



COURSE OUTLINE

EDU340

Teaching Reading and Writing

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USC Sunshine Coast
USC Moreton Bay
USC Fraser Coast

ON CAMPUS

Most of your course is on campus but you may be able to do some components of this course online.

Please go to the USC website for up to date information on the teaching sessions and campuses where this course is usually offered.

1. What is this course about?

1.1. Description

The course introduces you to theories and models of English language teaching and the accompanying practice relevant to children's development from the acquisition stage of learning through to Year 6. You will engage in studies of 'how' and 'why' it is important to differentiate instruction to teach reading, writing, listening and speaking to children from a broad range of contexts. A variety of teaching strategies will be explored and you will gain competence in matching teaching strategies to student's use of cueing systems and processing strategies. You will learn how to assess students' reading and writing competence.

1.2. How will this course be delivered?

ACTIVITY	HOURS	BEGINNING WEEK	FREQUENCY
ON CAMPUS			
Tutorial/Workshop 1 – A blended learning approach is used to deliver this course, including a mix of synchronous and asynchronous materials and activities accessed through Blackboard. This course will be supported by technology-enabled learning and teaching including zoom.	2hrs	Week 1	10 times
Lecture – You are required to engage with an online lecture, associated activities and required/recommended course reading materials accessed through Blackboard and using the required text.	2hrs	Week 1	10 times

1.3. Course Topics

Models, approaches and theories of English language learning.

Australian Curriculum: English

English teaching strategies

English assessment tasks

Learning and teaching comprehension, grammar, vocabulary, spelling, punctuation, fluency, phonemic awareness, phon

2. What level is this course?

300 Level (Graduate)

Demonstrating coherence and breadth or depth of knowledge and skills. Independent application of knowledge and skills in unfamiliar contexts. Meeting professional requirements and AQF descriptors for the degree. May require pre-requisites where discipline specific introductory or developing knowledge or skills is necessary. Normally undertaken in the third or fourth full-time study year of an undergraduate program.

3. What is the unit value of this course?

12 units

4. How does this course contribute to my learning?

COURSE LEARNING OUTCOMES	GRADUATE QUALITIES
On successful completion of this course, you should be able to...	Completing these tasks successfully will contribute to you becoming...
1 Appreciate and articulate the diverse range of language learning theories and their influence on curriculum.	Knowledgeable Creative and critical thinker
2 Produce a portfolio of language teaching strategies that encompasses reading, writing, speaking and listening and account for processing strategies and cueing systems.	Knowledgeable Empowered
3 Analyse a student's responses to six language assessment tasks and plan appropriate future instruction at text, word and letter level using the Australian Curriculum English, specific teaching strategies and recommendations made in the research literature as a guideline.	Knowledgeable Empowered

5. Am I eligible to enrol in this course?

Refer to the [USC Glossary of terms](#) for definitions of "pre-requisites, co-requisites and anti-requisites".

5.1. Pre-requisites

Enrolled in Program ED301, ED303, ED304, ED306, AE301, AE302, BE301, SE301, ED601, ED602, ED603, ED503

5.2. Co-requisites

Not applicable

5.3. Anti-requisites

EDU640

5.4. Specific assumed prior knowledge and skills (where applicable)

You will have achieved a Pass in Senior English

6. How am I going to be assessed?

6.1. Grading Scale

Standard Grading (GRD)

High Distinction (HD), Distinction (DN), Credit (CR), Pass (PS), Fail (FL).

6.2. Details of early feedback on progress

Early feedback will be provided on preservice teachers' personal language skills. This will take the form of a written task in the first week of tutorials. A Practice Quiz will be held in Week 2.

6.3. Assessment tasks

DELIVERY MODE	TASK NO.	ASSESSMENT PRODUCT	INDIVIDUAL OR GROUP	WEIGHTING %	WHAT IS THE DURATION / LENGTH?	WHEN SHOULD I SUBMIT?	WHERE SHOULD I SUBMIT IT?
All	1	Essay	Individual	20%	1000 words	Week 4	Online Assignment Submission with plagiarism check
All	2	Portfolio	Individual	30%	2000 words including Justification	Week 8	Online Assignment Submission with plagiarism check
All	3	Report	Individual	50%	2000 words	Week 10	Online Assignment Submission with plagiarism check and in class

