MTI 513: Foundations of Reading

ONLINE INSTRUCTOR-LED COURSE FOR ANDREWS UNIVERSITY
READING ENDORSEMENT

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Instructor Background:	April Faoro has taught a variety of Reading and English courses in the south suburbs of Chicago since she graduated from Knox College in 1998. In 2006 April received her masters degree as a Reading Specialist from St. Xavier University. With over 25 years as an educator, April has gained valuable knowledge as a literacy coach, mentor, Reading PLC Leader, reading interventionist and AP Literature and Composition teacher. She recently earned an ESL endorsement through St. Francis University.

Course Information	
Course Format (distance learning, online, webinar, experiential onsite courses):	**Online Course** The LMS for delivering the course will be Canvas. An invitation will be sent to you by your instructor during the week prior to the start of your course. If you have not received an invitation, please email us at the MTI email address listed above. Approximately 135 hours of instructional time is devoted to this course . All questions, customer service, grades and transcript questions are to be directed to MTI, **NOT ANDREWS UNIVERSITY** for this course. We recommend that you take an introduction to Canvas course as well to become more comfortable with our LMS. This can be done by clicking on

	the *help* tab, then Canvas 101. If you are having trouble with Canvas, technical support is available online 24/7 under the *help* tab, then *report a problem*.
Prerequisites	All MTI courses are designed for educators who have a minimum of a bachelor's degree and professional educator license. Prior to beginning the course, check with your district office to ensure that credit will be accepted for salary increase and professional development.
Required Books and Materials	Simms, Julia and Marzano, Robert. The New Art and Science of Teaching Reading. 2019. ISBN 978-1945349676

Learning Outcomes/Competencies:
At the completion of this course, the learner will be able to:

- Develop an understanding of evidence-based reading instruction practices. They will learn how to apply these practices to improve reading comprehension, fluency, vocabulary, and phonics among students of diverse backgrounds and abilities. InTASC 1,4
- Design and implement integrated reading strategies that support critical thinking and learner engagement across different content areas. InTASC 5,8
- Utilize assessments to inform instruction, monitor student progress, and provide targeted interventions for struggling readers. InTASC 6
- Create supportive, literate environments that encourage students to engage with diverse texts and foster a love of reading. InTASC 3

Course Description: Through a combination of theoretical understanding and practical application, participants will explore the multi-faceted nature of reading education, including phonics, fluency, vocabulary, and comprehension. The course is designed for current and aspiring teachers who wish to deepen their knowledge and skills in teaching reading, with a focus on evidence-based practices, integrated reading strategies, assessment for learning, and creating engaging literate environments. Participants will engage in reflective practice, collaborative learning, and the development of practical tools and strategies that can be directly applied in their classrooms to support diverse learners.

Learning Strategies: Professional literature analysis, whole group discussions, personal reflection, application assignments and project-based learning.

Experiential Learning Opportunities: Students will be reflecting on the assessments and tools that they develop/learn about in class and measuring/estimating the intended impact on student learning in the classroom. Students will learn by doing while completing a variety of activities throughout the course.

Format of the Course and Submitting Work

You are required to complete all of the assessments with a total grade of an A or B in order to receive the credit for the course. It is recommended that the coursework be completed in the sequence listed below in the assessments chart below. This is an ONLINE course that runs for a five

(5) week duration. Each week as directed by your instructor you will have assignments due. Answer and Discuss and Reflect and Respond assignments will be completed online using our LMS(Learning Management Software) Canvas. Your application, research project and evaluation assignments will be submitted electronically to your instructor. Files can be saved in PDF's or WORD Documents. You can also share via Google Drive format. Please contact your instructor if you have any questions or need help with the Google Drive format.

Assessments		Approximate contact hours for each assessment
Introduction to using Canvas video and pre-survey		1 hour
Required reading from the textbook.		35 hours
Answer and discuss weekly questions posted by the instructor to online classroom at Canvas forum. (5 @ 9 points per question), including time for re-reading previous assignments and posts.	45 points	10 hours
Reflect on classroom experiences and the required reading, then respond to 2 posts weekly made by colleagues online at Canvas classroom forum. (10 total @ 9 points per response).	90 points	10 hours
Studying (time to reread and take notes)		4 hours
Application assignment 2 @s (45 points each)	90 points	12 hours
Journaling of field experience in the classroom implementing concepts from the course with students and fellow teachers.	60 points	33 hours
Research project (planning, researching, and formulating)	100 points	14 hours
Research on		4 hours
Final evaluation/reflection essay	100 points	12 hours
Total	**485 points**	**135 hours**

Grading Scale: A (90-100%); B (80-89%)
Anything below a B will not receive graduate credit and result in a failing grade of F.

