

San Diego State University
College of Education

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SDSU Literacy Center
4283 El Cajon Blvd, Suite 200
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- Master a set of powerful, proven frameworks for writing instruction in grades K-2!
- Learn specific techniques for formal and informal assessment for effective writing instruction!

TE 641: Teaching the Foundational Skills of Early Writing to Primary Grade Children (3 units)

This class will develop teachers' expertise for primary grade writing instruction (K, 1st, and 2nd grades), using video, readings, and discussion for early writing development, emergent literacy, oral language development, developmental spelling, and linguistics. Participants will master the use of instructional scaffolding, shared writing, language experience approach, interactive writing, guided writing, hearing and recording sounds in words, and one-on-one intervention, as well as observation of student writing behavior and the application of analytic assessment.

Participants will practice using a core set of effective instructional strategies in order to develop students' skills in the following areas:

- Composing skills
- Sentence and paragraph structure
- Writing fluency
- Writing known words
- Phonemic awareness
- Letter knowledge
- Punctuation
- Spelling development

Course and Registration Information

Intended for teachers with experience teaching primary grade students. This is the first in a four-course series leading to the Advanced Certificate in Primary Grade Writing Instruction: (1) Teaching the Foundations of Early Writing, (2) Teaching Text Structure and Genres, (3) Theories of Literacy and Developing Literacy in Language, Reading and Writing, and (4) Planning and Integrating Early Writing Instruction.

Interested teachers already enrolled in a program at SDSU can take this course as an elective. Those not already enrolled in a program at SDSU can enroll through Open University (<http://www.ces.sdsu.edu/open.asp>).

Interested teachers can also apply to the Advanced Certificate in Primary Grade Writing Instruction program (<http://www.csumentor.edu>) in order to earn the Advanced Certificate at SDSU.

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