All - Assessment Task 1: Expository Essay

GOAL:	The goal of this assessment task is that you will identify from research, the factors which contribute to your current position on the teaching of reading, writing, speaking and viewing.		
PRODUCT:	Essay		
FORMAT:	<p>An excerpt from a research article will be released on Blackboard in Week 3. The article outlines why teachers need to understand a range of language learning theories and approaches which have influenced the teaching of reading and writing to children who are at different stages of physical, social, and intellectual development.</p> <p>Using the article as the basis for your response, demonstrate your understanding of how the different theories have/have not influenced the learning and teaching of reading and writing in Australia.</p> <p>When writing your essay, you will outline the influence of specific theories on what is taught in the Australian Curriculum: English.</p>		
CRITERIA:	No.		Learning Outcome assessed
	1	Demonstrates knowledge and understanding of the chosen language theory/ies	1
	2	Evaluates language learning theories and develops and articulates a theoretical position in relation to reading and writing	1
	3	Demonstrates knowledge of the content of the Australian Curriculum: English	1
	4	Writes using academic literacies at text, word and letter level. APA 6 or 7 referencing conventions are included.	1

All - Assessment Task 2: Portfolio of Language Teaching Strategies

GOAL:	The goal of this task is for you to produce a portfolio of English teaching strategies that can be used to develop student's English skills in reading, writing, and oral language in a nominated year level.		
PRODUCT:	Portfolio		
FORMAT:	<p>On Blackboard, you will be provided with a range of teaching strategies that can be used to teach reading, writing, and oral language.</p> <p>From the list that is provided, choose 12 strategies that can be used to address the Content Descriptors/ Elaborations in ACARA: English in Early, Middle, and Upper Primary</p> <p>When assembling the portfolio (one strategy per page), remember to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> explain the purpose of each teaching strategy, outline the procedure required for its implementation, justify your choice of strategy according to how it can develop student's use of cueing systems and processing strategies in relation to Australian Curriculum: English Learning Outcomes. guidelines. <p>You are required to reference your teaching strategies in the Justification.</p>		

CRITERIA:	No.	Learning Outcome assessed
	1	Chooses an appropriate range of teaching strategies from the list that is provided for nominated year levels, with an accompanying explanation of each strategy, a justification for its use and the procedure to be adopted for its implementation. 2
	2	Demonstrates knowledge and understanding of the links between the strategies, the targeted cueing systems and processing strategies and the Australian Curriculum; English. 1 2
	3	Organises the portfolio for a professional audience (ie. Principal ready). 2
	4	Writes using academic literacies including English expression at text, word and sentence level, and correct APA 6 or 7 referencing. 2

All - Assessment Task 3: Report

GOAL:	<p>The goal of this task is for you to analyse one child's responses to a range of English assessment tasks and then design an appropriate teaching and learning sequence.</p> <p>You will assess the child's strengths and weaknesses according to the specific assessment tasks and then apply your understanding of language theory and teaching strategies (Tasks 1 & 2) to propose a future teaching plan for the student. You will link the proposed teaching to the Australian Curriculum: English year level learning outcomes.</p>										
PRODUCT:	Report										
FORMAT:	<p>Final submission Week 10, Thursday 9 am.</p> <p>You will be provided with a template for the Report headings on Blackboard.</p> <p>From the assessments provided, you will analyse one child's strengths and weaknesses at text, word and letter level. Following the analysis of the tasks, you will create a language learning program for the student, based on their demonstrated competencies at sentence, word, letter, and text level in reading and writing. This program should show that you:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> understand the student's current reading and writing abilities can plan a subsequent learning and teaching sequence that includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> explicit teaching strategies evidence of consideration of current language skills knowledge of language theory and the curriculum appropriate assessment as part of the teaching/ learning plan 										
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7. Directed study hours

A 12-unit course will have total of 150 learning hours which will include directed study hours (including online if required), self-directed learning and completion of assessable tasks. Directed study hours may vary by location. Student workload is calculated at 12.5 learning hours per one unit.

7.1. Schedule

PERIOD AND TOPIC	ACTIVITIES
Modules 1-3 Orientation to Teaching Reading and Writing F-3. Modules 4-7 Effective, enduring English teaching strategies - a balanced approach for a variety of learners. Modules 8-10 Teaching and Assessing English.	n/a

8. What resources do I need to undertake this course?

Please note: Course information, including specific information of recommended readings, learning activities, resources, weekly readings, etc. are available on the course Blackboard site– Please log in as soon as possible.

8.1. Prescribed text(s) or course reader

Please note that you need to have regular access to the resource(s) listed below. Resources may be required or recommended.

