



Preparing Teachers to Provide Evidence-Based Literacy Intervention: The UFLI Model



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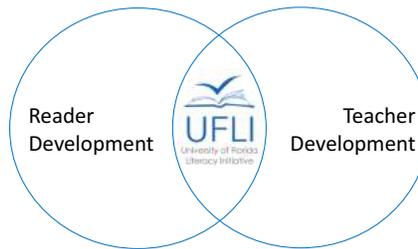
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UFLI is an ongoing effort by UF faculty and students to improve literacy outcomes for students who struggle to learn to read and write.



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UFLI: Tutoring for Beginning Readers (UFLI Basic)

- One-on-one tutoring designed to help preservice teachers (a) understand how a child learns to read and (b) learn strategies to help children who struggle

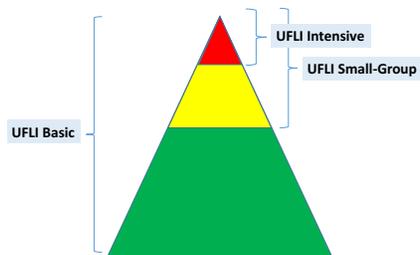
UFLI: Small Group Intervention (UFLI Small Group)

- Application of UFLI Basic strategies with groups of children

UFLI: Intensive Tutoring for Students with Dyslexia (UFLI Intensive)

- Intensive, one-on-one, O-G intervention using multisensory strategies

What is UFLI?



Unified Elementary ProTeach: Dual Certification

A five-year initial teacher preparation program that leads to...

- Dual certification in elementary and special education
- FL endorsement in Reading and ESOL
- Bachelor's degree in Elementary Education
- Master's degree in Special Education



Language and Literacy Focus

Semester 1

- Course: Children's Literature
- Field Experience: Read aloud sessions in childcare settings and afterschool tutoring



Language and Literacy Focus

Semester 2

- Course: Language Arts for Diverse Learners
- Course: Teaching Reading in the Primary Grades
- Field Experience: **UFLI Basic** tutoring and classroom-based practicum



What is UFLI Basic?



- Students receive 20 hours of tutor training.
- They then tutor struggling beginning readers for 20-25 sessions



What is UFLI Basic?

Five Steps:

1. Gaining Fluency
2. Measuring Progress
3. Writing for Reading
4. Reading a New Book
5. Extending Literacy



What is UFLI Basic?

Step 1: Gaining Fluency

- Reading familiar text
- Word work with familiar words



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Step 2: Measuring Progress

- Running record
- Analysis of strategy use
- Determination of new book level



What is UFLI Basic?

Step 3: Writing for Reading

- Eliciting a sentence
- Writing a sentence, using word work and high frequency word practice
- Manipulation of previous sentence



What is UFLI Basic?

Step 4: Reading a New Book

- Book introduction
- Reading new book with tutor's coaching
- Word work with new words



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Step 5: Extending Literacy

- Introducing new genre
- Learning about the form and function of the genre



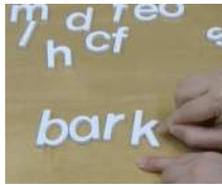
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Blendable Sounds

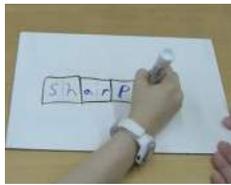


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Manipulative Letters



Elkonin Boxes



Language and Literacy Focus

Semester 3

- Course: ESOL Foundations: Language and Culture in Classrooms
- Course: Teaching Reading in the Intermediate Grades
- Field Experience: Classroom-based Practicum (3 hours per day, 2 days per week)



Language and Literacy Focus

Semester 4

- Course: ESOL Curriculum, Methods and Assessment
- Field Experience: Integrated Teaching (in classrooms 4 hours per day, 5 days per week)



Language and Literacy Focus

Master's Year

- The master's year of the Dual Certification program was revised as part of a 325T grant from the US Department of Education, Office of Special Education Programs.
- The program now includes an intensive summer experience focused on intervention for students with significant reading disabilities.



Language and Literacy Focus

Master's Year

- Course: Intervention for Language and Learning Disabilities
- Course: Reading Assessment and Intervention for Students with Disabilities
- Course: Learning Strategies
- Field Experiences:
 - Practicum in Reading Intervention
 - Full-year Internship



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Language and Literacy Focus

Courses:

- **Intervention for Language and Learning Disabilities**
- **Reading Assessment and Intervention for Students with Disabilities**
- Teacher candidates deepen their prior knowledge of language and literacy intervention practices and learn about the needs of students with dyslexia.
- Content aligned with the IDA Knowledge & Practice Standards



Language and Literacy Focus

Field Experience: Practicum in Reading Intervention

- Four-week intensive practicum
 - **UFLI Intensive tutoring for 1 hour per day**
 - **Individualized tutoring for 30 minutes per day**
 - **Whole-class and small-group for 2.5 hours per day**



What is UFLI Intensive?

- **UFLI Intensive** is a one-on-one tutoring model that uses Orton-Gillingham methods.
- Teacher candidates conduct a comprehensive assessment and tutor students with dyslexia.
- Practicum includes frequent observation & feedback:
 - Each teacher candidate is observed during at least five sessions by a university supervisor.
 - Teacher candidates conduct peer observations.
 - Teacher candidates videotape their own sessions for self-analysis



What is UFLI Intensive?

