ED 267 : Foundational Literacy

Reading research over the last 20 years has identified the critical skills that students must acquire very early in reading development to ensure success in the later years and that may need to be reinforced in later years. These skills are in the areas of phonemic awareness, phonics, fluency, vocabulary, and comprehension. The development of these skills is critical to getting a good start in reading and to flourishing in reading throughout the years. As a result, this course will lay the foundation in each of these five pillars of reading instruction so that teacher candidates understand the theory, research, and practice in order to empower themselves as true teachers of reading to children of all ages. Attention will be paid to foundational literacy as it occurs in multi-lingual households, in households where English is not spoken, and for children with special needs or talents. This course is part of the Elementary Education Program and should be completed prior to admission to the Teacher Preparation Program.

Credits 3.0 **Prerequisites** No prerequisite