Pre-Approved Coursework for the Illinois Professional Educator License (PEL)

Any of the below courses may be taken to fulfill areas of coursework needed for the professional educator license. Many of these courses are offered online. This is not an inclusive list of all acceptable coursework that may be taken; if you wish to take a course that is not listed below, please submit an official course description to the Illinois State Board of Education for approval. Please note that some of the below courses may no longer be offered by the institution, but they will still be honored if taken previously.

To obtain a professional educator license, educators must complete coursework in cross-categorical special education methods, ESL/bilingual methods, reading in the content area, and reading methods.

Area	Institution, City, State	Course #	Course Name
Cross-Categorical Special Education Methods	American College of Education Indianapolis, IN	SPED 5093	Strategies for Leading and Teaching Diverse Learners
Cross-Categorical Special Education Methods	Capella University Minneapolis, MN	ED 5702	Instruction for Special Education Students
Cross-Categorical Special Education Methods	Colorado State University (Siedow Teacher Education) Pueblo, CO	516	* Course must be taken for credit through CSU
Cross-Categorical Special Education Methods	Concordia University Mequon, WI	EDG 741/941	Curricular Adaptations for Learners with Disabilities
Cross-Categorical Special Education Methods	Drake University Des Moines, IA	SPED 150	Instructional Accommodations of Exceptional Learners
		SPED 123/233	Methods and Strategies for Exceptional Learners
Cross-Categorical Special Education Methods	Grand Canyon University Phoenix, AZ	SPE 527/ SPE 524TE or	Inclusion and Collaborative Practices
		SPE 226	Educating the Exceptional Learner
		or	
		One course from each category:	
		SPE 553	Characteristics of Intellectual Disabilities & Strategies to Teach Individuals with ID
		or	
		SPE 521TE	Characteristics and Strategies for Mild to Moderate Intellectual Disabilities for Current Practitioners
		or	
		SPE 531TE	Characteristics and Strategies for Severe and Profound Disabilities for Current Practitioners
		Or	

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Cross-Categorical Special Education Methods	Grand Canyon University Phoenix, AZ	SPE 532TE	Characteristics and Strategies for Mild to Moderate Emotional
		and	Disabilities for Current Practitioners
		SPE 557	Characteristics of Learning Disabilities & Strategies to Teach Individuals with LD
		or	
		SPE 530TE	Characteristics and Strategies for Mild to Moderate Learning Disabilities for Current Practitioners
Cross-Categorical Special	Illinois State University	SED 101	The Exceptional Learner
Education Methods	Normal, IL	SED 411	Survey of Methods in Special Education
Cross-Categorical Special Education Methods	Indiana University Bloomington, IN	K 305	Teaching the Exceptional Learner in the Elementary School
		K 306	Teaching Students with Special Needs in Secondary Classrooms
		K 206	Teaching Methods for Students with Special Needs
Cross-Categorical Special Education Methods	Lindenwood University St. Charles, MO	EDS 5300/3300	Introduction and Methods of Teaching Children with Disabilities in Cross-Categorical Settings
Cross-Categorical Special Education Methods	Marquette University	EDUC 4931	Topics in Education-Methods of Teaching Children/Youth With Exceptional Needs
		EDUC 4217/5217	Methods of Teaching Children/Youth With Exceptional Needs 3 Cr. Hrs.
Cross-Categorical Special Education Methods	Murray State University Murray, KY	SED 443	Curriculum and Instruction for Children and Youth with Mild Disabilities
Cross-Categorical Special Education Methods	Parkland College Urbana, IL	EDU 104	Introduction to Special Education
Cross-Categorical Special Education Methods	Rockhurst University Kansas City, MO	ED 6090	Specialized Instructional Strategies Across the Curriculum for Special Educators
		ED 6080	Educational Methods in Mild/Moderate Cross-Categorical Disabilities

