

EDU 6660-040**Wilson® Level I Practicum Part I: Tier III Intervention for Students with Severe Reading Difficulties****Instructors:**

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Logistics:

- prerequisite: bachelor's degree in Education or a related field
- prerequisite: Wilson Reading System® (WRS) Introductory Course Introduction to Multisensory Language Instruction (completed within the last five years)
- 3 letter-grade graduate credits (cost =\$150) – offered only fall semesters
- may apply toward degree with advisor's permission; ***strongly recommend acceptance in a graduate program before completing this course to ensure credits will apply to your program of study as "matriculated"***
- presentation of university transcript to USBE earns 54 re-licensure points

Course Description and Expectations

This letter-grade graduate course is made possible through the Eccles Foundation, Crawford Foundation and the University of Utah Reading Clinic. **Wilson® Level I Certification Part 1: Tier III Intervention, Steps 1-3** is intended to prepare the participant to effectively implement a multisensory structured language-reading program with a student reading and spelling below grade level, or one diagnosed with a language-based learning disability.

This course will provide the participant with deeper content knowledge and specific procedures to teach the concepts presented in the Wilson Reading System® Steps 1-6. Participants must master each step online before moving on to the next step. Each participant will acquire a sophisticated working knowledge of the sound-symbol system of English (phonology) and its structure (morphology) as well as the use of specific diagnostic methods in teaching reading and spelling.

Please note that for this course to count toward the USBE's Secondary Interventionist Endorsement, educators must implement Wilson® Level I Part 1 in a small group of secondary students (i.e., grades 6-12), in addition to the practicum student.

Through intervention, observation, coaching, reading, and attendance at clinical training sessions, participants will be expected to extend their knowledge of the following topics:

Planning & Delivering Differentiated Literacy Instruction

- structured, explicit, systematic intervention
- differentiated intervention in an MTSS system
- intervention in a whole classroom of varying abilities

Phonological Awareness & Basic/Advanced Phonics

- relationship between English orthography and phonology over literacy development
- phoneme basic and advanced awareness
- synthetic blending for one-syllable words, English syllable structure chunking for polysyllabic words
- basic and advanced spelling strategies

- instructional routines for decoding, encoding, and high frequency words

Text Fluency

- use of decodable text and enriched text
- purpose for reading
- building rate, accuracy & prosody
- echo reading, choral reading, partner reading, solo reading
- tracking in text for accuracy and prosody

Vocabulary

- academic vocabulary across content areas
- word level instruction for moving words into oral language

Comprehension

- appropriately challenging text
- making meaning in decodable and enriched text
- comprehension strategies as related to text structure
- building/activating background knowledge

NOTE: Successful completion of the Wilson® Level I Practicum and the WRS® Intensive Instruction for the Non-Responsive Reader: Online Course (Steps 1-6) will result in Wilson Reading System® Level I Certification. The Wilson Reading System® Level I Certification is a nationally recognized program that prepares teachers to succeed with students who require intensive instruction.

Working with Minors: Your Background Check & Youth Protection Training

You are reminded that you should be a positive role model for minors and conduct yourself in a respectful, honest, and caring manner. You may not engage in abusive conduct or speech toward a minor or any conduct or speech of a sexual nature.

All persons taking our courses and/or working with our students are required to provide the UURC with documentation of a cleared criminal background check. You may provide this documentation to the UURC via email, land mail, or by bringing it to the office. **START THIS PROCESS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE; IT MAY TAKE WEEKS TO COMPLETE!**

- If you are **practicing educator**, it is likely that you have already completed this process and have a record of such on the USBE CACTUS system. Visit the following website to view your records and obtain documentation: <https://www.uen.org/cactus/logon.do>. If the CACTUS system states that you that you do not need a background check at this time, please provide the UURC with that CACTUS message, and a copy of your current Utah educator license.
- If you are a **University of Utah student**, you should use the USBE Online License System because USBE clearance within the last 3 years is required for all University of Utah education coursework (e.g., EDU 1010, admittance to the teacher certification programs). Instructions are provided at <https://uite.utah.edu/students/background-check/>.

