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The University of Texas at Tyler

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3 Credits

100% ONLINE

Last day to withdraw from course: March 30, 2020

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A. Instructor Information

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B. Course Description

“Exploration and application of action research approaches and methods for examining and enhancing classroom instruction practices and increasing student literacy achievement outcomes in PreK-12 clinical and/or school settings.”

C. Knowledge Base(s) and Rationale

This graduate level course builds upon the knowledge base and experiences gained in prior graduate and/or undergraduate coursework addressing language and literacy development issues. Particular focus is placed on critical reading, analysis, and synthesis, and application of educational research to addressing literacy issues in school settings.

Course content incorporates the International Literacy Association (ILA) as well as the Texas Examination of Educator Standards (TExES) standards for the preparation of reading specialists/literacy coaches (ILA, 2010; TEA, 2006). ILA standards pertain primarily to Standard 1: *Foundational Knowledge* and Standard 6: *Professional Learning and Leadership*. TExES Standards pertain primarily to Domain 1: *Instruction and Assessment-Components of Literacy*, and Domain 4: *Professional Knowledge and Leadership*.

D. Student Learning Outcomes

LEARNING OUTCOME/ASSESSMENT/STANDARDS MATRIX			
# SLO	Student Learning Outcome (SLO): The student will...	Assessment	Standards
			<p>*Texas Examination of Educator Standards (TExES) http://cms.texas-ets.org/files/6113/5722/7998/reading_specialist_151.pdf</p> <p>*Texas Educator Standards (TES) (end of syllabus)</p> <p>*International Literacy Association (ILA) http://www.literacyworldwide.org/get-resources/standards/standards-for-reading-professionals</p>
1	Develop: Develop and write a research plan for conducting a basic action research study following established academic guidelines and conventions.	IRB Training Quizzes E-Learning Activities and Discussions Literacy Action Research Project (LARP)	<p>*TExES Domain 4</p> <p>*TES 1Bi, ii, iii; 1Ci, ii, iii; 2Aii, iii; 2Bi, iii; 3Aii, iii; 3Bi, iii; 3Ci, ii.</p> <p>*ILA 3; 6</p>
2	Explore: Read, analyze, and interpret findings from different literacy research, policy, and practice documents while identifying and using online resources for conducting research on specific questions related to literacy teaching and learning.	Literacy Action Research Project (LARP) Quizzes	<p>*TExES Domains 1, 2</p> <p>*TES 3Ai, ii, iii; 3Bi, ii, iii; 5Ai, ii; 5Ci, ii; 5Di.</p> <p>*ILA 1; 2; 4; 5</p>
3	Apply: Bring evidence-based research to bear on persistent challenges of personal teaching practices and more broadly, classroom practices, by reflecting on one's teaching practices, assessing one's professional learning, and developing one's own plan to better support student literacy.	E-Learning Activities and Discussions Literacy Action Research Project (LARP) Presentations of LARPs Portfolio piece	<p>*TExES Domains 1, 2, 3, 4</p> <p>*TES 1Bi, ii, iii; 1Ci, ii, iii; 2Aii, iii; 2Bi, iii; 4Aiii; 4Ci, ii, iii; 4Di, ii, iii, iv; 6Ai, ii, iii; 6Bii, iii; 6Dii.</p> <p>*ILA 2; 3; 4; 5; 6</p>

E. Course Evaluation & Grading:

The criteria for determining your final course grade are outlined below. Course grades will be determined based on percentage.

Assignment	Percentage of grade	Points
E-Learning Activities and Discussions	30%	30

Quizzes	10%	10
IRB Training	10%	10
Literacy Action Research Project (LARP)	40%	40
LARP Narrated Presentation and Comments (final)	5%	5
Program Portfolio Update	5%	5

Performance standards			
Points	Percent	Grade	Standard
93-100	93%	A	(Excellent) Superior
84-92	84%	B	(Good) Above Average
75-83	75%	C	(Undeveloped)Average
66=74	66%	D	(Poor) Below Average
00-65	65% or below	F	(Unacceptable)Mediocre

F. Assignments Overview:

Assignment Descriptions:

The assignments and projects outlined below are designed to contribute in a different, and yet complementary way in achieving the stated course objectives.

#1) E-learning discussions and activities (30/30=100% grades taken incrementally).

Description: As graduate students, it is critical that you read deeply and engage in a productive and collegial manner with your professional community (us) in order to grow. Through weekly assigned opportunities for asynchronous (and sometimes synchronous) discussions over readings and/or videos, podcasts, and the like, you will practice giving and receiving responses to your ideas and connections with material and to those of fellow classmates. For this, we will use the course's Discussion Forum feature for whole class discussions.

Main Tasks: Engage deeply with class texts; respond actively, substantively and thoughtfully, tactfully, and in a timely manner with classmates to books, articles, videos and more that are assigned within our classroom community.