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Rockhurst University Kansas City, MO	ED 6080	Educational Methods in Mild/Moderate Cross-Categorical Disabilities
St. Ambrose University Davenport, IA	SPED 310	Inclusion Strategies for Students with Special Needs
University of Dayton Dayton, OH	EDT 340	Educating Diverse Student Populations- Incl.
University of Iowa, Iowa City, IA	EDTL 4984 (07U:184)	Academic Skills for Special Needs Students
University of Missouri Columbia, MO	SPC ED 4380	Methods in Cross-Categorical Special Education
University of Phoenix	SPE 546	Special Education Methods
Phoenix, AZ	SPE 511	Special Education Methods
	SPED 525	Special Education Teaching Methods
University of Southern Indiana	EDUC 206	Introduction to Exceptionalities
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	EDUC 413	Exceptional Needs Instructional Strategies
University of St. Francis Joliet, IL	EEND/MEDU 644	Specialized Curriculum and Methods in Special Education
University of Wisconsin-	CURRIC 506	Strategies for Inclusive Schooling
Madison, WI	CURRIC 507	Inclusive Education in Secondary Schools
Valparaiso University Valparaiso, IN	SPED 440	Teaching K-12 Students with Learning Differences in Inclusive Settings
Walden University Minneapolis, MN	EDUC 6929	Including Students with Special Needs
Western Governors University Salt Lake City, UT	FLC1	Instructional Models and Design, Supervision and Culturally Responsive Teaching
	PX42 (7 sem. hrs.)	Instructional Models and Design, Supervision and Culturally Responsive Teaching
	Rockhurst University Kansas City, MO St. Ambrose University Davenport, IA University of Dayton Dayton, OH University of Iowa, Iowa City, IA University of Missouri Columbia, MO University of Phoenix Phoenix, AZ University of Southern Indiana Evansville, IN University of Wisconsin- Madison, WI Valparaiso University Valparaiso, IN Walden University Minneapolis, MN Western Governors University	Rockhurst University Kansas City, MO St. Ambrose University Davenport, IA University of Dayton Dayton, OH University of Iowa, Iowa City, IA University of Missouri Columbia, MO University of Phoenix Phoenix, AZ University of Southern Indiana Evansville, IN University of St. Francis Joliet, IL University of Wisconsin- Madison, WI Walden University Walden University Minneapolis, MN Western Governors University SPED 310 SPED 310 EDTI 4984 (07U:184) EDTL 4984 (07U:184) EDUC 206 and EDUC 413 EDUC 413 EDUC 413 EDUC 413 EDUC 6944 Valparaiso University Valparaiso, IN Walden University Minneapolis, MN

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Cross-Categorical Special Education Methods	Western Illinois University	SPED 552	Instructional Methods for K-6 Learners with Disabilities
		SPED 553	Instructional Methods for Secondary Learners with Disabilities
ESL/Bilingual Methods	American College of Education Indianapolis, IN	BE 5033	Methods and Materials for Teaching English as a Second Language
ESL/Bilingual Methods	Capella University Minneapolis, MN	ED 5728	Methods, Curriculum, and Materials for English Language Learners
ESL/Bilingual Methods	Colorado State University (Siedow Teacher Education) Pueblo, CO	507	Classroom Instruction That Works With English Language Learners *Course must be taken for credit through CSU
ESL/Bilingual Methods	Concordia University Mequon, WI	ED 323	Curriculum and Methods of Teaching English as a Second Language
ESL/Bilingual Methods	Drake University	EDUC 144	ESL Methods
	Des Moines, IA	EDUC 120/220	ESL Strategies
ESL/Bilingual Methods	Grand Canyon University Phoenix, AZ	TSL 532TE	Foundations of Instruction for English Language Learners
ESL/Bilingual Methods	Harper College	LNG 220	Methods of Teaching English as a Second Language
ESL/Bilingual Methods	Illinois State University Normal, IL	TCH 318	Effective Strategies for Teaching English Learners in the General Education Classroom
		ENG 345	TESOL Methods and Materials
ESL/Bilingual Methods	Indiana University Bloomington, IN	L 442	Teaching English Language Learners: Bilingual and English as a New Language
ESL/Bilingual Methods	Lindenwood University St. Charles, MO	TESOL 5400	TESOL Methods
ESL/Bilingual Methods	Marquette University	EDUC 4277/5277	Methods of Teaching Bilingual- Bicultural Learners-3 Cr. Hrs.
ESL/Bilingual Methods	Murray State University	TSL 331	ESL Methods Grades P-5
	Murray, KY	TSL 332	ESL Methods Grades 5-12