You must also complete the U of U Youth Protection Training prior to working with students. This training may be completed on-line: contact youthprotection@utah.edu and you will be directed as to how to proceed.

Persons who have not completed these requirements by the first day of clinic will not be allowed to register for this course and will not receive credit for the course.

Wilson Reading System® Intensive Instruction for the Non-Responsive Reader: Online Course, Part 1: Steps 1-3 presents in detail the multisensory structured language instruction that is required for teaching students beyond grade two with significant word-level deficits who are unresponsive to previous instruction. It provides practical application of reading research, with particular emphasis on phonological awareness, phonics and

spelling at the beginning levels of decoding and encoding. It also provides specific procedures to teach the concepts presented in the Wilson Reading System® Steps 1-6, as well as additional topics on diagnostic teaching and differentiating instruction through pacing, high frequency word instruction, vocabulary, and fluency instruction, dyslexia, listening and reading comprehension strategies, use of differentiated texts, and handwriting.

A multiple-choice assessment will need to be completed after each section of the online course. **A score of 80% or higher is required** in order for the participant to proceed to the next section of the course. Participants should be fully prepared to take the assessment (25 questions) prior to clicking on the assessment. Participants will not be allowed to exit the test once they begin the assessment. Participants can take the assessments multiple times in order to receive a passing grade (80%), however their first earned assessment scores will determine their grade in this course.

Required Participant Materials: High-speed internet and required hardware, WRS® Intensive Instruction for the Non-Responsive Reader: Online Course (Steps 1-6), and WRS® Introductory Kit – Steps 1-6

Online Course Part 1 Requirements

- Completion of Steps 1-3 online course modules, including videos, activities, and required reading
- Score of 80% on each module assessment
- Topics I, Steps 1-3

On-line Course Outcomes (Course hours: 45)

- Demonstrate an understanding of the research base for multisensory structured language teaching
- Demonstrate an understanding of the necessary principles of instruction used to teach students with a language-based learning disability
- Demonstrate an understanding of the nature of dyslexia
- Demonstrate an understanding of the factors involved in the acquisition of literacy skills
- Demonstrate an understanding of the instruction and importance of transcription skills
- Know word structure including phonemes and associated graphemes, syllables, syllabication rules, morphemes, schwa, etc.
- Demonstrate an understanding of variances in children's vocabulary acquisition as well as learning expectations
- Know the importance of core and academic (general and domain-specific) vocabulary, and understand research-based instructional methods for all students, including ELLs
- Know how to appropriately select and teach vocabulary within an MSL lesson
- Know the importance of fluency as well as contributing factors to its development
- Demonstrate an understanding of differentiation of fluency instruction for students with significant deficits
- Identify graphic organizers for varied types of informational texts (description, compare-contrast)
- Know the importance of oral language comprehension and explain how to differentiate instruction with individuals as indicated by their cognitive profiles
- Identify the instructional implications associated with different cognitive skill deficits

Practicum Course Outcomes (Course hours: 65)

- Demonstrate an understanding of language concepts through accurate teaching with multisensory procedures (Steps 1-6)
- Demonstrate mastery with the WRS® Lesson Plan procedures through Step 4.2 (documented by Wilson® Trainer)
- Complete and submit pretesting report
- Complete and submit a practicum student report with practicum student posttesting results, after a minimum of 65 lessons and achievement of Step 4.2
- Demonstrate student success and mastery of decoding/encoding skills through Step 4.2 (documented by

- Wilson Trainer)
- Develop a teacher and student notebook and students' written work in accordance with WLT® program standards
- Complete five observations for the assessment of direct, multisensory teaching and lesson procedures for 95 elements. Using a scoring rubric (1-4), the participant must receive a 3 or higher on final observation.

