarc.safezoneapp]  
2. Launch the app and enter your myCT email address (e.g. {name}@tamuct.edu)  
3. Complete your profile and accept the terms of service  
For updates on COVID information, please monitor the University website [https://www.tamuct.edu/covid19/]
COURSE INFORMATION
Course Overview and description
(WI) A field-based course surveying characteristics of the transitional/independent literacy learner, methods of instruction for writing, strategy building, comprehension, vocabulary, word identification, utilizing the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills. Examines typical/atypical reading development and strategies for assessing/addressing reading differences in individual learners. Explores structures and features of expository text including examination of supports and challenges within the text.
Prerequisite: Admission to teacher education program.

Overview
This writing instructive (WI) course fosters students’ development of written communication via discourse, reflection, and revision of written drafts through peer conferencing and instructor feedback.

Course Objective or Goal Student Learning Outcomes
(1) demonstrate understanding of applicable Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS) pertaining to reading and literacy.
(2) apply concepts, principles, and best practices for syllabication and morphemic analysis instruction, including related spelling skills.
(3) apply concepts, principles, and best practices to foster development of vocabulary knowledge and skills.
(4) apply concepts, principles, and best practices to promote grade level fluency.
(5) apply concepts, principles, and best practices related to the comprehension of and critical thinking about narrative and expository texts.
(6) use developmentally appropriate research and evidence-based assessment and instructional practices to promote development of grade-level literacy skills.
(7) recognize the interrelationships of reading, writing, listening, speaking, viewing and representing across the disciplines.

Competency Goals Statements (certification or standards)
Comp. 2. Science of Teaching Reading: Foundations of Literacy Assessment
Comp. 7. Syllabication and Morphemic Analysis Skills
Comp. 8. Reading Fluency
Comp. 9. Vocabulary Development
Comp. 10, 11, 12. Comprehension

Required Reading and Textbook(s)
COURSE REQUIREMENTS (300 total points)

Morphology Lesson (60 points)
The purpose of this assignment is for you to develop and implement a morphology lesson using expository text for a small group of students. Additional components must include the use of connected text, teaching the lesson to peers (simulation), and critical reflection. Use the rubric and resources provided on Canvas to develop your lesson and guide your thinking. (SLOs 1,2,3,5,6,7)

Interactive Read Aloud (60) points
The purpose of this assignment is for you to create and implement an interactive read aloud for a whole group to elicit questions and interpret students’ thinking. Additional components must include an interactive anchor chart, teaching the lesson to your peers (simulation), and critical reflection. Use the rubric and resources provided on Canvas to develop your lesson and guide your thinking. (SLOs 1,3,4,5,6,7)

Small Group Reading Lesson (50) points
The purpose of this assignment is for you to create and implement a small group guided reading lesson for a small group of students. Additional components must include the use of appropriate assessment, teaching the lesson to your peers (simulation), and critical reflection. Use the rubric and resources provided on Canvas to develop your lesson and guide your thinking. (SLOs 1,3,4,5,6,7)

Compendium of Literacy Education (100) points
The purpose of this assignment is for you to create a detailed collection of literacy instructional strategies and assessment using Microsoft OneNote. Use the rubric and resources provided on Canvas to develop your compendium and guide your thinking. (SLOs 1,2,3,4,5,6,7)

Quizzes (40 points) (4 quizzes)
Brief online Canvas quizzes are designed to assess your comprehension of each reading. Each quiz consists of ten objective questions (multiple choice, true-false, and matching questions) equaling ten points total. Completing each content literacy guide, provided to you on Canvas, will help you understand the most important ideas from each chapter and guide your thinking. You may use the completed guide while taking the quizzes, but not for the final exam. A completed guide will count for 5 points on a floor scale grading system. All content literacy guides are posted to Canvas on the content literacy guide page. To submit your guide, upload it as an attachment at the end of your quiz. It must be submitted at the time of the quiz. Your grade change may not occur until the end of the semester. (SLOs 1,2,3,4,5,6,7)

Studio Discussion Posts (80 points) (8 posts)
The purpose of this assignment is for you to synthesize the required readings, podcasts, and videos that include the key scientifically based reading research foundations needed to understand how reading develops from early childhood through adolescence and discuss your thoughts. Each video post should answer the following required questions: key words and phrases, connections made, new ideas and thinking, remaining questions. Choose one (per
module) additional source from the supplemental resources that are listed. Use the rubric and resources provided on Canvas to guide your thinking. SLO: 1-7

**Grading Criteria Rubric and Conversion**
Grades will be assigned at the end of the semester on the following basis:
- A = 100-90%
- B = 89-80%
- C = 79-70%
- D = 69-60%
- F = 59-0%

**Posting of Grades**
All assignments are due on Sunday at 11:59 as assigned for that week. Grades will be posted on the Canvas Grade book where students can monitor their status. Turn-around time for grades to be posted are within 2 weeks. Larger projects may take more time. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to email me or come by my office.