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ESL/Bilingual Methods	Southern Illinois University- Edwardsville Edwardsville, IL	ENG 470	Methods and Materials for K-12 ESL Teaching
	Edwardsville, IE	ENG 542	Methods for TESL
ESL/Bilingual Methods	St. Ambrose University Davenport, IA	ENGL 380	Teaching English as a Second Language
		ENGL 381	Teaching English as a Second Language: Secondary and Post- secondary
ESL/Bilingual Methods	University of Dayton Dayton, OH	EDT 437	Second Language Learning and Teaching
		ENG 466	TESOL Methods for Teaching English Language Learners
ESL/Bilingual Methods	University of Illinois Urbana, IL	CI 477	Bilingual ESL Methods and Material
ESL/Bilingual Methods	University of Iowa Iowa City, IA	EDTL 4467 (07S:167)	Methods of Teaching ESOL in K-12 Settings
		EDTL 4468 (07S:168)	Instruction of ELLs for K-12 Classrooms
ESL/Bilingual Methods	University of Michigan	ELI 391/591	Fundamentals of Teaching English as Second Language
		ED 592	Teaching English Language Learners
ESL/Bilingual Methods	University of Missouri Columbia, MO	LTC 8649	Methods of Teaching English Language Learners
		LTC 4460	Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages
ESL/Bilingual Methods	University of Phoenix Phoenix, AZ	ESL 503	Instructional Techniques and Methods of ESL
		TESOL 504	Instructional Techniques and Methods
		TESOL 571	Instructional Techniques and Methods
		SEI 300/500/501	Structured English Immersion
		SEI 503	Advanced Structured English Immersion Methods
		BLE 504	Instructional Techniques and Methods

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ESL/Bilingual Methods	University of Southern Indiana Evansville, IN	EDUC 381	Literacy, Language, and Culture
ESL/Bilingual Methods	University of St. Francis Joliet, IL	EEND/MSED 632	Methods and Materials for Teaching English Language Learners
ESL/Bilingual Methods	University of Wisconsin- Madison, WI	CURRIC 316 CURRIC 674	ESL/Bilingual Methods Advanced Methods in Teaching ESL
ESL/Bilingual Methods	Valparaiso University Valparaiso, IN	ENG 612 ED 367/567	ESL Curriculum and Assessment English Language Learning Methods
ESL/Bilingual Methods	Western Governors University Salt Lake City, UT	NNA1	Planning, Implementing, Managing Instruction
ESL/Bilingual Methods	Western Illinois University	ELIS 457G	Methods and Materials of Teaching English Language Learners
Reading in the Content Area	American College of Education Indianapolis, IN	LIT 5243	Strengthening Literacy for Educational Leaders
		LIT 5313	Literacy in the Content Areas
Reading in the Content Area	Capella University Minneapolis, MN	ED 5552	Teaching Comprehension Strategies
Reading in the Content Area	DePaul University Chicago, IL	T&L 413	Reading/Language Arts in the Middle Grades
Reading in the Content Area	Drake University Des Moines, IA	EDUC 170/270	Reading in the Content Area
Titod	Des Monies, 171	EDUC 142	Secondary Reading and Interdisciplinary Curriculum
Reading in the Content Area	Grand Canyon University Phoenix, AZ	RDG 514	Reading in the Content Areas: Elementary
		RDG 517	Reading in the Content Areas: Secondary
		ELM 540	Foundational Literacy Skills
		SED 454	Reading and Learning Strategies for Middle and Secondary Schools
		SED 553	Reading and Learning Strategies for Middle and Secondary Schools
		RDG 537TE	Elementary Reading in the Content Area for Current Practitioners
		RDG 538TE	Secondary Reading in the Content

