Overview

Elementary Disciplinary Literacy examines teaching strategies designed to help learners in grades K–6 develop the literacy skills necessary to read, write, and think critically while engaging content in different academic disciplines. Course content highlights strategies to help learners distinguish between the unique characteristics of informational texts while improving comprehension and writing proficiency across the curriculum. Strategies to encourage inquiry and cultivate skills in critical thinking, collaboration, and creativity also are addressed. This course has no prerequisites.

Competencies

- **Understanding Disciplinary Literacy**
  The graduate distinguishes between the basic strategies used to facilitate comprehension in the elementary content areas and the specialized reading practices needed to comprehend text in a specific discipline.

- **Reading Comprehension and Vocabulary Instruction Within the Disciplines**
  The graduate integrates discipline-specific literacy instruction to help elementary students make meaning from the text structures, vocabulary, and language features found in a variety of discipline-specific texts.

- **Writing Within the Disciplines**
  The graduate plans authentic writing activities to promote understanding of discipline-specific content.

- **Literacy Within Specific Disciplines**
  The graduate integrates instructional strategies and materials in disciplinary literacy practices to enhance student understanding within specific disciplines at the elementary level.

- **The Role of Technology in Disciplinary Literacy**
  The graduate creates authentic learning tasks that provide students with opportunities to demonstrate digital literacy and discipline-specific understandings.

- **Planning Disciplinary Literacy Instruction**
  The graduate plans differentiated lessons and units to help students develop language and literacy skills within the disciplines.

Learning

**Getting Started**
Welcome to Elementary Disciplinary Literacy! In this course you will learn how to help your young students develop strategies and habits of mind that will help them effectively read and write in the context of each academic discipline. This course is delivered through the American Museum of Natural History's (AMNH) learning management system and content is organized into topics related to disciplinary literacy. Each topic begins with an introductory video and reflection questions to guide your thinking about the unique strategies required for reading disciplinary text and writing for specific purposes within the disciplines. Readings and videos will provide you with background knowledge about the topics while frequent knowledge checks will 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.

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