Overview

Secondary Reading Instruction and Interventions explores the comprehensive, student-centered response to intervention (RTI) model used to identify and address the needs of learners in middle school and high school who struggle with reading comprehension and/or information retention. Course content provides educators with effective strategies designed to scaffold instruction and help learners develop increased skill in the following areas: reading, vocabulary, text structures and genres, and logical reasoning related to the academic disciplines. This course has no prerequisites.

Competencies

- **Response to Intervention**
  The graduate explains how the Response to Intervention (RTI) approach identifies, monitors, and differentiates instruction to ensure that struggling readers obtain the appropriate support and interventions to improve academic progress.

- **Vocabulary Instruction**
  The graduate develops effective vocabulary instruction to enhance students’ reading comprehension in the content areas.

- **Strategies to Improve Reading Comprehension**
  The graduate integrates knowledge of effective comprehension strategies to help students monitor and improve their own comprehension when reading.

- **Strategies for Reading Increasingly Complex Texts**
  The graduate integrates reading strategies that scaffold instruction for students when reading increasingly complex texts.

- **Ongoing Assessment**
  The graduate integrates reading assessments to make informed instructional and placement decisions.
Welcome to Secondary Reading Instruction and Intervention! This course examines reading strategies designed to support the specific needs of students in grades six to twelve who struggle with reading skills and comprehension. You will learn how to effectively apply the multistep response to intervention (RTI) approach with secondary students to closely assess and monitor student comprehension and reading skills so that you can apply that information to inform your instruction and support students appropriately. Course content is delivered in a module-based learning platform and incorporates readings and videos from a variety of sources as well as interactive IRIS modules focused on specific reading strategies to help students build their academic vocabulary and comprehend complex texts. Frequent knowledge checks allow you to assess your understanding of key concepts. Your competency will be demonstrated by completing a performance assessment with authentic learning tasks that will help you apply what you learn in the classroom.