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			Areas for Current Practitioners
Reading in the Content Area	Hope College Holland, Michigan	EDUC 282/283	Literacy II (283 is field experience component)
		EDUC 285/286	Literacy in the Content Area (286 is field experience component)
Reading in the Content Area	Illinois State University Normal, IL	TCH 465	Content Area Literacy
Reading in the Content Area	Indiana State University Terre Haute, IN	ELED 580	Introduction to Reading
Reading in the Content Area	Indiana University Bloomington, IN	M 469	Content Area Literacy
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		L 517	Advanced Study of Content Reading and Literacy
Reading in the Content Area	Lindenwood University St. Charles, MO	EDU 30705/50705	Methods of Teaching Reading in the Content Area
Reading in the Content	Loras College	L.EDU-337	Reading Across the Curriculum
Area		L.EDU-361	Practicum & Instruction in Remediation of Reading Problems
Reading in the Content Area	Marquette University	EDUC 4037/5037	Literacy in the Content Areas 3 Cr. Hrs.
Reading in the Content Area	Murray State University Murray, KY	REA 527/627	Teaching Reading in the Secondary School
		REA 407	Middle School Reading
Reading in the Content Area	Northern Michigan University Marquette, MI	ED 318	Elementary Reading Instruction II
Reading in the Content Areas.	Rockhurst University Kansas City, MO	ED 6020	Fundamentals of Literacy Learning (can be used for reading methods or reading in the content area)
Reading in the Content Area	St. Ambrose University Davenport, IA	EDUC 459	Elementary Content Reading
rica	Davenport, IA	EDUC 336	Content Reading
Reading in the Content Area	University of Dayton Dayton, OH	EDT 426	Reading/Language Arts- MC
	_ mj.com, O11	EDT 452	Reading in Content Areas

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		EDT 452	Digital Literacies, ELL & Content Reading Strategies
Reading in the Content	University of Illinois at	C&I 472	Literacy in Content Areas
Area	Urbana-Champaign	CI 503	Reading Instruction for Grades K-5
		CI 582	Reading and Writing Across the Curriculum
Reading in the Content Area	University of Iowa Iowa City, IA	EDTL 4171 (07E:171)	Literacy Learning and Teaching III
Reading in the Content Area	University of Missouri Columbia, MO	LTC 7560	Teaching Reading in the Content Area
		LTC 4565	Content Area Literacy Strategies for Struggling Readers and Writers
		EDU 404	Content Area Literacy Instruction
		LTC 4420	Adolescent Literacy
Reading in the Content Area	University of Phoenix Phoenix, AZ	RDG 523	Content Area Reading and Writing for Elementary
		RDG 513	Elementary Methods
		RDG 514	Primary Reading Methods
		RDG 515	Secondary Reading Methods
		RDG 527	Content Area Reading and Writing for Adolescents
		RDG 546	Content Area Reading and Writing for Elementary
		RDG 507	Content Area Reading and Writing for Elementary
		RDG 542	Curriculum Constructs and Assessment: Reading Methods for Secondary Settings
		RDNG 501	Reading Methods: Elementary
Reading in the Content Area	University of Southern Indiana Evansville, IN	EDUC 493	Content Area Reading: Differentiated Instruction
Reading in the Content Area	University of St. Francis	REND/MSED 689	Disciplinary Literacy
Reading in the Content	University of Wisconsin-	CURRIC 503	Literacy Across the Curriculum