**Grading Policies**
All assignments must be submitted on time to receive full credit. Any late assignment submitted will have an automatic 25% deduction or not accepted per the instructor’s decision. Note: Arrangements in exceptional circumstances (hospitalization, catastrophe, etc.) are the responsibility of the student. This means you must meet with the instructor to discuss the situation and provide documentation. If you are having technology difficulties, email the assignment to yourself and print in the library. Paper copies and/or Canvas copies of assignments are necessary to receive a grade.

**READ 4312 Fall 2023 Calendar**

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Important University Dates
https://www.tamuct.edu/registrar/academic-calendar.html

TECHNOLOGY REQUIREMENTS AND SUPPORT

Technology Requirements
This course will use the A&M-Central Texas Instructure Canvas learning management system. **We strongly recommend the latest versions of Chrome or Firefox browsers. Canvas no longer supports any version of Internet Explorer.**

Logon to A&M-Central Texas Canvas [https://tamuct.instructure.com/] or access Canvas through the TAMUCT Online link in myCT [https://tamuct.onecampus.com/]. You will log in through our Microsoft portal.

  Username: Your MyCT email address. Password: Your MyCT password

Canvas Support
Use the Canvas Help link, located at the bottom of the left-hand menu, for issues with Canvas. You can select “Chat with Canvas Support,” submit a support request through “Report a Problem,” or call the Canvas support line: 1-844-757-0953.

For issues related to course content and requirements, contact your instructor.

Online Proctored Testing
A&M-Central Texas uses Proctorio for online identity verification and proctored testing. This service is provided at no direct cost to students. If the course requires identity verification or proctored testing, the technology requirements are: Any computer meeting the minimum computing requirements, plus web camera, speaker, and microphone (or headset). Proctorio also requires the Chrome web browser with their custom plug in.

Other Technology Support
For log-in problems, students should contact Help Desk Central, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week

  Email: helpdesk@tamu.edu
  Phone: (254) 519-5466
  Web Chat: [http://hdc.tamu.edu]

  Please let the support technician know you are an A&M-Central Texas student.

UNIVERSITY RESOURCES, PROCEDURES, AND GUIDELINES

Academic Accommodations
At Texas A&M University-Central Texas, we value an inclusive learning environment where every student has an equal chance to succeed and has the right to a barrier-free education. The Warrior Center for Student Success, Equity and Inclusion is responsible for ensuring that students with a disability receive equal access to the university’s programs, services and activities. If you believe you have a disability requiring reasonable accommodations, please contact the Office of Access and Inclusion, WH-212; or call (254) 501-5836. Any information you provide is private and confidential and will be treated as such.
For more information, please visit our Access & Inclusion Canvas page (log-in required) [https://tamuct.instructure.com/courses/717]

**Academic Integrity**

Texas A&M University-Central Texas values the integrity of the academic enterprise and strives for the highest standards of academic conduct. A&M-Central Texas expects its students, faculty, and staff to support the adherence to high standards of personal and scholarly conduct to preserve the honor and integrity of the creative community. Any deviation by students from this expectation may result in a failing grade for the assignment and potentially a failing grade for the course. All academic misconduct concerns will be referred to the Office of Student Conduct. When in doubt on collaboration, citation, or any issue, please contact your instructor before taking a course of action.

For more information regarding the student conduct process, [https://www.tamuct.edu/student-affairs/student-conduct.html].

If you know of potential honor violations by other students, you may submit a referral, [https://cm.maxient.com/reportingform.php?TAMUCentralTexas&layout_id=0].

**Drop Policy**

If you discover that you need to drop this class, you must complete the Drop Request Dynamic Form through Warrior Web.


Faculty cannot drop students; this is always the responsibility of the student. The Registrar’s Office will provide a deadline on the Academic Calendar for which the form must be completed. Once you submit the completed form to the Registrar’s Office, you must go into Warrior Web and confirm that you are no longer enrolled. If you still show as enrolled, FOLLOW-UP with the Registrar’s Office immediately. You are to attend class until the procedure is complete to avoid penalty for absence. Should you miss the drop deadline or fail to follow the procedure, you will receive an F in the course, which may affect your financial aid and/or VA educational benefits.

**Important information for Pregnant and/or Parenting Students**

Texas A&M University-Central Texas supports students who are pregnant, experiencing pregnancy-related conditions, and/or parenting. In accordance with requirements of Title IX and related guidance from US Department of Education’s Office of Civil Rights, the Dean of Student Affairs’ Office can assist students who are pregnant and/or parenting in seeking accommodations related to pregnancy and/or parenting. Students should seek out assistance as early in the pregnancy as possible. For more information, please visit Student Affairs [https://www.tamuct.edu/student-affairs/pregnant-and-parenting-students.html]. Students may also contact the institution’s Title IX Coordinator. If you would like to read more about these requirements and guidelines online, please visit the website [http://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ocr/docs/pregnancy.pdf].

Title IX of the Education Amendments Act of 1972 prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex...
and gender—including pregnancy, parenting, and all related conditions. A&M-Central Texas is able to provide flexible and individualized reasonable accommodation to pregnant and parenting students. All pregnant and parenting students should contact the Associate Dean in the Division of Student Affairs at (254) 501-5909 to seek out assistance. Students may also contact the University’s Title IX Coordinator.

