

Teacher CEU Toolbox

Course Syllabus:

Early Childhood Literacy

What is this course about?

Young children first build their educational foundation through listening to stories and beginning to read and write on their own. Early childhood literacy is critical, especially for high-risk populations, to a student's successful journey through K-12 academics. In this 30-hour, 3.0 CEU course (2.0 CEUs for NV educators), participants will: review the basic tenets of childhood literacy and its history in this country, discover the importance of early childhood literacy, review empirical evidence that ties early childhood literacy to future academic success, learn how to address the challenges to literacy in special populations of young students, and find resources to support and enhance early childhood literacy. The minimum time for participant completion of this course is at least 30 hours over at least three calendar days (4320 minutes or 72 hours). It is suggested that you use this syllabus to seek prior approval from your individual licensing agency BEFORE registering for this course.

- *Approved by Utah Valley University for 3.0 Continuing Education Units (CEUs)*
- *Approved by Nevada Department of Education (NVD OE) as 2.0 CEUs for Nevada Educators*

By the end of this course, you will:

- ✓ *Understand the dynamic definition of early childhood literacy*
- ✓ *Discover resources in person and online to enhance your teaching*
- ✓ *Be able to discuss sight words, phonics and other technical information in layman's terms*
- ✓ *Know new teaching techniques that will increase student motivation*
- ✓ *Feel confident about adding digital resources to your literacy curriculum*
- ✓ *Know historical highlights of literacy for children in the U.S.*
- ✓ *Learn many statistics regarding literacy that cement its importance as a learning and life success tool*
- ✓ *Understand the predictive nature of literacy skills in the classroom and in adult life*
- ✓ *Learn new ways to form partnerships with your students' parents*
- ✓ *Discuss the importance of emergent and early literacy skills to future literacy achievements*
- ✓ *Understand the importance of individualized early literacy learning and inclusion for several at-risk populations of students*
- ✓ *Discover new ways to make literacy learning fun and meaningful*
- ✓ *Encourage your students and their families to engage in effective literacy activities outside of the classroom*

The main topics covered in this course are:

Unit 1: *History of Early Childhood Literacy*

- ✓ *Changing Definition of Literacy*
- ✓ *History of Early Childhood Literacy Education in the U.S.*
- ✓ *Literacy Facts and Figures*

Unit 2: *The Importance of Early Childhood Literacy*

- ✓ *Literacy as a Foundation for Future Learning*
- ✓ *Complexities of Teaching Literacy*
- ✓ *Academic Literacy vs. Functional Literacy*

Unit 3: *Literacy in the Digital Age*

- ✓ *Adding Digital Literacy Resources to the Classroom*
- ✓ *Importance of Multi-modal Literacy*
- ✓ *Pros and Cons of Digital Literacy Education Resources*

Unit 4: *Fostering a Love of Literacy*

- ✓ *Sight Words and Phonics*
- ✓ *Making Literacy Fun*
- ✓ *Making Literacy Meaningful*

Unit 5: *Early Childhood Literacy in Special Populations*

- ✓ *ECL Concerns for ELL and Lower-Income Students*
- ✓ *ECL Concerns for Exceptional Students*
- ✓ *Individualized Learning and Inclusion*

Unit 6: *Early Childhood Literacy Resources*

- ✓ *Educator Online Resources*
- ✓ *Educator In-Person Resources*
- ✓ *Resources for Students and Their Families*

Intended Audience:

- ✓ *Educators who teach literacy skills to young students*
- ✓ *Teachers who want to learn new ways to integrate literacy lessons into their curriculum*
- ✓ *Educators looking for efficient professional development regarding early childhood and literacy*

Session Dates and Costs:

This and all Teacher CEU Toolbox courses are self-paced. Once a participant purchases access to a course, that individual has one calendar year to complete the course requirements. Our courses are available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. You can register and purchase access to courses online, via credit card, in our secure environment.

✓ **Course Cost: \$149.95**

Course Credit Requirements:

- ✓ *This course is organized into six academic units*
- ✓ *You need to spend at least thirty hours over three days (4320 minutes = 72 hours = 3 days) in this course to receive credit*
- ✓ *You need an internet-connected device and a reliable internet connection to take this course*
- ✓ *You must access all of the site pages to receive credit for the course*
- ✓ *You must complete all of the lesson tasks that reinforce the course content*
- ✓ *You must take the Course Pre-Test, each unit quiz (score at least 90% in no more than three attempts), and the Course Post-Test (score at least 85% in no more than three attempts) to receive credit for the course*
- ✓ *You must complete the course evaluation*
- ✓ *If you have questions or problems, please email customer service at help@teacherceutoolbox.com*