Because this is a graduate level course, expectations are high for active engagement and substantive contributions to class activities—with timely completion of readings and related activities—and critical to the teaching-learning process. Active engagement entails making sustained and substantive contributions by completing assigned readings on time, asking critical questions (of the readings, of yourself, of colleagues), collaborating with others asynchronously, and exploring implications and applications of knowledge gained for your own professional work.

When responding to assigned readings or activities via discussion forums, I suggest using the following questions as a *general guide for organizing your responses*:

- a. What are the main point(s) made or issue(s) raised in the assigned readings?
- b. What are some of your own connections to the readings via your life experiences, your observations, your readings or viewings of other text/film/media?

- c. What are the strengths and weaknesses (or limitations) of the main points outlined, arguments made, or solutions provided?
- d. In what ways will the knowledge gained from the assigned reading(s) or activities help you enhance your role and/or work as a classroom teacher, reading specialist, or literacy coach?
- e. What are you thinking about *differently* as a result of this/these reading(s)? What questions does it raise for you?

E-Learning activities may include (for example):

- Discussion board posts in large and/or small groups. See above.
- Week 1's *Meet and Greet*: Directions in Week 1's Module folder
- A whole class *Pinterest board* or other time-limited social media experiment.
- Notebook work that may entail vocabulary work and other emergent activities based on the needs of the course.
- ***Building your collegial network: Between weeks 5-8 (your choice) Coffee Meet (2.5/2.5=100%)***
 - Zoom or Skype or meet in-person with one other classmate. I strongly encourage you to aim for a synchronous, or real-time meet up. However, I know this may not always be possible. Alternatively, you could email, text message, or create a Zoom recorded video for each other. Aim for a visit of about 15-30 minutes. You will have had an opportunity to get a sense of others through the Meet and Greet, the Discussion Forums, and through other means to determine who might be a compatible connection. The idea is for you to start to identify colleagues, early in the semester, with whom you may share interests and/or similar teaching contexts so that you can build your collegial network that may still be available to you after you graduate from the program (your Patriots email will not last long after graduation). Think of this as “going for coffee” with someone. For example, you can talk about your action research ideas, your own contexts, and/or your own professional goals for once you complete the program.
 - Evaluation: Write me a short “letter” in the message pane of the “Coffee Meet turnin folder” in the Course Menu. Tell me who you reached out to, the date, time and mode of your meet-up, and a little bit about how it went. It's up to you both as to whether and how you may wish to exchange any other contact information. I recommend Zoom as it is a platform that the university uses. Due by the end of Week 8.

Evaluation: Your asynchronous discussion (and occasionally synchronous) responses will be evaluated on the level of engagement (how often and when you contribute to the discussions), the quality of the contributions made (how thoughtful and substantive your contributions are), and the professionalism you exhibit when responding to assigned discussion topics or issues (how respectful and considerate you are to discussion forum members).

#2) Quizzes (10/10 =100%).

Description: You will be quizzed weekly over whole-class assigned readings and videos from the textbook, articles, and videos. Research shows that quizzes help to reinforce learning¹. Multiple choice, True-False, and Essay are among the question formats that will be used. Extra credit questions may be a bonus.

Main tasks: Every week, you will be quizzed on that week's assigned, whole-class readings and viewings.

¹ Benefits of testing memory: Best practices and boundary conditions.

Roediger III, Henry L.; Agarwal, Pooja K.; Kang, Sean H. K.; Marsh, Elizabeth J. Davies, Graham M. (Ed); Wright, Daniel B. (Ed), (2010). *Current issues in applied memory research. Current issues in memory.*, (pp. 13-49). New York, NY, US: Psychology Press, xiii, 262 pp

Evaluation: Each quiz question carries a point value; the final grade will be available to be seen in the gradebook.

#3) Institutional Review Board (IRB) Training (10 points 10/10=100%)

Description: In this assignment, you will have an opportunity to learn about the processes involved in conducting research with human subjects in clinical or school settings. This knowledge that you develop through this series of IRB modules, combined with topics covered in our lectures, textbook, and articles, will be evident in your Literacy Action Research Project plan that you write.

Main Tasks: Your task is to complete the IRB training online. The site for the IRB training and other resources is located at <http://www.uttyler.edu/research/compliance/irb/>

There are eight modules, which will take 1.5-3.0 hours to complete depending on your reading pace. When you successfully complete these modules you will be emailed your IRB Training Certificate.

End product. Turn in a copy of the IRB training certificate. You will receive a certificate upon completion of the IRB training modules. Specific directions to follow regarding how to turn in the certificate.

End Evaluation. The criteria for evaluating this assignment include

- (a) successful completion of the IRB training modules verified by the Certificate of Completion, and
- (b) a well-written paragraph in your Method section of your Literacy Action Research Project that deals knowledgeably and appropriately with confidentiality and privacy concerns of human subjects in data collection and analysis.