Grades	Points	Explanation
A	4.0 / 100-95	Excellent performance, superior achievement
A-	3.7 / 94-89	
B+	3.3 / 88-86	Good performance, substantial achievement
B	3.0 / 85-83	
B-	2.7 / 82-77	
C+	2.3 / 76-74	Standard performance and achievement
C	2.0 / 73-71	
C-	1.7 / 70-68	
E	0.0 / 67-00	Unsatisfactory performance & achievement

Required Texts & Materials

- **WRS® Introductory Set (Steps 1-6), 4th Edition**, which includes Instructor Manual Steps 1-6, Student Readers Steps 1-6, Rules Notebook, Student Notebook, Dictation Book, Sampling of Steps 1-6 Word Cards, High Frequency Words, Word Element & Syllable Cards, Magnetic Journal & Magnetic Tiles, Letter-Sound Cards, WADE Assessment, End of Step Assessment Materials, one set per educator
Item#: W4INTROSET, ISBN# 978-1-56778-648-4.)

*Visit Wilson Language Training® online store <https://store.wilsonlanguage.com/> for current item prices. For ordering assistance contact WLT® Customer Support at 800.899.8454.

- Access to the **Word Identification and Spelling Test (*WIST)**, available from Wilson Language Training® or ProEd. Although copies of the WIST are available for loan from the UURC, we recommend that if you are a significant driving distance from Murray you purchase at least one WIST kit for your district or school.

- high-speed internet and related hardware

Web-based only - flexible document camera. Examples include:

- HUE. Approx. \$100. Can be purchased from [Hue HD](#) or [Amazon](#) (price and availability subject to change).
- IPEVO High-Definition USB Document Camera. Approx. \$100. Can be purchased from <https://www.ipevo.com/products/v4k>

*These are only intended as suggestions. Other stores may also have similar cameras.

Wilson® Level I Online Course Required Reading – Topics I

-Diagnostic Teaching:

♦Sawyer, D.J., & Jones, K.M. (2009). *Testing and evaluation*. [Fact Sheet]. Baltimore, MD: The International Dyslexia Association. Retrieved from <https://app.box.com/s/43120w87h73lf16623erio4eifbhl66t>

-Differentiating Instruction: Pacing and Progression through WRS Curriculum:

♦Heritage, M. (2007). Formative Assessment: *What do teachers need to know and do?* *Phi Delta Kappan*, 89(2). 140-145. Retrieved from http://easlinstitute.org/wp-content/uploads/Heritage_formative_assessment.pdf

♦National Center on Response to Intervention. (n.d.). *Common progress monitoring omissions: Planning and practice*. Washington, DC: Author. Retrieved from <http://www.rti4success.org/sites/default/files/RTI%20ProgressMonitoringBrief1-Planning%20and%20Practice.pdf>

-High Frequency Sight Word Instruction:

- ♦No Articles

-Vocabulary:

♦Hart, B. & Risley, T.R. (1995). The early catastrophe: The 30 million word gap by age 3. In *Meaningful differences in the everyday experience of young American children*. Baltimore, MD: Brookes Publishing. Retrieved from http://www.aft.org/ae/spring2003/hart_risley

♦Lehr, F., Osborn, JI, Hebert, E.H. (2004). *Research-based practices in early reading series: A focus on vocabulary*. Honolulu, HI: Pacific Resources for Education and Learning. Retrieved from <http://files.eric.ed.gov/fulltext/ED483190.pdf>

-Fluency:

- ♦WRS® Steps 1-6 / Fluency handout: [WRS® Steps 1-6 Fluency](#) (found on the online course)
- ♦Page 2-12 Wilson/Fluency Basic® Instructor Guide: [Fluency Instructor Guide Introduction](#) (found on the online course)

Wilson Level I Practicum Course Reading

♦LD Online, (2018). Understanding and Assessing Fluency. Washington, DC: WETA. Retrieved from <http://www.ldonline.org/article/27091>

♦Ganschow, L., & Schneider, E. (2012). *At-risk students and the study of foreign language in school*. [Fact Sheet]. Baltimore, MD: The International Dyslexia Association. Retrieved from <https://app.box.com/s/1bg6ujdpw20xirpllenxfqi0zxst4h1o>