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Area	Madison, WI	CURRIC 315	Reading and Writing Across the Curriculum in Early Childhood
		CURRIC 309	Reading and Writing Across the Content Areas
Reading in the Content Area	Valparaiso University Valparaiso, IN	ED 360/560	Literacies in the Content Areas
Reading in the Content Area	Walden University Minneapolis, MN	EDUC 6908	Improving Reading in the Content Area
Reading in the Content Area	Western Governors University Salt Lake City, UT	ELT4 (6 sem. hrs.—can be used to fulfill methods <u>and</u> content area)	Specific Teaching Practices: Reading, Writing, and Spelling
		ELT5	Specific Teaching Practices: Reading, Writing, and Spelling
Reading in the Content Area	Western Illinois University	RDG 580	Reading in the Content Areas
Reading Methods	American College of	LIT 5203	Strengthening Literacy
	Education Indianapolis, IN	LIT 5243	Strengthening Literacy for Educational Leaders
Reading Methods	Capella University	ED 5551	Developing Fluent Readers
	Minneapolis, MN	ED 5554	Sociocultural Context of Reading Instruction
Reading Methods	Concordia University	EDG 552/852	Improving the Teaching of Reading
	Mequon, WI	EDG 553	Reading Assessment and Instruction
Reading Methods	Drake University Des Moines, IA	EDUC 139/239	Literary Methods for the Intermediate Grades
		EDUC 150/250	Secondary Reading Methods
		EDUC 137/237	Literary Methods for the Primary Grades (K-3)
Reading Methods	Grand Canyon University	RDG 512	Reading and Writing: Elementary
	Phoenix, AZ	RDG 513	Reading and Writing: Secondary
		ELM 540	Foundational Literacy Skills
		SED 435/535	Adolescent Literacy
		ECH 425/515	Early Literacy Development

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		EED 525	Curriculum, Assessment, and Methods: Literacy
		RDG 520TE	Elementary Education Reading and Writing for Current Practitioners
Reading Methods	Grand Canyon University Phoenix, AZ	RDG 534TE	Secondary Education Literacy and Writing for Current Practitioners
		EED 516TE	K-3 Reading Methods for Current Practitioners
		ECH 521TE	Early Literacy Development for Current Practitioners
		EED 470	Curriculum, Methods and Assessment: Literacy & Language Arts K-3
		EED 475	Curriculum, Methods and Assessment: Literacy & Language Arts 4-8
Reading Methods	Hope College Holland, MI	EDUC 280/281	Literacy I (281 is field experience component)
		EDUC 282/283	Literacy II (283 is field experience component)
		EDUC 395	Reading Methods for Secondary Teachers
Reading Methods	Illinois State University Normal, IL	TCH 464	Developmentally Appropriate Strategies, Materials, and Resources in Literacy
Reading Methods	Indiana State University Terre Haute, IN	ELED 580	Introduction to Reading
Reading Methods	Indiana University	E 340	Methods of Teaching Reading I
Reading Methods	Bloomington, IN		
		E 340	Methods of Teaching Reading I
		E 341	Methods of Teaching Reading II
		E 342	Survey of Reading and Language Arts Methods
		M 464	Methods of Teaching Reading
Reading Methods	Lewis University	RDG 54-561	Instructional Strategies and Learning Communities for Teaching Reading and Integrated/Language Arts (1/2

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		RDG 54-571	Instructional Strategies and Learning Communities for Teaching Reading and Integrated/Language Arts 4-12 (1/2 credit)
Reading Methods	Lewis University	RDG 52-527	Teaching Reading to the Diverse Learner
Reading Methods	Lindenwood University St. Charles, MO	EDU 30505/50305	Methods of Teaching Reading, Writing, and Oral Communication
Reading Methods	Marquette University Milwaukee, WI	EDUC 4347	Teaching Elementary Reading 1
	Milwaukee, W1	EDUC 4357	Teaching Reading, Language Arts, and Children's Literature II
Reading Methods	Michigan State University	TE 405	Teaching of Language and Literacy to Diverse Learners-Elementary
		Or	
		TE 301	Literacy, Learners and Learning in Context, TF 842:Elementary Reading Assessment and Instruction, TE 846: Accommodating Differences in Literacy Learners (2 of these classes must be taken to meet the reading methods requirement)
		Or	1 /
		TE 843	Secondary Reading Assessment and Instruction AND TE 846: Accommodating Differences in Literacy Learners (both courses must be taken)
Reading Methods	Murray State University Murray, KY	ELE 301	Language and Early Literacy for Early Childhood
		REA 306	Literacy Development in the Elementary School
		REA 407	Middle School Reading
		REA 412	Assessment and Strategies for Struggling Readers
Reading Methods	Northern Michigan University Marquette, MI	ED 316	Elementary Reading Instruction I
Reading Methods	Rockhurst University	ED 6020	Fundamentals of Literacy Learning (can be used for reading methods or reading in the content area)