**Tutoring**

Tutoring is available to all A&M-Central Texas students, both virtually and in-person. Student success coaching is available online upon request.

If you have a question, are interested in becoming a tutor, or in need of success coaching contact the Warrior Center for Student Success, Equity and Inclusion at (254) 501-5836, visit the Warrior Center at 212 Warrior Hall, or by emailing WarriorCenter@tamuct.edu.

To schedule tutoring sessions and view tutor availability, please visit Tutor Matching Services [https://tutormatchingservice.com/TAMUCT] or visit the Tutoring Center in 111 Warrior Hall.

Chat live with a remote tutor 24/7 for almost any subject from on your computer! Tutor.com is an online tutoring platform that enables A&M-Central Texas students to log in and receive online tutoring support at no additional cost. This tool provides tutoring in over 40 subject areas except writing support. Access Tutor.com through Canvas.

**University Library & Archives**

The University Library & Archives provides many services in support of research across campus and at a distance. We offer over 350 electronic databases containing approximately 631,525 eBooks and 75,149 journals, in addition to the 97,443 items in our print collection, which can be mailed to students who live more than 50 miles from campus. Research guides for each subject taught at A&M-Central Texas are available through our website to help students navigate these resources. On campus, the library offers technology including cameras, laptops, microphones, webcams, and digital sound recorders.

Research assistance from a librarian is also available 24 hours a day through our online chat service, and at the reference desk when the library is open. Research sessions can be scheduled for more comprehensive assistance, and may take place virtually through WebEx, Microsoft Teams or in-person at the library. Schedule an appointment here [https://tamuct.libcal.com/appointments]. Assistance may cover many topics, including how to find articles in peer-reviewed journals, how to cite resources, and how to piece together research for written assignments.

Our 27,000-square-foot facility on the A&M-Central Texas main campus includes student lounges, private study rooms, group work spaces, computer labs, family areas suitable for all ages, and many other features. Services such as interlibrary loan, TexShare, binding, and laminating are available. The library frequently offers workshops, tours, readings, and other events. For more information, please visit our Library website [https://tamuct.libguides.com/index]

**University Writing Center**

University Writing Center: Located in Warrior Hall 416, the University Writing Center (UWC)
at Texas A&M University–Central Texas (A&M–Central Texas) is a free service open to all A&M–Central Texas students. The hours of operation are from 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Monday thru Thursday in Warrior Hall 416 (with online tutoring available every hour as well) with satellite hours available online only Monday thru Thursday from 6:00-9:00 p.m. and Saturday 12:00-3:00 p.m.

Tutors are prepared to help writers of all levels and abilities at any stage of the writing process. While tutors will not write, edit, or grade papers, they will assist students in developing more effective composing practices. By providing a practice audience for students’ ideas and writing, our tutors highlight the ways in which they read and interpret students’ texts, offering guidance and support throughout the various stages of the writing process. In addition, students may work independently in the UWC by checking out a laptop that runs the Microsoft Office suite and connects to WIFI, or by consulting our resources on writing, including all of the relevant style guides. Whether you need help brainstorming ideas, organizing an essay, proofreading, understanding proper citation practices, or just want a quiet place to work, the UWC is here to help!

Students may arrange a one-to-one session with a trained and experienced writing tutor by making an appointment via WCOnline [https://tamuct.mywconline.com/]. In addition, you can email Dr. Bruce Bowles Jr. at bruce.bowles@tamuct.edu if you have any questions about the UWC, need any assistance with scheduling, or would like to schedule a recurring appointment with your favorite tutor.

OTHER POLICY STATEMENTS

A Note about Sexual Violence at A&M–Central Texas

Sexual violence is a serious safety, social justice, and public health issue. The university offers support for anyone struggling with these issues. University faculty are mandated reporters, so if someone discloses that they were sexually assaulted (or a victim of Domestic/Dating Violence or Stalking) while a student at TAMUCT, faculty members are required to inform the Title IX Office. If you want to discuss any of these issues confidentially, you can do so through Student Wellness and Counseling (254-501-5955) located on the second floor of Warrior Hall (207L).

Sexual violence can occur on our campus because predators often feel emboldened, and victims often feel silenced or shamed. It is incumbent on ALL of us to find ways to actively create environments that tell predators we don’t agree with their behaviors and tell survivors we will support them. Your actions matter. Don’t be a bystander; be an agent of change. For additional information on campus policy and resources visit the Title IX webpage [https://www.tamuct.edu/compliance/titleix.html].

Behavioral Intervention

Texas A&M University-Central Texas cares about the safety, health, and well-being of its students, faculty, staff, and community. If you are aware of individuals for whom you have a concern, please make a referral to the Behavioral Intervention Team. Referring your concern shows you care. You can complete the referral online [https://cm.maxient.com/reportingform.php?TAMUCentralTexas&layout_id=2].
Anonymous referrals are accepted. Please see the Behavioral Intervention Team website for more information [https://www.tamuct.edu/bit]. If a person’s behavior poses an imminent threat to you or another, contact 911 or A&M-Central Texas University Police at 254-501-5805.

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