

## NON-TRADITIONAL LICENSURE READING COURSE WORK

The Department of Early Childhood and Special Education offers two graduate courses in Reading Instruction approved by the Arkansas Department of Education to meet their Non-Traditional Licensure Program entry requirements. **ECSE 5311, *Reading/Literacy Instruction***, is the first level reading course and it must be successfully completed before entering the second level course, **ECSE 5320 *Principles and Practices of Reading and Writing***. **ECSE 5311** is typically offered the first 8 weeks during both the fall and spring semesters followed by **ECSE 5320** being taught the later 8 weeks. While the classes are delivered primarily via distance education, each class meets face to face a minimum of three times each semester with more on-campus classes scheduled when necessary. The campus class sessions are on Monday evenings from 6:00 to 9:00 in Mashburn Hall. In addition to fall and spring semesters, both classes are taught a third time a year during May and June with **ECSE 5311** meeting during May and **ECSE 5320** during June. All sections of both classes will be offered contingent upon minimum enrollment requirements.

The same textbook is used for ECSE 5311 & ECSE 5320: *Teaching Children to Read: Putting the Pieces Together*, 4th edition, by Reutzel and Cooter, ISBN#0-13-112189-8. The first half of the book is taught in 5311 and we complete the text in 5320. The book is available for purchase on Amazon.com.

### Frequently Asked Questions

#### ***I want to take the non-traditional licensure reading courses. Where do I begin?***

The first step is to apply to the UCA Graduate School. You can apply online at the following link: <https://ssprd.uca.edu/pls/SSBPRODDAD/bwskalog.P DispLoginNon>

There is a \$25 non-refundable application fee that you can pay over the phone by calling 501-450-3124. You will also need to submit OFFICIAL SEALED transcripts. These should be mailed to:

UCA Graduate School  
Torreyson West  
Room 328  
201 Donaghey Ave  
Conway AR, 72035

#### ***How do I enroll in the classes?***

Once you have received admission notification from the graduate school, send an email to Sandy Norris in the Department of Early Childhood and Special Education requesting to be registered in the course. The email must contain your UCA ID number, course name and number, semester in which you will be taking the class, and the CRN of the section you wish to be enrolled in. At that time, the department will take the registration hold off your UCA account and register you in the class. This information must be provided to the department via email: [snorris@uca.edu](mailto:snorris@uca.edu)

For more information or assistance please contact the Department of Early Childhood and Special Education at 501-450-5441

**Note: UCA MAT graduate students may also enroll in ECSE 5311 and/or ECSE 5320 as recommended by their program advisor.**