♦Rinaldi, C, Baker, D., & Higgins Averill, O. (2013). *The nexus of Response to Intervention (RtI) and the identification of specific learning disabilities (SLD): Guidelines for district-level implementation*. [Research Brief]. Waltham, MA: Urban Special Education Leadership Collaborative. Retrieved from https://www.urbancollaborative.org/files/nexusbrief.9-3.final_0.pdf

♦Chase, C.A. & Saddle, P. (2013). *Transitioning from high school to college: Help for students with learning disabilities*. [Fact Sheet]. Baltimore, MD: The International Dyslexia Association. Retrieved from <https://app.box.com/s/fqf4o5h0gz7dnts50vezw4c689d702h5>

♦Wilson, B.A. (2014). *Common core state standards and students with disabilities*. [Fact Sheet]. Baltimore, MD: The International Dyslexia Association. Retrieved from <https://app.box.com/s/jair7syzv0nb9muhhavmy3pyjfl0994>

♦Wilson Language Training Corporation. (2014). *Wilson reading system alignment to common core state standards: English language arts*. Oxford, MA: Author. [WRS Alignment to CCSS](#)

**Recommended* -

♦Blachman, B. (1997). *Foundations of reading acquisition and dyslexia: Implications for early intervention*. Mahwah, NJ: Erlbaum.

♦Birsh, J.R. (2005). *Multi-Sensory Teaching of Basic Language Skills*. Baltimore, MD: Brookes Publishing.

PRACTICUM COURSE SCHEDULE

Wilson® Start-Up – Lesson Component Overview & Baseline Assessment

- history of research on severe reading difficulties—in particular, dyslexia
- clinical practicum as a form of professional development
- overview of a Wilson® Level I intervention lesson
- overview of performance-based and standardized measures required for practicum student selection
- student selection
- overview of Wilson® & UURC requirements for Level I certification
- tour of Wilson® Academy and steps 1-6 on-line course

Implementation Meeting 1 (Fall)

Step 1 key components of instruction – decoding & encoding CVC words

Base Word and Suffix Procedures for reading and spelling

High Frequency/Sight Word Instruction and Vocabulary Instruction

Diagnostic Lesson Planning and Execution

Controlled Text Passage Reading with accuracy focus using visualization, replay/rehearse, retell, and Comprehension S.O.S

Student Mastery, Pacing and Progressing

On-line course assignments

Course Reading (This information has been provided to the participants in their WRS Steps 1-6 Practicum companion online course.)

LD Online. (2018). Understanding and Assessing Fluency. Washington, DC: WETA. Retrieved from www.ldonline.org/article/27091/

UURC Coaching Session 1 (Fall)

- decoding & encoding in CVC words: modeling, peer practice, Q&A with instructional techniques for WRS lesson parts
- model, peer practice suffix procedures
- review lesson plans/posttesting

Implementation Meeting 2 (Fall)

Step 2 key components of instruction – decoding & encoding words with blends, closed syllable & welded sounds and common Latin-base elements.

Expectations for Student's Written Work and Teacher Plan book.

High Frequency/Sight Word Instruction and Vocabulary Instruction

Controlled Text – fluency work

Review WRS® Steps 1-6 Practicum Observation Long Form and WRS® Steps 1-6 Practicum Participant Study Guide

On-line course assignments

UURC Coaching Session 2 (Fall)

- review decoding & encoding CVC words with blends
- review of closed syllable
- review decoding & encoding welded sounds
- review high frequency / sight word instruction
- review vocabulary instruction
- model, peer practice comprehension S.O.S., part 9

Implementation Meeting 3 (Fall)

Step 3 key components of instruction – transitioning from one-syllable words to multisyllabic words using syllable division rules for decoding and spelling

Base word, affixes, closed syllable Latin-base elements, and complex words

Demonstrate how to address schwa in decoding and spelling

Listening Comprehension with Enriched Text: Narrative and Informational, including replay/rehearse and retell with Comprehension S.O.S.

