Education 309/509: Methods and Materials for Teaching Reading II

University of Wisconsin – Stevens Point Elementary Methods Block - Fall 2016

Section 1: Monday 3:00 – 5:30 CPS Rm 230 **Section 2**: Wednesday 4:00 – 6:30 CPS Rm 322 **Monday Seminar:** 2:00 – 3:00 CPS Rm 116

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Course Description

Take seriously the fact that the instructor is not the only teacher in the room. ~P. Johnston

Participants in this course examine their beliefs and current knowledge of teaching reading in primary, intermediate, and middle school settings for 8 weeks *prior* to a full-time school placement. Participants explore the difference between research-based and research-tested practices related to improving literacy teaching and learning. A workshop format, that integrates the gradual release of responsibility instructional model, provides preservice teachers a space to discuss and practice reading instruction across grades, developmental levels, and content areas. During EMB's full-time school placement, preservice teachers complete a formative reading assessment requirement. Assignments and course learning objectives are embedded Danielson's Framework for Teaching (DFFT) and INTASC Standards to support (p. 2). The Common Core State Standards are recognized in the planning commentary task.

Most important, in this course and throughout the EMB experience, preservice teachers refine their **teaching dispositions** at the integrating level (p. 10) by developing **sustainable literacy practices**—specifically values thinking. Educators should demonstrate and exhibit a strong sense of fairness and social justice in the classroom as a model for performance beyond the classroom (Warren, Archambault & Foley, 2015). Through a class read aloud, we will share existing and developing values and goals while recognizing multiple viewpoints from others. Teacher educators have the responsibility of assessing future educators' application of knowledge, skills, and dispositions in coursework and school settings to ensure effectiveness in their teaching. According to NCATE (2008), professional dispositions are the professional characteristics that educators demonstrate through verbal (and nonverbal) behaviors as they interact with colleagues and community, students and families.

Course Resources

Routman, R. (2003). *Reading Essentials: The specifics you need to teach reading well.*Portsmouth, NH: Heinemann. (rental)

Johnston, P. (2012). Opening minds: Using language to change lives. Portland, ME: Stenhouse. (purchase)

Crosswalk: Teaching Standards & Framework

INTASC Standards	DFFT
#1. Learner Development	Domain 1: Planning and Preparation
The teacher understands how learners grow & develop, recognizing	1b. Demonstrating Knowledge of Students
that patterns of learning and development vary individually within	1c. Setting Instructional Outcomes
and across the cognitive, linguistic, social, emotional, and physical	1e: Designing coherent instruction
areas, and designs & implements developmentally appropriate and	Domain 3: Instruction
challenging learning experiences.	3c: Engaging students in learning
#2: Learning Differences	Domain 1: Planning and Preparation
The teacher uses understanding of individual differences, diverse	1b. Demonstrating Knowledge of Students
cultures, & communities to ensure inclusive learning environments	
that enable each learner to meet high standards.	
#3: Learning Environment	Domain 2: Classroom Environment
The teacher works w/ others to create environments that support	2a: Creating environment of respect & rapport
individual/collaborative learning that encourages positive social	Domain 3: Instruction
interaction, active engagement in learning/self-motivation.	3c: Engaging students in learning
#4: Content Knowledge	Domain 1: Planning and Preparation
The teacher understands the central concepts, tools of inquiry, and	1a. Demonstrate Knowledge of Content & Pedagogy
structures of the discipline(s) he or she teaches and creates	1e: Designing coherent instruction
learning experiences that make the discipline accessible &	Domain 3: Instruction
meaningful for learners to assure mastery of the content.	3c: Engaging students in learning
#5: Application of Content	Domain 3: Instruction
The teacher understands how to connect concepts & use differing	3a. Communicating with Students
perspectives to engage learners in critical thinking, creativity, &	3c. Engaging Students in Learning
collaborative problem solving to real local/global issues.	3f. Demonstrating Flexibility & Responsiveness
#6: Assessment	Domain 1: Planning and Preparation
The teacher understands and uses multiple methods of assessment	1f: Designing student assessments
to engage learners in their own growth, to monitor learner	Domain 3: Instruction
progress, and to guide the teacher's and learner's decision making.	3d: Using assessment in instruction
#7: Planning for Instruction	Domain 1: Planning and Preparation
The teacher plans instruction that supports every student in	1b: Demonstrating knowledge of students
meeting rigorous learning goals by drawing upon knowledge of	1e: Designing coherent instruction
content areas, curriculum, cross-disciplinary skills, & pedagogy, as	
well as knowledge of learners and the community context.	
#8: Instructional Strategies	Domain 3: Instruction
The teacher understands & uses a variety of instructional strategies	3b. Using Questioning and Discussion
to encourage learners to develop understanding of content areas	Techniques
and connections, & to build skills to apply knowledge meaningfully.	3c. Engaging students in learning
#9: Professional Learning and Ethical Practice	Domain 4: Professional Responsibilities
The teacher engages in ongoing professional learning & uses	4a. Reflecting on Teaching
evidence to evaluate his/her practice, the effects of his/her choices	4e. Growing and Developing Professionally
& actions on others (learners, families, other professionals,	4f. Showing Professionalism
community), & adapts practice to meet the needs of learner.	
#10: Leadership and Collaboration	Domain 4: Professional Responsibilities
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-	4c. Communicating with Families
The teacher seeks appropriate leadership roles & opportunities to	4c. Communicating with Families4d. Participating in a Professional Community
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Course Assignments