Four Steps:

- Step 1: Skill & Concept Review
- Step 2: Spelling
- Step 3: Concept Introduction
- Step 4: Connected Text



What is UFLI Intensive?

Step 1: Skill & Concept Review

- Visual Drill
- Auditory Drill
- Blending Drill
- Concept Review



What is UFLI Intensive?

Step 2: Spelling

- Regular Words
- Irregular Words
- Sentence Dictation



What is UFLI Intensive?

Step 3: Concept Introduction

- Explanation
- Modeling & Demonstration
- Guided & Independent Practice
- Generalization



What is UFLI Intensive?

Step 4: Connected Text

- Fluency timings
- Comprehension strategies
- Vocabulary building



What is UFLI Intensive?

UFLI Intensive employs *multisensory* methods to activate multiple neural pathways simultaneously.

- “macro” level
- “micro” level



Individualized Tutoring

Individualized tutoring allows teacher candidates to practice applying their knowledge and skills while they identify and address a child's individual needs.

The tutor designs each lesson using evidence-based strategies from the UFLI Basic and Intensive models.

- Manipulative Letters
- Elkonin Boxes
- Auditory & Visual Drills
- Fluency Timings
- Comprehension Strategies



UFLI Small-Group Intervention

UFLI Small-Group provides teacher candidates with practice applying UFLI Basic strategies with groups of children.



Full-Year Internship

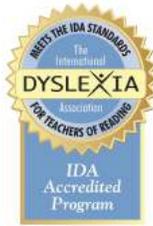
The internship provides teacher candidates with opportunities to integrate and apply their knowledge and skills in authentic settings.



Language and Literacy Focus

When?	Course	Field Experience
Semester 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Children's Literature 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Read aloud sessions in childcare settings and afterschool tutoring
Semester 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Language Arts for Diverse Learners Teaching Reading in the Primary Grades 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> UFLI Tutoring and classroom-based practicum
Semester 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ESOL Foundations: Language and Culture in Classrooms Teaching Reading in the Intermediate Grades 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Classroom-based Practicum (3 hours per day, 2 days per week)
Semester 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ESOL Curriculum, Methods and Assessment 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Integrated Teaching (in classrooms 4 hours per day, 5 days per week)
Master's Year	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Intervention for Language and Learning Disabilities Reading Assessment and Intervention for Students with Disabilities Learning Strategies 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Practicum in Reading Intervention (summer program, 4 hours per day, 4 weeks) Full-year Internship (full-time teaching schedule, two semesters)

IDA Accreditation



In 2014, the UF ProTeach Dual Certification program was reviewed by IDA and was awarded accreditation.

The program also received attention from professionals and policy-makers.

This led to the development of options for practicing professionals:

- District-level professional development
- Graduate Certificate in Dyslexia



District-Level Professional Development



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UF Graduate Certificate in Dyslexia

The UF Dyslexia Certificate is a **fully online** program that is designed for practicing educators and other related service professionals.

- Designed based on the **IDA Knowledge & Practice Standards**
- Upon completion, participants will be able to...
 - conduct and interpret effective literacy assessments
 - design and implement evidence-based literacy intervention for students with dyslexia



UF Graduate Certificate in Dyslexia



UF Graduate Certificate in Dyslexia

The UF Dyslexia Certificate includes a five-course sequence.

- Foundations of Reading Disabilities and Dyslexia
- Dyslexia: Language and the Brain
- Dyslexia: Assessment for Intervention
- Dyslexia: Intervention Methods
- Dyslexia: Practicum in Assessment and Intervention



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Foundations of Reading Disabilities and Dyslexia

- critical components of literacy development
- the nature and needs of students with dyslexia
- the effects of dyslexia on learning to read and write
- historical development of the field
- relevant laws, policies, and practices



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Dyslexia: Language and the Brain

- neurobiological origins of dyslexia
- effect on language and literacy development
- variations in processing and development of elements of language and literacy among students with and without dyslexia
- linguistic structures of and historical influences on the English language



UF Graduate Certificate in Dyslexia

Dyslexia: Assessment for Intervention

- principles and practices of effective assessment for students with dyslexia
- purposes of assessment
- psychometric properties of high-quality assessment tools
- issues related to test administration
- Identification of effective assessment tools, development of informal assessment procedures, and interpretation of assessment data to design intervention.



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Dyslexia: Intervention Methods

- principles and practices of evidence-based literacy intervention for students with dyslexia
- stages of literacy development
- challenges that students may encounter as they develop literacy
- effective intervention in various components of literacy
- issues involved in designing a comprehensive literacy intervention program



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Dyslexia: Practicum in Assessment and Intervention

- Integration of the theoretical study of dyslexia assessment and intervention practices with application in authentic settings
- application of the principles of effective assessment and intervention and implement evidence-based practices for students with dyslexia
- application of knowledge and skills to effect changes in policy and practice in local settings



UF Graduate Certificate in Dyslexia

Dyslexia: Practicum in Assessment and Intervention

- Can be completed in the participant's own setting.
- Option to come to Gainesville to participate in SAIL.



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Our Goal

Professionals who are well prepared to meet the needs of students with dyslexia.



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