On-line course assignments

UURC Coaching Session 3 (Spring)

- model, peer practice closed syllables division rules
- review of schwa for reading & spelling
- model, peer practice comprehension S.O.S., part 10 / enriched & decodable text

Implementation Meeting 4 (Spring)

Step 4 key components of instruction - decoding and spelling VCe words.

Base word, affixes, VCe syllable Latin-base elements, and complex words

Practicum Student Posttesting and Practicum Student Final Report

Automaticity/Fluency

WRS® Level I Certification End-of-Training Requirements and Application of Skills

Reading Comprehension with non-controlled readable text (tasks: interactive oral reading, scaffolded silent reading, and oral fluency).

On-line course assignments

UURC Coaching Session 4 (Spring)

- model, peer practice syllable division for combinations of VCe with closed syllables in 2 & 3 syllable words
- review accuracy vs. fluency procedures for reading & spelling
- review end of year forms, post-testing process

Implementation Meeting 5 (Spring)

Step 5 & 6 key components of instruction – language concepts taught in WRS Steps 5 & 6

Responsiveness to Student's Needs

Finalizing Certification Requirements

WRS® Implementation Plans

WADE

WRS® Level II Training

Educational Landscape Laws

On-line course assignments

UNIVERSITY REQUIREMENTS & CRITERIA**Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)**

The University of Utah seeks to provide equal access to its programs, services, and activities for people with disabilities. If you will need accommodations in this class, reasonable prior notice needs to be given to the Center for Disability Services, 162 Union Building, <http://www.sa.utah.edu/ds>, 581-5020 (V/TDD). CDS will work with us

to make arrangements for accommodations. All written information in this course can be made available in an alternative format with prior notification to the Center for Disability Services.

If you have already established accommodations with CDS, please provide me with this information as soon as possible and no later than the first week of class, so that I can provide a supportive learning environment.

Attendance & Requirements

The University expects regular, self-regulated participation with this online course. Students are responsible for acquainting themselves with and satisfying the entire range of academic objectives and requirements as defined by the instructor as outlined in the online course. PPM/Policy6 - 100III--O

Academic Honesty

It is required that you are aware of the University of Utah policies as you will be held accountable to University of Utah standards. Please read the *University of Utah Code of Student Rights and Responsibilities*, <http://www.admin.utah.edu/ppmanual/8/8-10.html>

which states in part, "In order to ensure that the highest standards of academic conduct are promoted and supported at the University, students must adhere to generally accepted standards of academic honesty, including but not limited to refraining from cheating, plagiarizing, research misconduct, misrepresenting one's work, and/or inappropriately collaborating."

English Learners

If you are an English language learner, please be aware of several resources on campus that will support you with your language and writing development. These resources include: the Writing Center (<http://writingcenter.utah.edu/>); the Writing Program (<http://writing--program.utah.edu/>); the English Language Institute (<http://continue.utah.edu/elii/>). Please let me know if there is any additional support you would like to discuss for this class.

Safety

The University of Utah values the safety of all campus community members. To report suspicious activity, call campus police at 801-585-COPS (801-585-2677). You will receive important emergency alerts and safety messages regarding campus safety via text message. For more information regarding safety and to view available training resources, including helpful videos, visit safeu.utah.edu.

Professionalism

All participants are asked to conduct themselves in a professional manner. Professionalism for this practicum includes, but is not limited to:

- punctuality with course assignments
- displaying evolving attitudes toward teaching & learning that are supportive of all students and communities
- refraining from online abusive conduct or any conduct of a sexual nature
- demonstrating an openness to feedback and using such to improve performance
- seeking advice when needed
- maintaining academic honesty <http://www.admin.utah.edu/ppmanual/8/8-10.html>
- maintaining "Fitness to Teach" criteria (see <http://uite.utah.edu/documents/www-ed-utah-edu/programs/Fitness%20to%20Teach%20Final.pdf>)

Significant and/or repeated failure to maintain professionalism may result in removal of the educator from the practicum and 'no credit/failing grade' for the course.