#4) Literacy Action Research Project (40 points 40/40=100%)

Description: In this major course assignment, which will be designed around your particular professional learning needs and research interests, you will have an opportunity to engage in an important aspect of action research, also known as teacher research, which will expand your knowledge about the various ways in which literacy research informs and enriches teacher practices and student achievement outcomes. Creating this project will be an incremental process spanning six-to-eight weeks of the semester. You will take your project through multiple drafts. Some of these draft stages will call for peer input and the input of experts (e.g. the instructor; University Writing Center tutors).

Main Tasks: Your task is to develop an action research plan or proposal, which seeks to examine a specific literacy issue or question in clinical or school settings. You will be guided in selecting a research topic addressing a pertinent literacy issue or question; reviewing relevant research literature on the topic; and developing a research plan for future (not during the course) data collection, procedures, and analysis.

To recap: Your task, overall, is to develop an action research proposal that examines a particular literacy problem that you have uncovered in your classroom (or in a clinical setting). **You will not conduct the research as a part of this class, only design it.**

You will:

- select a pertinent research topic that pertains to the problem you see manifested in your students' literacy learning;
- synthesize extant, current research literature on the subject to compose a review of literature;
- develop a methodological plan for data collection, procedures, and analysis; and

- pass the Human Subjects Training module prepared by the university's Internal Review Board (IRB). This will help you be more cognizant of necessary precautions to take when designing research with people of any age, and in particular, people who are in positions of vulnerability (e.g. children, pregnant women, prisoners, etc.).

Once this plan is fully developed, you could, after the semester is concluded, seek IRB approval in order to conduct the actual research for a later thesis or a report.

Timeline of Project (instructions for each step, some of which will include small group work, will be given in appropriate module):

Week 1: Introduction to assignment

Week 2: Brainstorm topics and questions of those topics 5-10)

Week 3: Zero in on a short list (3) of topics and their questions; How would you know When your question is answered? Broadly sketch out how you would collect data.

Weeks 4-8: Fifteen research articles published in peer-reviewed journals since 2006 are required. You may use up to five "other" pieces Collect and chart your 15 research articles (published since than 2006) according to a template that will be made available to you; find up to five "other" pieces, to supplement your argument (these don't have to be charted). These "other" pieces can include, for example, chapters, conceptual pieces, books, Government Reports, and important or "classic" meaning oft-cited in (Google Scholar) articles that were the quality of the synthesis of the relevant research literature related to the topic selected all of which will be charted.

Week 4: Settle on one topic and question. Sketch out your rationale as to why this study, now, for your students, school and your own practice; and collect three (of your 15) research articles. Chart the articles.

Weeks 5, 6, 7, 8: Collect and chart three more of your research articles each week.

Weeks 6 & 7: Method section drafted. Recommend that you make Writing Center appointment for Week 8, 9, 10 OR 11.

Weeks 8 & 9: Discussion and Implications section drafted. (Since this is not a study that you will conduct, you will need to imagine three scenarios and consider their what-ifs. 1) What are the imaginable implications for results that you could reasonably "expect"; 2) What are the imaginable implications for results that you might think of as surprising or unexpected outcomes? And 3) What are some imaginable implications for the field of teaching?

Week 9: IRB Training certificate due.

Weeks 10 & 11: Last set of revisions

Week 12: Draft your author's note and reflection.

Week 13: Final version of project due.

End Product: A well written, carefully researched 12-20 page typed, double-spaced paper, that adheres to APA Style, and is written in size 12 font, Times New Roman, black ink, describing the main components of the research proposal including a descriptive title, an abstract, a research synthesis pertaining to the topic selected, and a detailed research method section, which delineates your research questions, study participants, data collection procedures, and data analyses. Other sections will include Discussion/Implications, and a Conclusion. See directions for required Appendices. Specific information [with step-by-step guidance in developing ideas for and completing this project] will be provided at the appropriate times during the semester.

Required: Documented visits (in-person or virtual) with the UT-Tyler Writing Center

<https://www.uttyler.edu/writingcenter/>

APA Style: Your written work should be typed (double-spaced, using a 12 pt. Times New Roman font, with one-inch margins, & pages numbered), properly labeled, carefully proofread, edited, and, your written work should show consistent and correct use of American Psychological Association (APA) style guidelines <http://libguides.uttyler.edu/content.php?pid=5001&sid=31080> and/or <https://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/560/01/> for writing style, citations, and referencing. APA is the style used in the scholarship of the social sciences including that of education. Also, see APA Resources folder in Course Documents.

