



MODEL TEACHING®
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Building Reading & Writing Fluency

COURSE SYLLABUS




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UNIVERSITY PARTNER	CREDITS	REGIONAL ACCREDITATIONS	COURSE NUMBER
 University of Massachusetts Global A nonprofit affiliate	1 Graduate Level Semester Credit	WASC SENIOR COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY COMMISSION (WSCUC)	EDLU 9025

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COURSE TITLE:

BUILDING READING AND WRITING FLUENCY



Credit/ Hours: 1 Graduate-Level Semester Credit

Credit- hour equivalency. This course is a 1-credit hour course that consists of 15 hours of in-seat time. Model Teaching courses can be completed at your own pace, and your transcript will reflect the semester in which your credits are processed. Courses include reading content, watching content videos, reviewing resources, and participating in activities throughout the course. See the Course Outline later in this syllabus for a detailed look at the course structure and components.

Each Model Teaching-partnered University is regionally accredited and offers continuing education courses to educators. These courses are post-baccalaureate credit courses that are designed primarily for professional development, salary advancement, and license renewal purposes. All credit- granting online university partnered courses taken through Model Teaching will include access to graduate- level semester credits with an official transcript and letter grade.

COURSE DESCRIPTION

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Strategies for increasing reading and writing fluency are featured in this course, with an emphasis on implementing varied activities tailored to specific student levels. This course teaches you a grouping strategy based on the researched- support methods for grouping students by levels of spelling and provides station & activity ideas and support on 6 key areas for effective reading and writing. You will build a fluency plan specific to a set of student groups, design a resource to support your students, and analyze research highlighting the effectiveness of one or more methods of improving fluency that were taught within this course. Finally, an implementation plan will be completed for you to put the ideas from this course into practice.

COURSE OBJECTIVES

Participants will be able to:

- i. Understand fluency levels based on spelling and methods for grouping students
- ii. Apply strategies to support fluency to various activities within phonics, word work, sight words, reading, and writing
- iii. Build a fluency plan that supports a classroom
- iv. Design a supporting resource that helps improve fluency based on one method within the course, and then plan for implementation of the resource alongside the fluency plan
- v. Analyze research that supports the use of strategies and activities to improve fluency, and examine how the research impacts the classroom

COURSE OUTLINE

Section 1 Instructional Content

Lesson Delivery: Strategic Grouping. Completion of the content video, readings, and resources review.

Quiz: Questions to check for understanding of the section content. Quizzes are automatically scored and provide detailed feedback on answer choice rationale.

Discussion Board Reflection: Group current students or a sample student set based on spelling patten breakdowns.

Section 2 Instructional Content

Lesson Delivery: Phonics. Completion of the content video, readings, and resources review.

Quiz: Questions to check for understanding of the section content. Quizzes are automatically scored and provide detailed feedback on answer choice rationale.

Discussion Board Reflection: Plan for specific phonic rules to be taught based on your student grouping, then plan for stations within the classroom lesson.

Section 3 Instructional Content

Lesson Delivery: Word work. Completion of the content video, readings, and resources review.

Discussion Board Reflection: Plan for specific word work to be taught based on your student grouping, then plan for stations within the classroom lesson.

Section 4 Instructional Content

Lesson Delivery: Sight words. Completion of the content video, readings, and resources review.

Discussion Board Reflection: Plan for specific sight words to be taught based on your student grouping, then plan for stations within the classroom lesson.

Section 5 Instructional Content

Lesson Delivery: Reading fluency. Completion of the content video, readings, and resources review.

Discussion Board Reflection: Plan for reading activities to be completed based on your student grouping, then plan for stations within the classroom lesson.

Section 6 Instructional Content

Lesson Delivery: Writing fluency. Completion of the content video, readings, and resources review.

Discussion Board Reflection: Plan for specific writing activities to be taught based on your student grouping, then plan for stations within the classroom lesson.

Putting it All Together

Action Plan: Completion and Submission of a reading and writing fluency stations plan aligned to specific needs for your planned student groups. An action plan template and a sample will be provided to you to assist you in completing this module.