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Reading Methods	Siedow Teacher Education/Colorado State	504	The Threads of Reading: Strategies for Literacy Development
	University Pueblo, CO		*Course must be taken for credit through CSU
Reading Methods	St. Ambrose University	ECE 303	Literacy for Young Children
	Davenport, IA	EDUC 371	Language Arts and Reading in the Elementary Schools: K-3
		EDUC 372	Language Arts and Reading in the Elementary Schools: 4-8
		EDUC 556	Teaching Reading to Adolescents
Reading Methods	University of Dayton	EDT 350	Find Literacy Thr Lit MC
	Dayton, OH	EDT 458	Reading Methods and Assessment
Reading Methods	University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign	C&I 471	Principles and Practices for Fostering Independent Reading
		C&I 502	Introduction to Reading
		C&I 503	Reading Instruction K-5
		C&I 504	Reading Instruction 6-12
Reading Methods	University of Iowa	EDTL 3160 (07E:160)	Literacy Learning and Teaching I
	Iowa City, IA	EDTL 3164 (07E:164)	Literacy Learning and Teaching II
Reading Methods	University of Missouri Columbia, MO	LTC 8680	Issues and Trends in Reading Instruction
		4371/7371	Literacy in Special Education II
		LTC 4211	Essentials of Literacy: Reading
Reading Methods	University of Phoenix Phoenix, AZ	RDG 525	Elementary Reading and Writing Strategies
		RDG 522	Reading and Writing Instructional Strategies for Elementary
		RDG 513	Elementary Methods
		RDG 514	Primary Reading Methods
		RDG 515	Secondary Reading Methods
		RDG 518	Phonological Theory and Classroom

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Reading Methods	University of Phoenix, Phoenix, AZ		Application
		RDG 536	Reading Methods: Primary
		RDG 538	Reading Methods: Elementary
		RDG 543 RDG 542	Reading Methods: Secondary Curriculum Constructs and Assessment: Reading Methods for Secondary Settings
		RDG 530/537	Curriculum Constructs and Assessment: Reading and Language Arts
		RDG 410	Elementary Reading/Language Arts Methods
		RDG 420	Elementary Methods: Reading/Language Arts
		RDG 416	Methods of Teaching in Early Childhood Language and Literacy
		RDG 570	Curriculum Constructs and Assessment- Reading and Language Arts for Special Education
		RDNG 501	Reading Methods: Elementary
		MAT 530	Curriculum Constructs & Assessments/Reading & Language Arts
		MAT 542	Curriculum Constructs & Assessment/Reading Methods for Secondary Settings
Reading Methods	University of Southern Indiana Evansville, IN	EDUC 378	Literacy Methods I
Reading Methods	University of St. Francis	REND/MSED 643	Exploration of Literacy Strategies and Materials for Student Achievement
Reading Methods	University of Wisconsin- Madison, WI	CURRIC 368	The Teaching of Reading
Reading Methods	Valparaiso University Valparaiso, IN	ED 328/528	Foundations of Literacy Development
		ED 329/529	Literacy in Elementary School
		SPED 466/566	Teaching Reading to Students with

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			Disabilities
Reading Methods	Walden University Minneapolis, MN	EDUC 6951	Motivating Students to Read
Reading Methods	Western Governors University Salt Lake City, UT	DSC1	Elementary Reading and Literacy Methods
Reading Methods	Western Governors University Salt Lake City, UT	DSP1	Application of Elementary Reading and Literacy Methods
		EAT1 or EAT2	Literacy and Elementary Reading Specific Teaching Practices:
		ELT5	Reading, Writing, and Spelling
		ELT4 (6 sem. hrs.—can be used to fulfill methods and content area)	Specific Teaching Practices: Reading, Writing, and Spelling
Reading Methods	Western Illinois University	RDG 568	Foundations of Reading in the Middle and Secondary School
		RDG 569	Reading in Early Childhood
		RDG 570	Integrating Literacy Instruction in the Elementary Curriculum