

Teaching Readers and Writers: Understanding Process and Practice



Course Synopsis

Register Online: www.itv.scetv.org

Free for teachers in SC GEAR UP schools!

Cost: \$150.00 per participant

Recertification: Three Hours or 60 Renewal Credits

Registration Deadline: January 19

Course Dates: January 23 – May 1, 2010

Course begins Online January 23!

Teaching Readers and Writers: Understanding Process and Practice is intended for ALL teachers in any subject area who have ever had struggling students with poor reading skills. To teach a reader and a writer requires an understanding of the reading and writing process. This class is designed to enlighten teachers about the process of reading and writing and apply that to the patterns in students' work. Instruction is then intended to specifically address the needs of these students to teach them to be self-extending readers and writers.

This course is a series of 21 video lessons approximately 1 hour each divided into three sections: Literacy Learning, Reading Workshop, and Writing Workshop. The focus for all three sections is for the educator to notice, name, and plan instruction that is designed to explicitly address the needs of the learner in reading and writing. Emphasis is on the educator making instructional decisions and reflecting on those in order to provide individual, small group, and whole class instruction.

Course Requirements

1. **View all 21 video lessons.** One set of the video lessons will be provided to each participant. The DVDs must be returned upon completion of the course in order to receive recertification credit.
2. **Weekly Blackboard Assignments.** Participants will complete interactive discussion assignments based on a reflection of weekly reading assignments and course content from the video lessons. These discussions will be posted on Blackboard's Discussion Board at <http://blackboard.scetv.org>.
3. **Read aloud list.** This list will reflect a list of texts to be used or already used during the duration of this course.
4. **Instructional Plans for reading and writing mini lessons and small group instruction.** Reading mini lessons and writing mini lessons as well as small group instruction will be completed based on the patterns in student needs in the educator's classroom.
5. **Kidwatching Project.** This project is designed for the educator to intentionally observe and work with one student over the course of this semester. In doing so the educator will conduct independent reading and writing conferences. Observational notes will be kept, and a miscue analysis will be used to assess the student's reading. As a part of these conferences, notes will be taken, reflected on and new plans will be created for individualized instruction for the kidwatching student.

6. **Writer's Notebook.** Educators in this course will be required to keep a writer's notebook for the third section of this course. In doing so an entry from the notebook will be developed into a published piece.
7. **www.readwritethink.org.** Educators will review 2 lessons from this NCTE website.
8. **Attend final class meeting** in Columbia at the ETV Telecommunications Center, 1041 George Rogers Blvd on **Saturday, May 1, from 9:00 A.M.-12:00 P.M.**
9. **A course evaluation** will be completed at the final class meeting in Columbia.

Required Textbooks: The course is divided into 3 sections. The list is in the order of each section.

*Wilde, S. (2000). **Miscue Analysis Made Easy.** Portsmouth, NH: Heinemann.*

*Beers, K. (2002). **When Kids Can't Read What Teachers Can Do: A Guide for Teaching 6-12.** Portsmouth, NH: Heinemann.*

*Gallagher, K. (2006). **Teaching Adolescent Writers.** Portland, MN: Stenhouse.*

E-mail: You must have a valid e-mail address to enable us to set you up in Blackboard—the course platform on the Internet. The course manager will set up your account. Assignments and discussion forums will be facilitated in Blackboard and participation will be monitored.

Cost: There is a **\$150.00** registration fee for this course. Once you have registered online, print a copy of your registration. Mail check and registration form to Bonnie McMurray at ETV-ITV. Checks or money orders should be made payable to SC Department of Education (SCDE).

- Register online at www.itv.scetv.org
- Print registration form (keep a copy)
- Write check for \$150.00 (payable to SCDE)
- Mail registration form and check
- Attend final meeting on Saturday, May 1

Mail check and registration form to:

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Curriculum questions—Contact Beth White, EdS., Instructor at bwhite206@bellsouth.net

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