If you do not receive a B or higher, your work will be returned to you for further correction and completion. You will be allowed one (1) re-submit to your instructor to achieve a grade of B or higher. If after your re-submit, you still do not achieve a B or higher you will receive a failing grade of F and therefore forfeit the 3 graduate credits.

Answer and Discuss Rubric- 5 questions @ 9 points each

Category	Superior (3 pts)	Sufficient (2 pts)	Minimal(1pt)
Supporting Evidence in Practice ___/3	Response shows strong evidence of ideas and insights from this course and how they are applied to the classroom.	Response shows evidence of ideas and insights from this course and how they are applied to the classroom.	Response shows some evidence of ideas and insights from this course and how they are applied to the classroom.
Accuracy ___/3	All supporting facts and statistics are accurately represented.	Almost all supporting facts and statistics are accurately represented.	Some of the supporting facts and statistics are accurately represented.
Grammar and Spelling ___/3	Response includes 0-1 mistakes in grammar or spelling.	Response includes a few grammar and spelling mistakes.	Response includes several grammar and spelling mistakes.

Reflect and Response Rubric- 10 responses @ 9 points each

Category	Superior (3 pts)	Sufficient (2 pts)	Minimal(1pt)
Supporting Evidence in Practice ___/3	Response shows strong evidence of ideas and insights from this course and how they are applied to the classroom.	Response shows evidence of ideas and insights from this course and how they are applied to the classroom.	Response shows some evidence of ideas and insights from this course and how they are applied to the classroom.
Accuracy ___/3	All supporting facts and statistics are accurately represented.	Almost all supporting facts and statistics are accurately represented.	Some of the supporting facts and statistics are accurately represented.
Grammar and Spelling ___/3	Response includes 0-1 mistakes in grammar or spelling.	Response includes a few grammar and spelling mistakes.	Response includes several grammar and spelling mistakes.

Application Project Rubric- 2 assignments @ 45 points each

Category	Superior (15-13 pts)	Sufficient (12-10 pts)	Minimal(9-7pts)
Supporting Evidence in Practice ___/20	Response shows strong evidence of ideas and insights from this course and how they are applied to the classroom.	Response shows evidence of ideas and insights from this course and how they are applied to the classroom.	Response shows some evidence of ideas and insights from this course and how they are applied to the classroom.
Accuracy ___/20	All supporting facts and statistics are accurately represented.	Almost all supporting facts and statistics are accurately represented.	Some of the supporting facts and statistics are accurately represented.
Grammar and Spelling ___/10	Response includes 0-1 mistakes in grammar or spelling.	Response includes a few grammar and spelling mistakes.	Response includes several grammar and spelling mistakes.

Research Project Rubric- 100 points

Category	Superior (20-18 pts)	Sufficient (17-16 pts)	Minimal (15-14pts)
Understanding of web tool ___/20	Shows strong understanding of activity, concept, or tool and maximize learning	Shows adequate understanding of activity, concept, or tool and benefit learning.	Shows little understanding of activity, concept, or tool and may not benefit learning.
Practical evidence ___/20	Shows strong evidence of ideas and insights gained from this course and how they are applied to classroom.	Shows evidence of ideas and insights from this course and how they are applied to classroom.	Shows little evidence of ideas and insights from this course or how they are applied to the classroom.
Completion ___/20	Completed in a thoughtful and meaningful manner.	Completed, but with minimal quality.	Not all projects are completed and of those that are, some are minimal quality.
Grammar and Spelling ___/20	Includes no mistakes in grammar or spelling.	Includes few grammar and spelling mistakes.	Includes numerous grammar and spelling mistakes.
Sequencing ___/20	Sequenced, showing if-then thinking and the logical order required to complete skill, solve problem, or use tool.	Not always sequenced, showing incomplete if-then thinking and understanding of logical order required to complete skill.	Confusing making it difficult to replicate activities; little understanding of logic or if-then thinking evidenced.