The UT-Tyler Writing Center: Is open 11am-2pm Tuesdays, 2pm-5pm Wednesdays, and EITHER 11am-2pm OR 2pm-5pm Thursdays. Visit the center's webpage for more information on the schedule: www.uttyler.edu/writingcenter. The center is located in BUS 202 and **they can tutor students face-to-face or digitally.** (*You do not have to be on campus to use the Writing Center – they can do it virtually with you!*). As a student of UT-Tyler, you are paying for this excellent professional development service. This is not “remediation” – *this is what scholars and writers do*—they seek expert and peer consultation to improved themselves. I have to pay for this kind of assistance and I do with every article I submit for publication.

Evaluation: The criteria for evaluating the action research proposal will based on the degree to which each section is well thought-out, well researched, well developed, and well written including that APA style is adhered to throughout.

#5) LARP Narrated Presentation and Comments (5 points 5/5=100%)

Weeks 14:

Presentation over your LARP using presentation software (e.g. PowerPoint; Keynote; Prezi) and narrating over it. Using recording software such as Zoom or Tegrity will allow you to upload a link to Canvas Discussion forum.

#6) Program Portfolio Update Assignment –final--(5 points 5/5=100%)

Description: This course assignment is designed to assure that you successfully and competently build your Program Portfolio the goal of which is to show ways in which your work in this program has enabled you to provide evidence, aligned with state and national standards, of your preparation to become a literacy leader. The successful completion and presentation of your portfolio is a requirement for graduation from this program. Creating your portfolio will be an incremental process spanning the entirety of your time at UT Tyler. That is, this assignment is present in each course in your Masters in Education Reading program. In each course, including this one, you will (1) select your artifact from work accomplished this semester; (2) select a national standard and a state standard about which this artifact is evidence of your mastery; (3) write your rationale for including this artifact to serve as professional evidence; and (4) write your reflection on ways in which the creation of this artifact stimulated within you a set of experiences the outcome of which is your own learning/change of mind/deeper understanding that is centered on the national and state standards for literacy professionals and leaders.

Main Tasks: Your task is to first complete the major assignments for this course. Second, you will select one or more of those assignments as artifactual evidence of your standards-based professional growth. Third, you select standards that your work exemplifies. Fourth, you will substantively write both a rationale for inclusion and a reflection on your own learning related to the artifact and the chosen standards. Expect to write a four to six sentence paragraph for each. You will submit the already-graded artifact and, on a separate Word document, the standards and written work required.

You can expect instructor feedback and a grade on this assignment. At the conclusion of the course, it is expected that you will incorporate any feedback you received to improve your rationale and/or reflection, and that you will insert the artifact and your writing into your ongoing Wix portfolio.

G. Required Readings:

One Required Textbook to Purchase

Note: I recommend strongly that you get the edition noted – older editions will be paginated differently and contain irrelevant content as well as be missing more current content. Quizzes will be based on the 2017 edition, without exception.

Mertler, C. (2020). *Action research: Improving schools and empowering educators* (6th ed.). Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage.

- **Note about the purchase of books:** *A student of this institution is not under any obligation to purchase a textbook from a university-affiliated bookstore. The same textbook may also be available from an independent retailer, including an online retailer.*

Articles (free): To complement our textbook chapters, you will read specific articles each week. In addition, you can expect videos to be assigned on a weekly basis. All these you will use as references in whole class, discussions. The schedule for readings will be in the Activities Calendar.

<i>Professional literacy-focused journals include (but not limited to) the following:</i>	
<i>Reading & Writing Quarterly</i> <i>Written Communication</i> <i>Intervention in School and Clinic</i> <i>Reading Improvement</i> <i>Middle School Journal</i> <i>Educational Researcher</i> <i>Teaching and Teacher Education</i> <i>Journal of Literacy Research</i> <i>Research in the Teaching of English</i> <i>English Education</i> <i>Anthropology and Education Quarterly</i> <i>Harvard Educational Review</i>	<i>American Educational Research Journal</i> <i>Journal of Adolescent and Adult Literacy</i> <i>Journal of Learning Sciences</i> <i>Journal of Educational Psychology</i> <i>Journal of Learning Disabilities</i> <i>Journal of Literacy Research</i> <i>Language Arts</i> <i>Reading Research Quarterly</i> <i>Tapestry Journal</i> <i>The Reading Teacher</i> <i>Elementary School Journal</i> <i>Equity and Excellence in Education</i>

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H. Course Policies

Internet; email; Canvas

Everything Canvas: <http://www.utt Tyler.edu/canvas/>

Technology will serve as our main tool for communication. Important announcements and readings will be posted on Canvas. UT-Tyler email and emails generated through Canvas will be utilized as a communication tool, as well. This is an online course – it is up to you to have reliable and continuous access to high speed internet. This class is formatted for computer use – that is, laptop or desktop.