Applying What You Have Learned

Further Reading, Videos, and Resources: Review additional resources, tools, and suggested reading that focuses on how fluency course concepts apply to students with that need additional support in reading and writing.

Resource Design: Creation of a specific resources that is related to supporting one or more of your planned groups within your action plan. After your action plan design, you will analyze the required components for implementation success and select areas for resource development critical for consistent implementation. After analysis of suggested resources and articles referencing components of your action plan, design and upload a resource specific to support your success in implementation, as well as success in student interaction with assessment items in an upcoming unit. A resource design planning template will be provided to guide in rigorous and applicable final resources. Instructor feedback provided. You will upload a self- created resource specific to support ideas for implementation of course concepts. A resource design planning template will be provided to guide you in the resource design process.

Research Connections Reflection: Reading and analysis of peer- reviewed research, cited academic books, or cited educational articles aligned to course concepts. An analysis template will

be provided to assist you in guiding your thinking and analysis and can be used as an outline for your submitted response.

Implementation Tasks: Review a recap of the course content and takeaways from the course, then plan for what implementation of course concepts in the classroom might look like. You can choose to implement your ideas, request a colleague to analyze your ideas, or self-reflect on your ideas for implementation.

Implementation Project Plan: Compile all content ideas from the course and plan a series of action steps to describe implementation. A Final Implementation Planning Template will be provided to help you plan the critical components to consider for implementation, and to aid you in your final response which will also include a reflection and summary of the ideas in the course.

MODEL TEACHING RESOURCES INCLUDED IN THIS COURSE

These resources, tools, & templates are designed to help you utilize and implement the course concepts in your classroom.

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- ✓ Creative Writing Prompt Template With Samples
- ✓ Grouping Students Template
- ✓ Phonics Stations Template
- ✓ Spelling Menu Board
- ✓ Word Sort Template with Examples
- ✓ Word Work Stations
- ✓ Sight Word & Vocabulary Stations
- ✓ Word Bump Game
- ✓ Station Rotation Plan
- ✓ Effectiveness Rubric
- ✓ Implementation Checklist with Sample
- ✓ Reading Fluency Stations
- ✓ Writing Fluency Stations
- ✓ Writing Across the Disciplines Tool
- ✓ Supplemental Resource Design Template
- ✓ Article Analysis Template
- ✓ Classroom Implementation Plan



REQUIRED EXTERNAL RESOURCES

N/A. All articles, resources, and instructional content are provided within the course modules.

CREDIT HOUR CALCULATIONS

	Estimated Contact Time/ Seat Time (hrs)
Instructional Content (Course lessons, quiz, discussion)	8
Action Plan Project & Feedback	1
Resource Design & Feedback	2
Research Connections Writing & Feedback	2
Final Implementation Project Plan & Feedback	2
Total Hours:	15

GRADING

Grading Breakdown for this Course:

Module	Points
Quizzes (10 points each)	20
Discussion Board Reflections (10 points each)	60
Action Plan	100
Resource Design	50
Research Connections	50
Final Implementation Project Plan	100
Total	380

This course provides a letter grade using a ten-percentage point grading scale. A grade of A= 90%-100% You must earn 342 points or higher in this course to receive an A. A grade of B= 80%- 89%. You must earn 304 points to 341 points in this course to receive a B. A grade of B or higher is required for credit. A grade of unsatisfactory is any score below 80% or 304 points and does not provide credit. Grading rubrics can be downloaded in the introduction module of each course within your course dashboard or at the link here: <https://www.modelteaching.com/rubrics>

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COURSE SUBMISSIONS

All submissions must be performed within the Model Teaching course platform. If you need assistance in submitting assignments, please contact us.