Evaluation/Reflection Rubric- 100 points

Category	Superior (20-17 pts)	Sufficient (16-13 pts)	Minimal(12-9pts)	Below Standard (8 pts)
Supporting Evidence in Practice ___/20	Response shows strong evidence of ideas and insights from this course and how they are applied to the classroom.	Response shows evidence of ideas and insights from this course and how they are applied to the classroom.	Response shows some evidence of ideas and insights from this course and how they are applied to the classroom.	Response shows little evidence of ideas and insights from this course and there is little evidence they are applied to the classroom.
Accuracy ___/20	All supporting facts and statistics are accurately represented.	Almost all supporting facts and statistics are accurately represented.	Some of the supporting facts and statistics are accurately represented.	Many of the supporting facts and statistics are inaccurately represented.
Grammar and Spelling ___/20	Response includes 0-1 mistakes in grammar or spelling.	Response includes a few grammar and spelling mistakes.	Response includes several grammar and spelling mistakes.	Response includes numerous grammar and spelling mistakes.
Logical Sequencing ___/20	Response is written in a clear, concise, and well organized manner. Thoughts are presented in a coherent and logical manner.	Response is mostly clear, concise, and well organized. Thoughts are presented in a coherent and logical manner.	Response is somewhat unclear and/or disorganized. Some thoughts are presented in a coherent and logical manner.	Response is mostly unclear and/or disorganized. Many thoughts are presented in an incoherent and illogical manner.
Reflection ___/20	Response demonstrates an	Response demonstrates some reflection on, and	Response demonstrates a minimal reflection on,	Response demonstrates no reflection on, and

	in-depth reflection on, and personalization of, the theories, concepts, and /or strategies presented in this course.	personalization of, the theories, concepts, and /or strategies presented in this course.	and personalization of, the theories, concepts, and /or strategies presented in this course.	personalization of, the theories, concepts, and /or strategies presented in this course.

Course Schedule

Week 1
- Syllabi/assignment review
- Read chapters 1-2 in your textbook.
- Answer and Discussion Activity- Answer week #1 instructor posted online question by Tuesday.
- Reflect and Respond Activity- Post/communicate 2 responses online to your colleagues' answers by Thursday.

Week 2
- Read chapters 3-4 in your textbook.
- Answer and Discussion Activity- Answer week #1 instructor posted online question by Tuesday.
- Reflect and Respond Activity- Post/communicate 2 responses online to your colleagues' answers by Thursday.

Application #1- Due Sunday end of week #2 (45 points)

Create a lesson plan incorporating one of the integrated reading strategies discussed in the book.

Make sure to include the following:

- Learning objectives that clearly state what students will understand or be able to do after the lesson.
- A detailed description of the integrated reading strategy you will employ (e.g., using graphic organizers to enhance comprehension of scientific texts).
- Activities that engage students with the texts and encourage application of the reading strategy.
- Assessments to measure the effectiveness of the strategy in enhancing comprehension.
- Ideas to adapt the lesson for students with diverse reading abilities.

If currently teaching, utilize the lesson and provide feedback on the strengths of the lesson as well as any future changes you would implement.

Week 3
- Read chapters 5-6 in your textbook.
- Answer and Discussion Activity- Answer week #1 instructor posted online question by Tuesday.
- Reflect and Respond Activity- Post/communicate 2 responses online to your colleagues' answers by Thursday.

Research Assignment- Due Sunday end of week #3 (100 points)

Select an assessment strategy discussed in the book and another from recent educational research or literature.

In a 2-3 page paper:

- Summarize each assessment strategy, highlighting key components and intended outcomes.
- Compare and contrast the strategies in terms of ease of implementation, effectiveness in identifying student needs, and potential to inform targeted interventions.
- Conclude with a personal reflection on which strategy might be more applicable or beneficial in your teaching context and why.

Week 4
- Read chapter 7-8 in your textbook.
- Answer and Discussion Activity- Answer week #1 instructor posted online question by Tuesday.
- Reflect and Respond Activity- Post/communicate 2 responses online to your colleagues' answers by Thursday.

Application #2- Due Sunday end of week #4 (45 points)

Develop a plan or activity that promotes a love of reading and creates a supportive literate environment within the classroom.

The plan should include:

- A clear objective that explains what the activity aims to achieve (e.g., increase exposure to diverse genres, improve self-selected reading among students).
- Step-by-step instructions on how to implement the activity or project.
- Ideas for incorporating student choice and interests.
- Methods for creating a classroom environment that celebrates reading (e.g., a reading corner, book clubs, author studies).