- **It is expected that you will check your UT-Tyler email daily**, and Canvas regularly for information and announcements.
- **It is expected that everyone will have and use his/her email account associated with UT-Tyler and keep their information current with the university.**
- You have elected to take an online class, and it is your responsibility to find and maintain a stable internet connection. I suggest you locate two or three back up Wi-Fi friendly sites (e.g. Starbucks, your local public library; a friend or family member's home) in the event that your home internet service fails.

Technology Troubles?

Start here: <http://www.utt Tyler.edu/canvas/>

For any difficulties associated with technology, you may contact **IT Support** on their 24/7 student webpage, <http://www.utt Tyler.edu/it/support/student-support.php>

Or by phone, 800-UT TYLER or 903-565-5555 or, by email itsupport@utt Tyler.edu

Computer Literacy Requirement

You are expected to use word processing for all assignments (unless otherwise instructed); that is, a document submitted in plain text is not acceptable, while Times New Roman in Microsoft Word is acceptable.

The university has deep discounts available to students for software packages All assignments (unless instructed otherwise) must be typed, doubled-spaced and formatted in APA style.

Bookmark UT-Tyler's Information Technology (IT) page <https://www.utt Tyler.edu/it/>

From here, <https://www.utt Tyler.edu/it/> on the left margin, click on "Campus Computing Services". Then, on the left margin, click on "Campus Computing Purchases". The last item on the drop-down menu is "Discount Software". Explore this page – and for Microsoft software, click on the Microsoft icon at the top of the page. Go here to explore MS Office packages that are very deeply discounted for students <https://store.hied.com/products/Microsoft/Office>

When you post something to a Discussion Forum, copy and paste your text into the message pane; do not attach a document **unless** the assignment specifically instructs you to do so. **Do not expect myself or classmates to have to open your documents to read your post or your response. We won't. You'll lose points.**

PDF is the most stable of the formatting options; however, MS Word will work for uploading some assignments.

Internet research: Throughout this course, you will be expected to use the Internet as a source of research, as well as that of library sources. Online discussions (Discussion, wikis), as well as Power Point (Prezi; Keynote) presentations may also be a feature of this class.

UT-Tyler Online Library: As a student at The University of Texas at Tyler, you are paying for and have access to a robust and networked university library and professional librarians whose job it is to help you. **You are expected to use the library, and to ask for help when you need it.** <http://library.uttyler.edu> This link is the homepage of the UTT library, visit it and note the CHAT feature. This can be a lifesaver!!!! Check out this help page too <http://library.uttyler.edu/help>

Clear identification of work: Name, Date, Topic

All work must be neat, paginated, and properly identified with your name and page number on subsequent pages. All files and posts must be labeled logically and informatively (e.g. Consalvo_LARP; or Consalvo_Short Bio_meet & greet; or, Consalvo_Memoir_date). At the top of your submitted work, you must have your first and last name, name of assignment, date due, date completed (if applicable). *I will not spend my time* figuring out (for example) what chapter questions you have turned in if it is not clearly stated in your heading. You will get a zero.

Plan for Printing and Scanning

You may discover that you need to work both on- and off-line. Some readings and some writing tasks are simply better learning experiences done using paper and pencil. To that end, **it is important that you establish immediately regular and reliable access to printing and scanning services** whether you own your own printer, or that you locate two or three printers on campus and understand how they work, how to pay for copies, etc. Or, you may need to find out where the nearest copy shop is to you and set aside money for that. Access to a scanner can be a lifesaver – as some assignments may require you to hand draw or write, and to scan in those documents as a required part of the assignment as a whole.

Neatness and professionalism in submitted work:

I will not accept bits and pieces of assignments, rather, it is up to you to compile your projects and submit each as a single and continuous pdf.

To do this you may have to:

- 1) format each individual page;
- 2) print it out; and/or
- 3) scan it in to make a single pdf out of the whole document.

This is where access to a print shop, like Staples; Kinkos, or Office Max can be a life-saver. The design of your work is an important factor in its readability.

APA Citation help:

Correct attribution of work that someone else did is expected of an educated person.

In this class, **as educators, you will adhere to the accepted “style” called APA** – for the American Psychological Association.

The OWL at Purdue: The Online Writing Lab at Purdue University is a powerhouse of accessible, understandable, correct, and relevant resources for you; use it!

- The OWL at Purdue <http://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/section/2/10/>
- Here at UTT we have many citation resources available to you. Style and Citation Guides available through UT-Tyler <http://libguides.uttyler.edu/citations>

Timeliness and Participation: REALLY IMPORTANT!

Since this class meets online, you are expected to keep up with assignments (readings, discussions, etc.), and to complete and turn them in according to timeline in the syllabus' Activities Schedule and/or by the timeline on any given assignment's handout. To not do so WILL affect your grade. Assignments are due on the day and by the time on which they appear in the syllabus's Activities Schedule.