DFFT Domain 1: Planning and Preparation

Learning Outcomes:

#7: Planning for Instruction The preservice teacher **plans instruction** that supports students 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.

#9: Professional Learning and Ethical Practice The preservice teacher engages in **professional learning communities [PLC]** and uses evidence to continually **evaluate and reflect on** his/her practice, particularly the effects of his/her choices and actions on others (learners, families, community, other educators)—**adapting practice and [dispositions] when necessary**.

Learning Objective: Preservice teachers will collaborate in a professional learning community (PLC) to co-author a commentary that draws from a selected practicum experience, course materials, and edTPA resources—as measured by the Professional Collaborator Scoring Guide.

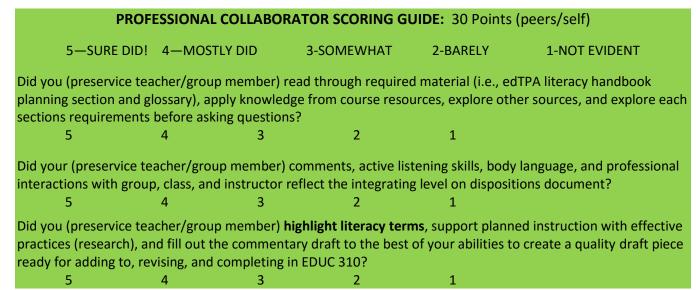
302 Portfolio Requirement: Planning Commentary Organizer (written) *Dropbox (link)

Assignment # 1: Commentary *Correlates to EDUC 310 Assignment

WHAT: Preservice teachers decide on ONE planning commentary, from EDUC 302 practicum, that they will collaborate on. In your PLC (same people for all 309 assignments), choose one commentary that you feel would be easiest to gather information and brainstorm, learn from, revise and ultimately complete for publication. For EDUC 309, your **Teacher Portfolio Requirement** will be a hard copy of brainstorming notes and ideas that are written on the 10-page Planning Commentary Organizer (scanned). For EDUC 310, these notes will be revised and polished for publication (310 Teacher Portfolio Requirement). This in-class activity is about *supporting* each other, in a professional way, during the learning process to create a professional product (see integrating level on dispositions document, p. 10).

WHY: Writing together allows professionals to think through the writing process and product in a social context. It embraces brainstorming, organizing, and experiencing the recursive nature of the writing process to create purposeful text. The planning commentary is an expository (nonfiction) piece, supporting professional writing for the edTPA.

HOW: PLCs analyze a completed planning commentary, using a thinking organizer and helpful hints guide. Then, they collaborate on and draft ONE planning commentary from EDUC 302, specifically sections 3-5. This draft will include highlighted **academic language** related to literacy. This draft will be further worked on in EDUC 310.



Assignment #2: Classroom Environment

Learning Outcomes:

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#3: Learning Environment The preservice teacher works with others to [learn how to] create environments that support individual and collaborative learning that encourages **positive social interaction**, active engagement in learning/self-motivation [in EDUC 309 and in their future elementary classrooms].

