

Community of Practice: Educator Preparation Programs

Curated Resources to Support Evidence-Based Literacy Instruction in Educator Preparation Programs

The Community of Practice (CoP) for Educator Preparation Programs is a collaborative network of higher education leaders, faculty, and staff working to strengthen literacy instruction statewide. Facilitated by ISBE, the CoP supports effective literacy instruction and the development of a statewide rubric aligned to the Illinois Comprehensive Literacy Plan.

This resource guide reflects key tools, templates, and references identified by the CoP to enhance literacy instruction in educator preparation programs.



General Website Resources

- [CEEDAR Center](#) – Resources to support evidence-based teacher and leader preparation:
- [Rhode Island Resource Bank](#): Science of Reading & Structured Literacy
- [Reading Science Academy Sample Syllabi](#) – Science of reading-aligned syllabi
- [Mississippi SWAY Presentation on Literacy Reform](#)
- [Alabama Literacy Efforts in Higher Ed](#) – AL State Department of Education
- [Visible Learning MetaX](#) – Research-based strategies database
- [Evidence Advocacy Center](#) – Translating research into practice
- ["Teaching Reading Is Rocket Science"](#) – American Educator article by Louisa Moats

Created Tools and Templates

- [IPES & IL Literacy Standards Template](#): Olivet Nazarene University (ONU)
 - A customizable document with drop downs for professor use in aligning coursework to state standards.
- [Illinois Comprehensive Literacy Plan Presentation](#): Southern Illinois University
 - Presentation materials shared by SIU faculty on structured literacy in teacher prep.

Literacy Resource Board

- [Community-Shared Padlet](#) – Curated by the Literacy Task Force with links, tools, and articles

Recommended Books

- [Language at the Speed of Sight](#) by Mark Seidenberg
- [Explicit Instruction: Effective and Efficient Teaching](#) by Anita Archer and Charles Hughes
- [Science of Reading: Defining Guide](#) by The Reading League

For more information about the CoP or to access ISBE's full literacy plan, visit: isbe.net/LiteracyPlan