As a professional preparation class, engagement in every session is critical for ongoing building of your knowledge. As such, you are expected to complete all assignments to the best of your ability and according to the timelines established. Moreover, you are to communicate with the instructor regarding any extenuating circumstances that may arise, in advance. Your timeliness and participation are factored into my assessment of your readiness and suitability for the being a teacher-leader and are factored into your grades. Students who must miss a number of classes due to extenuating circumstances should contact the Dean's Office. ****Students are responsible for all work despite any missed modules/classes.****

Late/Incomplete Work

Unless otherwise stated, all work will be completed and turned in on the day, and by the time it is due. Late assignments without prior, written permission from the instructor or without the presence of documentable (by you), extenuating circumstances will result in a lowering of the assignment grade. If you have gotten written instructor permission, print out the email and attach to your work. I am not responsible for keeping track of such matters. It falls on you to present your documentation in a professional manner.

How the Grading Works for Late Assignments:

For each day that an assignment is late, the final grade will be docked one letter grade for up to three days, assuming that it is "A" quality work; then, on day #4, it reverts to 50%; then, on day #6 the grade reverts to zero.

UNIVERSITY POLICIES (Sp. 2020)

UT Tyler Honor Code

Every member of the UT Tyler community joins together to embrace: Honor and integrity that will not allow me to lie, cheat, or steal, nor to accept the actions of those who do.

For a full list of university policies including information related to the topics listed below, click [here](#).

- Students Rights and Responsibilities
- Campus Carry
- Tobacco-Free University
- Grade Replacement/Forgiveness and Census Date Policies
- State-Mandated Course Drop Policy
- Disability Services
- Student Absence due to Religious Observance
- Student Absence for University-Sponsored Events and Activities
- Social Security and FERPA Statement
- Emergency Exits and Evacuation
- Student Standards of Academic Conduct

UT Tyler Resources for Students:

- UT Tyler Writing Center (903.565.5995), writingcenter@uttyler.edu, <http://www.uttyler.edu/writingcenter/>
- UT Tyler Tutoring Center (903.565.5964), tutoring@uttyler.edu, <https://www.uttyler.edu/tutoring/>

- The Mathematics Learning Center, RBN 4021, This is the open access computer lab for math students, with tutors on duty to assist students who are enrolled in early-career courses.
- UT Tyler Counseling Center (903.566.7254) <https://www.uttyler.edu/counseling/>

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COLLEGE OF EDUCATION AND PSYCHOLOGY (CEP) VISION AND MISSION

Vision: The College of Education and Psychology is nationally recognized and respected for its academic programs and opportunities. It is a center of academic excellence, scholarly inquiry, and public service. The College prepares leaders to meet the critical challenges of the 21st Century through productive contributions to local and global communities and toward individual and cultural equity.

Mission: The mission of the College of Education and Psychology is to provide a positive environment that fosters the acquisition of knowledge and skills. The mission is individually and collectively realized through a community of scholars that contributes to knowledge through scholarly inquiry; organizes knowledge for application, understanding and communication; and provides leadership and service. We affirm and promote global perspectives that value individual and cultural diversity to enhance learning, service, and scholarship.

UT TYLER'S SCHOOL OF EDUCATION STANDARDS FOR EDUCATOR PREPARATION PROGRAMS

[Texas Education Standards](#): The School of Education are committed to teaching and implementing the Texas Educator Standards at the highest level. The School of Education faculty use the Texas Education Standards, along with the Interstate New Teacher Assessment and Support Consortium (InTASC) standards used by educator preparation programs throughout the United States.

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Access the [Code of Ethics and Standard Practices for Texas Educators](#).

Tentative Schedule
of Activities and Assignments Due

Important:

The instructor reserves the right to change/adjust any assignments and/or due dates in the best interest of the class. Ample notice (three-day minimum) will be given to students for any such changes.

		<p>Timing of modules: All weekly modules will be up by Monday at 5pm of the corresponding week.</p> <p>Due Dates: All assignments, unless otherwise noted, are due by Sunday night at 11:59pm of the week in which they are listed here.</p> <p>Final Version of Weekly Assignments: in Module: The final version of this course's activities and assignments will be in each week's Module folder.</p>	
# Week	Spring 2020 Date(s)		Notes:
Week 1 Class #1 Classes begin UT-Tyler for Spring 2019 on Monday January 13	Monday 1/13- Sunday 1/19 at 11:59pm	<p>TOPIC(S): *Course Overview: What you should expect to gain from this course, and what you need to do to successfully complete its requirements</p> <p><u>LARP Week 1:</u> Introduction to assignment</p> <p>READ: 1)Pine (2009) Ch. 11 "Conducting teacher action research" (pp. 234-262) 2) Hatch (2008) "Teacher research: Questions for teacher educators" (pp. 1-5 all)</p> <p>LEARNING ACTIVITIES: Discussion forum "Week 1: Teacher research?" Post and comment on two classmates posts (see directions).</p> <p>☞DUE: <i>Meet and Greet</i> — short self- introduction; short bio, photo; fun fact.</p>	
HOLIDAY Mon. 1/20		Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. (no classes)	
Week 2 Class #2	Tuesday 1/21 – Sunday 1/26 at 11:59pm	<p>TOPIC(S): * What does teacher research or action research look like?</p> <p><u>LARP Week 2:</u> Brainstorm five to ten topics and questions of those topics</p> <p>READ:</p>	