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

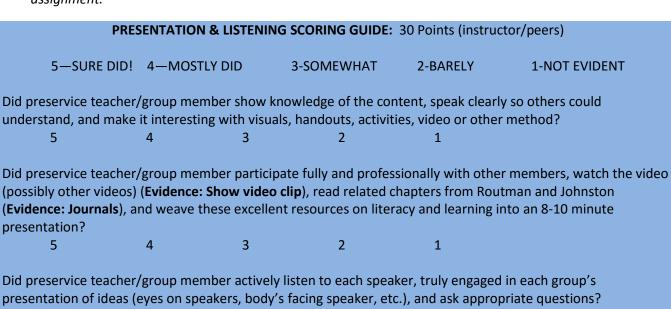
Learning Objective: Using *The Classroom Management Book*, preservice teachers will collaborate in a PLC to investigate and present classroom management techniques and effective teacher preparations a productive learning environment for the first day of school and throughout the school year—as measured by the Presentation & Listening Scoring Guide.

Assignment # 2: Learning community

WHAT: In your PLC, decide on a teaching/management topic, from *The Classroom Management Book* by Wong & Wong, that most interests your group. PLCs explore, read, listen to, and/or watch examples of good classroom teaching and management styles/procedures. PLCs will then share their favorite classroom teaching/management style that represents their learning and way of sharing. Wong writes, "You make your own success from what you adapt [not adopt]."

WHY: Student achievement at the end of the year is directly related to the degree to which the teacher establishes classroom routines and procedures in the very first week of week and throughout the school year. We may know a lot about teaching reading, the content, our specific discipline but if our classroom is chaotic, students will have a difficult time learning.

HOW: Preservice teachers (individual or in PLC) watch videos and peruse **The First Days of School: The Effective Teacher book**. These materials are found in the Library Reserves and Library **e**Reserves for this course. PLCs go to the Library Reserve and copy the topic section, in Wong's book, that most interests them. PLCs use all the information to prepare an 8-10 minute presentation to the whole class. Preservice teachers **MUST** weave in language from their Routman and Johnston resources. *There is nothing to hand in for this assignment*.



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Assignment #3: Instruction

Learning Outcomes:

#1: Learner Development The preservice 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.

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

#8: Instructional Strategies The preservice 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.

Learning Objective: Preservice teachers will use a well-known lesson design tool and watch videos of effective teaching practices to design content-based literacy lessons that promote best teaching and learning practices, for all students, in a variety of grade levels—as measured by the lesson plan scoring guide.

302 Portfolio Requirement: Lesson Design Template (written/typed/or both) *Dropbox (link)

Assignment # 3: Lesson Plan *Correlates to EDUC 310 Assignment

WHAT: PLCs select a teaching video (of suitable length to pull enough information) which contains a literacy and content area component. With the prompt, "If this were my classroom, my next teaching move would be . .." PLCs will plan a lesson that would probably take a teacher 2 days to complete (1 ½ - 2 hours literacy block each day)—this is very typical. The design of this lesson is based on the gradual release of responsibility model. PLCs then take this draft (309 Teacher Portfolio Requirement) and transfer the content to the more formal UWSP PEP Lesson Template (310 Teacher Portfolio Requirement). In 309, PLCs will demonstrate snippets of their lesson during class worktime.

WHY: Student learning is maximized when lessons are meaningful, interactive and relate to real-world issues. Using an actual teaching planning tool supports new teachers (and expert) in how to effectively craft and infuse best learning and language practices. Then, transferring this knowledge to a different venue helps to organize your thinking and reflect more deeply on why you designed the lesson as you did (and successfully create 3 solid lessons (within a unit) to pass the edTPA and obtain a teacher license!).

HOW: Preservice teachers go to the teaching channel at https://www.teachingchannel.org/ and choose video that most appeals to them that includes **BOTH** a literacy and content focus. PLCs use the Lesson Design Template (fill in all applicable sections) to plan a lesson that spins off of the observed video. PLCs will make notes, referencing required readings from class & demonstrate snippets of their lesson plan.

LESSON PLAN SCORING GUIDE: 20 Points (instructor/self)

5—SURE DID! 4—MOSTLY DID

3-SOMEWHAT

2-BARELY

1-NOT EVIDENT

Did you (preservice teacher) collaborate effectively, with your group and instructor (integrating level), use class time wisely, infuse and reference course readings, and select a teaching video that aligns with your interests and developing knowledge of reading instruction to design a **content-based literacy lesson**?

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Did you (preservice teacher) make sure that when you shared portions of your lesson through demonstration and video, which was meaningful and applicable to all learners? Did you share differentiation techniques (ELL, gifted, struggling learners, etc.)?