REQUIRED?	AUTHOR	YEAR	TITLE	PUBLISHER
Required	Tompkins, G. Smith, C. Campbell, R. Green, D.	2019	Literacy for the 21st Century	Pearson: Boston

8.2. Specific requirements

Lap tops

Recommended Text

9. How are risks managed in this course?

Health and safety risks for this course have been assessed as low. It is your responsibility to review course material, search online, discuss with lecturers and peers and understand the health and safety risks associated with your specific course of study and to familiarise yourself with the University's general health and safety principles by reviewing the [online induction training for students](#), and following the instructions of the University staff.

10. What administrative information is relevant to this course?

10.1. Assessment: Academic Integrity

Academic integrity is the ethical standard of university participation. It ensures that students graduate as a result of proving they are competent in their discipline. This is integral in maintaining the value of academic qualifications. Each industry has expectations and standards of the skills and knowledge within that discipline and these are reflected in assessment.

Academic integrity means that you do not engage in any activity that is considered to be academic fraud; including plagiarism, collusion or outsourcing any part of any assessment item to any other person. You are expected to be honest and ethical by completing all work yourself and indicating in your work which ideas and information were developed by you and which were taken from others. You cannot provide your assessment work to others. You are also expected to provide evidence of wide and critical reading, usually by using appropriate academic references.

In order to minimise incidents of academic fraud, this course may require that some of its assessment tasks, when submitted to Blackboard, are electronically checked through SafeAssign. This software allows for text comparisons to be made between your submitted assessment item and all other work that SafeAssign has access to.

10.2. Assessment: Additional Requirements

Eligibility for Supplementary Assessment

Your eligibility for supplementary assessment in a course is dependent of the following conditions applying:

The final mark is in the percentage range 47% to 49.4%

The course is graded using the Standard Grading scale

You have not failed an assessment task in the course due to academic misconduct

10.3. Assessment: Submission penalties

Late submission of assessment tasks may be penalised at the following maximum rate:

- 5% (of the assessment task's identified value) per day for the first two days from the date identified as the due date for the assessment task.
- 10% (of the assessment task's identified value) for the third day - 20% (of the assessment task's identified value) for the fourth day and subsequent days up to and including seven days from the date identified as the due date for the assessment task.
- A result of zero is awarded for an assessment task submitted after seven days from the date identified as the due date for the assessment task. Weekdays and weekends are included in the calculation of days late. To request an extension you must contact your course coordinator to negotiate an outcome.

10.4. Study help

For help with course-specific advice, for example what information to include in your assessment, you should first contact your tutor, then your course coordinator, if needed.

If you require additional assistance, the Learning Advisers are trained professionals who are ready to help you develop a wide range of academic skills. Visit the [Learning Advisers](#) web page for more information, or contact Student Central for further assistance: +61 7 5430 2890 or studentcentral@usc.edu.au.

10.5. Wellbeing Services

Student Wellbeing provide free and confidential counselling on a wide range of personal, academic, social and psychological matters, to foster positive mental health and wellbeing for your academic success.

To book a confidential appointment go to [Student Hub](#), email studentwellbeing@usc.edu.au or call 07 5430 1226.

10.6. AccessAbility Services

Ability Advisers ensure equal access to all aspects of university life. If your studies are affected by a disability, learning disorder mental health issue, , injury or illness, or you are a primary carer for someone with a disability or who is considered frail and aged, [AccessAbility Services](#) can provide access to appropriate reasonable adjustments and practical advice about the support and facilities available to you throughout the University.

To book a confidential appointment go to [Student Hub](#), email AccessAbility@usc.edu.au or call 07 5430 2890.

10.7. Links to relevant University policy and procedures

For more information on Academic Learning & Teaching categories including:

- Assessment: Courses and Coursework Programs
- Review of Assessment and Final Grades
- Supplementary Assessment
- Administration of Central Examinations
- Deferred Examinations
- Student Academic Misconduct
- Students with a Disability

Visit the USC website: <http://www.usc.edu.au/explore/policies-and-procedures#academic-learning-and-teaching>

10.8. General Enquiries

In person:

- **USC Sunshine Coast** - Student Central, Ground Floor, Building C, 90 Sippy Downs Drive, Sippy Downs
- **USC Moreton Bay** - Service Centre, Ground Floor, Foundation Building, Gympie Road, Petrie
- **USC SouthBank** - Student Central, Building A4 (SW1), 52 Merivale Street, South Brisbane
- **USC Gympie** - Student Central, 71 Cartwright Road, Gympie
- **USC Fraser Coast** - Student Central, Student Central, Building A, 161 Old Maryborough Rd, Hervey Bay
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