		<p>*Introduction to Part I and all of Chapter 1, Mertler (2020), “What is action research?” (pp. 1-32) *Article(s) & view video(s) see Module for Week 2</p> <p>LEARNING ACTIVITIES: E-Learning activities: see Module for Week 2</p>	
Week 3 Class #3	Monday 1/27 Sunday 2/2 at 11:59pm	<p>TOPIC(S): *What does research-based literacy instruction mean?</p> <p><u>LARP Week 3</u>: Zero in on a short list of three topics (from Week 2) and their questions; How would you know When your question is answered? Broadly sketch out how you would collect data.</p> <p>READ: *Chapter 2, Mertler (2020), “Overview of the action research process” (pp. 33-50). *Article(s) & view video(s) see Module for Week 3</p> <p>LEARNING ACTIVITIES: E-Learning activities: see Module for Week 3</p> <p>❖DUE: Online Quiz over Chapter 1 – (due online by Sunday at 11:59pm)</p>	
Week 4 Class #4	Monday 2/3 Sunday 2/9 at 11:59pm	<p>TOPIC(S): *Strategies for identifying, and conducting library research on specific literacy topics, issues, or questions</p> <p><u>LARP Week 4</u>: Settle on one topic and question. Sketch out your rationale as to why this study, now, for your students, school and your own practice; and collect three (of your 15) research articles. Chart the articles.</p> <p>READ: *Introduction to Part II and all of Chapter 3, Mertler (2020), “Planning for action research & reviewing related literature” (pp. 51-84). *Article(s) & view video(s) see Module for Week 4</p> <p>LEARNING ACTIVITIES: E-Learning activities: see Module for Week 4</p> <p>❖DUE: Online Quiz over Chapter 2 –(due online by Sunday at 11:59pm)</p>	
Week 5	Monday	TOPIC(S):	

Class 5	2/10– Sunday 2/16 at 11:59pm	<p>*Developing a research plan to engage in action research in clinical and classroom settings: Focus on literature reviews</p> <p>*Conducting research with human subjects in school settings</p> <p>READ: *Chapter 4, Mertler (2020), “Developing a research plan” (pp. 84-124). *Article(s) & view video(s) see Module for Week 5</p> <p>LEARNING ACTIVITIES: E-Learning activities: see Module for Week 5 (“Coffee Meet” between weeks 5-8)</p> <p>❖ DUE: Online Quiz over Chapter 3 – (due online by Sunday at 11:59pm)</p>	
Week 6 Class #6	Monday 2/17 – Sunday 2/23 at 11:59pm	<p>TOPIC(S): *Developing a research plan to engage in action research in clinical and classroom settings: Focus on research methodology</p> <p><u>LARP Weeks 5, 6, 7, 8:</u> Collect and chart three more of your research articles each week. <u>LARP Weeks 6 & 7:</u> Method section drafted. Recommend that you make Writing Center appointment for Week 8, 9, 10 OR 11.</p> <p>READ: *Introduction to Part III and all of Chapter 5, Mertler (2020), “Collecting data” (pp. 125-168). *Article(s) & view video(s) see Module for Week 6</p> <p>LEARNING ACTIVITIES: E-Learning activities: see Module for Week 6 (“Coffee Meet” between weeks 5-8)</p> <p>❖ DUE: Online Quiz over Chapter 4 – (due online by Sunday at 11:59pm)</p>	
Week 7 Class #7	Monday 2/24 – Sunday 3/1 at 11:59pm	<p>TOPIC(S): *Developing a research plan to engage in action research in clinical and classroom settings: Focus on data analysis and report writing</p> <p>*Strategies for using research insights to inform literacy assessment and instruction in your classroom</p>	