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Domain 4: Professional Responsibilities

Learning Outcomes:

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

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

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

Learning Objective: During the coursework phase of EMB, preservice teachers will document teaching tips, connections, and questions in a learning log AND in the practicum phase of EMB, implement a formative reading assessment to design an appropriate literacy lesson.

Assignment 4: Learning Log (20 Points): A learning log will document your reading from assigned chapters in Routman and Johnston. Your log will support discussions during book study group time, track information to complete assignments 1-3, and provide ideas and questions to ask peers during lead chapter sharing time. You are responsible for 4 learning log entries (which includes multiple assigned chapters) and leading one chapter discussion. For example, learning log 1 includes reading and logging (using the form below) chapters 1, 2, 3 in Routman and chapter 1 in Johnston. The assigned chapters, for each learning log entry, are posted on the schedule. So, for each chapter assigned, use the following format:

Book/Chapter/Date

Comments / Questions / Ideas from Reading (This section is most important, make sure to have at least $\frac{1}{2}$ page of notes—your choice on format of notes—from reading the chapter for full points)

What I (we) learned in our group discussion

Questions I (we) have

New words/ jargon/ abbreviations I learned

Where (and why) I can use this information

Completed all the above to receive FULL points for each learning log entry. Entries will include several chapter. Each chapter must include all the above criteria for 5 points (all or nothing). Instructor will come around during worktime to check learning log entries.

Learning Log 1 Learning Log 2 Learning Log 3 Learning Log 4

(Note: If notes are missing/incomplete or student is writing their journal notes during book study group or class, - 5 points).

 $Source: http://www.ode.state.or.us/opportunities/grants/nclb/title_iii/28 learning-logs-and-learning-journals.pdf$

EMB Practicum Requirement: Complete ONE Routman's Reading Conference Form in your school placement. Hard copies due at Friday Seminar on 12/2 (Note: -10 points if not handed in, no late forms accepted).

Grading

Assignments	Points
	Possible
Commentary *portfolio requirement	30
Learning Community	30
Lesson Plan *portfolio requirement	20
Learning Log	20
Total	100
Grade	Points
Α	100-95
A-	94-93
B+	92-91
В	90-87
B-	86-85
C+	84-83
С	82-78
C-	77-76
D	75-68
F	Below 68

Policies & Other Considerations

- 1. University Policies: The expectations delineated in the UWSP Community Bill of Rights and Responsibilities are intended to help maintain a positive living and learning environment. It also includes policies regarding academic misconduct. For additional information refer to http://www.uwsp.edu/dos/Pages/Information%20for%20Faculty.aspx.
 Students with disabilities: If you need special accommodations to meet course requirements, register with the Disability Services Office and contact me at the beginning of the course. The Americans with Disabilities Act is a federal law requiring educational institutions to provide reasonable accommodations for students with disabilities. For more information, refer to http://www4.uwsp.edu/special/disability/
- 2. **Dispositions:** The instructor is mindful that your next step in the PEP is student teaching. Your interactions and conduct in this class and throughout the EMB experience, with children, peers, cooperating teacher, school staff, and parents/guardians should be positive, warm, and professional. The instructor is obligated to notify EMB faculty (and SOE Dean) if there is a concern with a preservice teacher's dispositions. With that concern, the student's grade may also be affected (instructor's discretion). Concerns related to the SOE Teacher Candidate Teaching Dispositions will be addressed immediately and privately. Upon entrance and acceptance to the SOE PEP, all students sign a dispositions contract. This contract is on file in the SOE department which serves as a tool to guide decisions and document concerns. In class emailing, texting, surfing, and cell phone use for non-class activities will result in deduction of points.
- 3. On Campus & Practicum Attendance: You are required to attend all class sessions. Participation and class activities CANNOT be made up and NO extra credit work will be provided. If for some reason you miss class or are late, send an email to the instructor. If you do not send an email, it will be considered an unexcused absence. Students are responsible for all content missed due to absences (phone a friend to find out what you missed). (6 Points—1st absence; 12 points—2nd absence; if 3 classes are missed student sets meeting with professor and EMB Chair).