Provide a brief reflection on how this activity could impact students' attitudes towards reading and their reading abilities.

Week 5

- Read chapter 9-12 in your textbook
- Answer and Discussion Activity- Answer week #1 instructor posted online question by Tuesday.
- Reflect and Respond Activity- Post/communicate 2 responses online to your colleagues' answers by Thursday.

Final Evaluation Assignment due by Sunday night end of week # 5 (100 points)

In a 3-5 page essay:

- Discuss at least two major insights gained from the course and how they have changed or affirmed your approach to teaching reading.
- Reflect on how the application and research assignments have contributed to your understanding and how you plan to implement these strategies in your classroom.
- Consider the challenges you might face in applying what you've learned and how you plan to address them.
- Conclude with your personal goals for continuous learning and professional development in reading instruction.

Journaling

Journals are designed to demonstrate that students are reflecting on and implementing concepts and strategies in their own education settings. Journal entries are to be roughly 2-3 paragraphs each. Students are expected to complete 10 entries over the course of the class. These are done at your own pace and are to be shared with your instructor at the end of class. You will not need to share them with the other students. You may use the same type of journal entry more than once. Make sure to include some examples of what you have actually done to support your thoughts whenever appropriate. Some examples of acceptable journal topics include:
- How has what you learned about a strategy/topic changed the way you think?
- What were the results of trying something new that you learned in class, and how could you improve it next time?
- Reflections on conversations you had with students, colleagues or administrators about what you have learned.
- Research you've discovered on a topic and how it complements or contradicts what the author says.
- These are a few examples, but any journal entry along these lines is acceptable. Remember that you can use the same journal topic more than once to examine different concepts or strategies, or even to examine different impacts on multiple types of classes.

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<tr><td>Now that you are finished with this class, please take the time to help us improve our product. In order to make sure that we are providing the best possible service, please take our <u>survey</u>. We appreciate your help and your commitment to the profession.</td></tr>
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The ten INTASC standards are listed below. Specific standards for knowledge, dispositions, and performances accompany each principle, but space does not permit listing them below. For a complete copy of the INTASC standards, contact Jean Miller, Director of INTASC, Suite 700, One Massachusetts Avenue NW, Washington DC 20001-1431.

The InTASC Model Core Teaching Standards (April 2011)

The Learner and Learning

Standard #1: Learner Development
The teacher understands how learners grow and develop, recognizing that patterns of learning and development vary individually within and across the cognitive, linguistic, social, emotional, and physical areas, and designs and implements developmentally appropriate and challenging learning experiences.

Standard #2: Learning Differences
The teacher uses understanding of individual differences and diverse cultures and communities to ensure inclusive learning environments that enable each learner to meet high standards.

Standard #3: Learning Environments
The teacher works with others to create environments that support individual and collaborative learning, and that encourage positive social interaction, active engagement in learning, and self-motivation.

Content Knowledge

Standard #4: Content Knowledge
The teacher understands the central concepts, tools of inquiry, and structures of the discipline(s) he or she teaches and creates learning experiences that make these aspects of the discipline accessible and meaningful for learners to assure mastery of the content.

Standard #5: Application of Content
The teacher understands how to connect concepts and use differing perspectives to engage learners in critical thinking, creativity, and collaborative problem solving related to authentic local and global issues.

Instructional Practice

Standard #6: Assessment
The teacher understands and uses multiple methods of assessment to engage learners in their own growth, to monitor learner progress, and to guide the teacher's and learner's

decision making.

Standard #7: Planning for Instruction
The teacher plans instruction that supports every student in meeting rigorous learning goals by drawing upon knowledge of content areas, curriculum, cross- disciplinary skills, and pedagogy, as well as knowledge of learners and the community context.

Standard #8: Instructional Strategies
The teacher understands and uses a variety of instructional strategies to encourage learners to develop deep understanding of content areas and their connections, and to build skills to apply knowledge in meaningful ways.

Professional Responsibility

Standard #9: Professional Learning and Ethical Practice
The teacher engages in ongoing professional learning and uses evidence to continually evaluate his/her practice, particularly the effects of his/her choices and actions on others (learners, families, other professionals, and the community), and adapts practice to meet the needs of each learner.

Standard #10: Leadership and Collaboration
The teacher seeks appropriate leadership roles and opportunities to take responsibility for student learning, to collaborate with learners, families, colleagues, other school professionals, and community members to ensure learner growth, and to advance the profession.