		<p><u>LARP Weeks 5, 6, 7, 8</u>: Collect and chart three more of your research articles each week. <u>LARP Weeks 6 & 7</u>: Method section drafted. Recommend that you make Writing Center appointment for Week 8, 9, 10 OR 11.</p> <p>READ: *Chapter 6, Mertler (2020), “Analyzing data” (pp. 169-212). *Article(s) & view video(s) see Module for Week 7</p> <p>LEARNING ACTIVITIES: E-Learning activities: see Module for Week 7 (“Coffee Meet” between weeks 5-8)</p> <p>♣DUE: Online Quiz over Chapter 5 (due online by Sunday at 11:59pm)</p>	
Week 8 Class #8	Monday 3/2 – Sunday 3/8 at 11:59pm	<p>TOPIC(S): Writing your Discussion and Implications section. *Tips for distinguishing among and critically reading research, policy, and practice documents</p> <p><u>LARP Weeks 5, 6, 7, 8</u>: Collect and chart three more of your research articles each week. <u>LARP Weeks 8 & 9</u>: Discussion and Implications section drafted.</p> <p>READ: *Introduction to Part IV and all of Chapter 7, Mertler (2020), “Next-steps and future cycles: Developing an action plan” (pp. 213--227). *Article(s) & view video(s) see Module for Week 8</p> <p>LEARNING ACTIVITIES: E-Learning activities: see Module for Week 8 (“Coffee Meet” between weeks 5-8)</p> <p>♣DUE: Online Quiz over Chapter 6 (due online by Sunday at 11:59pm)</p> <p>♣DUE: Short letter via turnin folder about “Coffee Meet” up (see directions).</p>	
Spring Break		SPRING BREAK MARCH 9-12	
Week 9 Class #9	Monday 3/16 – Sunday 3/22 at 11:59pm	<p>TOPIC(S): Literature Review, APA style, and your LARP beginning to take shape * Overview of APA guidelines</p> <p><u>LARP Weeks 8 & 9</u>: Discussion and Implications section drafted.</p>	

		<p>READ: *Chapter 8, Mertler (2020), “Writing an action research report” (pp. 228-250). *Article(s) & view video(s) see Module for Week 9</p> <p>LEARNING ACTIVITIES: E-Learning activities: see Module for Week 9</p> <p>♣DUE: Online Quiz over Chapter 7 – (due online by Sunday at 11:59pm)</p> <p>Ω DUE: IRB Training Certificate of Completion</p>	
Week 10 Class #10	Monday 3/23 – Sunday 3/29 at 11:59pm	<p>TOPIC(S): What is revision? How does it look in a project design?</p> <p><u>LARP Weeks 10 & 11</u>: Last set of revisions</p> <p>READ: Textbook: Appendices, Mertler (2020), pp. 274-315. Glossary, pp. 316-318.</p> <p>LEARNING ACTIVITIES: E-Learning activities: see Module for Week 10</p> <p>♣DUE: Online Quiz over Chapter 8 – (due online by Sunday at 11:59pm)</p>	
Week 11 Class #11	Monday 3/30 – Sunday 4/5 at 11:59pm	<p>TOPIC(S): Strategies for getting your work published: The Review process</p> <p><u>LARP Weeks 10 & 11</u>: Last set of revisions <u>LARP: Week 11</u>: Writing Center appointment completed by end of week.</p> <p>READ: Chapter 9, Mertler (2020), “Sharing and reflecting” (pp. 251-273). *Article(s) & view video(s) see Module for Week 11</p> <p>LEARNING ACTIVITIES: E-Learning activities: see Module for Week 11</p>	
Week 12 Class #12	Monday 4/6 – Sunday 4/12 at 11:59pm	<p>TOPIC(S): Reflection is the key. >Instructions for creating the presentation.</p> <p><u>LARP Week 12</u>: Draft your author’s note and reflection.</p> <p>READ:</p>	

		<p>*Article(s) & view video(s) see Module for Week 12</p> <p>LEARNING ACTIVITIES: E-Learning activities: see Module for Week 12</p> <p>✚ DUE: Online <i>Quiz</i> over Chapter 9 (due online by Sunday at 11:59pm)</p> <p>Ω DUE: Literacy Action Research Project - Submit to "Final LARP" Turnin folder</p>	
Week 13 Class #13	Monday 4/13 – Sunday 4/19 at 11:59pm	<p>TOPIC(S): Presenting your work.</p> <p>READ: *Article(s) & view video(s) see Module for Week 13</p> <p>LEARNING ACTIVITIES: E-Learning activities: see Module for Week 13</p> <p>Ω DUE: LARP Narrated Presentation via link embedded into Forum "LARP Presentations" by 11:59pm.</p>	
Last week of classes: Week 14 Class #14	Monday 4/20 – Sunday 4/26 at 11:59pm	<p>TOPIC(S): Presenting your work and viewing the work of others;</p> <p>>Instructions/Reminder: Portfolio piece for READ 5308</p> <p>READ: Article(s) & view video(s) see Module for Week 14</p> <p>LEARNING ACTIVITIES:</p> <p>DUE: Comments due to at least two classmate's LARP presentations by 4/26 by 11:59pm.</p>	
<i>Finals</i> <i>UT-Tyler</i> 4/28/20-5/1/20		Final DUE: Portfolio piece	
<i>End of</i> <i>Term</i>	Sat 5/2/20	Commencement exercises for UT-Tyler depending on your program	