- 4. **EMB School Placement/Practicum Experience Attendance:** Students who meet the on campus requirements yet exhibit tardiness, unexcused absences, poor performance, unprofessional behavior, in their field placement, with respect to the Wisconsin Teaching/InTASC Standards will receive either:
 - a) a failing grade in this class with or without option of repeating the entire course.
 - b) an **incomplete grade** earned in this class, the disqualification of student teaching the following semester and the requirement of successfully completing an additional practicum experience.
- 5. Readings & Assignments: Assigned readings are read before coming to class. Bring materials needed to each class. Late assignments are defined as those assignments that are not submitted to the instructor on the date they are due or what is posted on the tentative schedule. Any late assignments should be placed in the Late Drop Box and assignments in this drop box receive half points. The drop box deadline for all assignments in Education 309 is one week after the EMB campus experience. If for any reason you fail to turn in your work one week after Education 309 course ends on campus, the maximum grade you can receive for the course is a C. Additionally if your work is late, to earn the C, your work must meet the course standards and assessments for each assignment. Otherwise you risk receiving a lower grade and having to repeat the course. The School of Education has a policy that all students must receive a C or better in their education classes or the course must be repeated.

Tentative Schedule All learning floats on a sea of talk. -Douglas Barnes

Week	Topics & Activities (WE DO)	Read, bring, complete (YOU DO)
1 Wed., Sept. 7 th (S-2)	 EMB expectations, assignments, and schedule Creating a productive and enjoyable learning environment for EVERYONE PLCs (groups of 3) Read Aloud: Seedfolks 	☐ Close read (p. 10) syllabus and bring to first class meeting ☐ Bring Required Course Text (Routman & Johnston) to this and every class
2 Mon., Sept. 12 th (S-1) Wed., Sept. 14 th (S-2)	Intentional Teaching Practices ■Essential reading life ■Structures of literacy instruction ■Reading Workshop ■Practice designing a lesson plan (Assignment 3) ■Sign up for leading a chapter discussion (starting week 3)	Syllabus (S-1, see week 1) Learning Log 1: Routman CH 1-3 / Johnston CH 2 (Assignment 4)
3 Mon., Sept. 19 th (S-1) Wed., Sept. 21 st (S-2)	 Intentional Teaching Practices (cont.) ◆Showing How/Feedback ◆Work & share time: Designing a lesson plan (Assignment 3) 	Learning Log 2: Routman CH 4 & 8 / Johnston CH 4 (Assignment 4) Bring Lesson Plan Template (Assignment #3)

4 Mon., Sept. 26 th (S-1) Wed., Sept. 28 th (S-2) 5 Mon., Oct. 3 rd (S-1)	Classroom Library / Using Literature in Subject Areas/ Book Talks • Meet @ Book Look 3:30 • Meet @ Book Look 4:30 Best Literacy Practices	Meet at Book Look Skim & Scan: Routman CH 5 & p. 143- 146 (Bring questions for Mary Lou, owner of Book Look)
Wed., Oct. 5 th (S-2)	 Reading Workshop (cont. from week 2) Guided, shared, and independent reading Differentiation (e.g., struggling, ELL, gifted, behavior issues) Planning Commentary (Assignment 1) 	Learning Log 3: Routman CH 6, 9, 10 (Assignment 4) Planning Commentary (Assignment 1)
6	Reading Assessments / Research	
Mon., Oct. 10 th (S-1) Wed., Oct. 12 th (S-2)	 Assessment and evaluation, daily Accessible, informal, intentional EMB assessment Research-based or Tested? 	Learning Log 4: Routman CH 7 & 12 (Assignment 4) D2L Reading: 10 things Literacy Teachers Should Know about Research
7 Mon., Oct. 17 th (S-1) Wed., Oct. 19 th (S-2)	 Learning Community Make every minute count (CH 12 Routman, week 6 learning log) Classroom management techniques Why beliefs matter 	Share Learning Community topic (Assignment 2) *PLCs may be able to share their teaching/management technique before week 7 D2L Reading: Why beliefs matter
8 Mon., Oct. 24 th (S-1)	•See week 7	Share Learning Community topic (Assignment 2) Assignments 1 & 3. Paste Portfolio link in D2L Drop Box. Provide InTASC standard assignments 1 & 3 are place in AND write an error-free, concise reflection. Due Friday, October 28th (Each day link is late, -2 points). EMB Placement Reminder: Routman's Reading Conference Form hand in at Friday Seminar 12/2

CLOSE READING

Close reading is sometimes referred to as a method for teaching comprehension. In order to uncover meaning, readers must read slowly, closely, and analytically. When reading closely, readers should reason through ideas presented in the text (this case, the syllabus). The instructor will provide necessary scaffolds and create connections between ideas and questions.

UWSP PEP TEACHER DISPOSITIONS