TECHNOLOGY REQUIREMENTS

Courses are held 100% online. You should have access to a compatible web browser (such as Google Chrome, Microsoft Edge, Apple Safari, and/or Mozilla Firefox) and a word processing tool or reader (such as Microsoft Word and/or Google Docs). While our course platform does support mobile devices, for the best user experience, we recommend using a desktop or laptop computer to complete courses. You can review our technology requirements along with other frequently asked questions at our FAQ page here: <https://www.modelteaching.com/faq>

TECHNICAL QUESTIONS

If you need personal assistance or have technical questions, you can contact us by accessing the support feature built into our course platform, chat with us online, email us at courses@modelteaching.com, or chat with us as www.modelteaching.com.

COMPLIANCE WITH THE AMERICAN DISABILITIES ACT

In compliance with Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act and the Americans with Disabilities Act, any participant that has a permanent or temporary condition that might affect their ability to complete the course should contact us at courses@modelteaching.com upon enrollment. We will make reasonable accommodations or modifications to the course.

ACADEMIC INTEGRITY

Participants are responsible for fully interacting with the course content, modules, resources, readings, and assignments. All responses, projects, and other assignments are the sole responsibility of the course participant, and plagiarism or cheating are not tolerated. Submissions should be your own work and design, and all submissions and assignments should be completed independently. Any outside sources should be properly cited. If you have questions about what constitutes plagiarism or cheating, you should contact us at courses@modelteaching.com.

Why Model Teaching?

Courses Focused on Relevant Teaching Content That You Can Actually Use

We focus our professional development courses on what's important to you: relevant content focused on specific teaching strategies & evidence-based instructional best practices. Earn pre-approved PD hours and regionally-accredited academic credit through our university partner UMass Global.

Clear, Straight-Forward Lessons Designed by Experienced Educators

Our courses provide high-quality content in a format that makes it easy for developing teachers to learn new skills and methods for use in their own classroom. Our courses are designed to provide effective professional development for busy teachers in a format that makes learning easy.

Comprehensive, Ready-To-Use Resources, Tools, & Templates Provided With Every Course

Each course comes with a variety of resources, tools, graphic organizers, activities, student lesson content, and lesson templates you can use to immediately implement your new training in your own classroom. If not teaching, simply save your resources for future use.

Immediately Implement What You Have Learned

For teachers who are currently teaching, we provide step-by-step support and real-world examples that you can use immediately in your classroom or school, along with implementation resources. Not teaching? No problem! You do not have to be currently teaching to take our courses.

What are Model Teaching Courses Used For?

- Salary Advancement
- Teaching License Renewal
- Instructional Improvement
- Great for Current Teachers & Teachers Not Currently Teaching



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THIS TRAINING COURSE WAS INCREDIBLE. MY LEADERSHIP TEAM LEARNED SO MUCH ABOUT THEMSELVES AND WHAT WE NEED TO DO ON OUR CAMPUS. I WANT MY ENTIRE STAFF TO HEAR THIS MESSAGE!

-PRINCIPAL

I AM FINDING ALL YOUR COURSES USEFUL, BUT THIS ONE IS CLEARLY MY FAVORITE SO FAR, MOSTLY FOR THE WAY I WAS ABLE TO PUT SO MANY OF MY OWN IDEAS INTO THE LESSON WHILE STILL FEELING I HAD ACCOMPLISHED ALL THAT WAS REQUIRED. WELL DONE!

-ELEMENTARY TEACHER

WHAT YOU PRESENTED IN [THIS COURSE] IS NOW PART OF MY GOALS AND ACTION PLANS FOR THE SCHOOL YEAR. I'M SO EXCITED TO PUT THESE TO USE!

-ELA TEACHER

WITH SUCH A BUSY SCHEDULE, IT'S HARD TO IMPLEMENT NEW STRATEGIES AND TECHNIQUES BUT THIS COURSE MADE IT SO EASY! THE COURSE GAVE ME GREAT IDEAS ON HOW TO USE COLLABORATIVE LEARNING GROUPS WITH MY STUDENTS AND THE RESOURCES AND PLANNING DOCUMENTS MADE IT EFFORTLESS TO GET STARTED!

-SCIENCE TEACHER

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