



# Lexia LETRS for Early Childhood Educators

Language Essentials for Teachers of Reading and Spelling



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## Why Lexia?

With a 35-year focus on delivering literacy solutions, we have developed a breadth and depth of expertise unlike any in our field. Early childhood educators have limited access to research supporting best practices of developmentally appropriate, evidence-based routines and instruction, which impacts the delivery of playful, purposeful instruction essential for the development of early literacy skills. Lexia® offers comprehensive professional learning solutions that build teacher confidence, deepening educator knowledge and expertise in the science of reading and the practical classroom implementation of Lexia products. Lexia is leading the charge on innovative, effective, and research-proven approaches to one of literacy's biggest issues: more equitable learning for every student.

Key elements that make Lexia unique include:

- » Research and results
- » Adaptive Blended Learning (ABL) model
- » Patented Assessment Without Testing® (AWT) technology
- » Focus on academic language
- » Personalized and scalable implementation partnerships

## Why Lexia LETRS for Early Childhood Educators?

The early childhood years are critical to building the foundations young children need for success in school and life. Lexia LETRS® for Early Childhood Educators empowers educators of young children with deeper knowledge and clarity of effective strategies to prepare all students for success in kindergarten and beyond.

Dr. Louisa Moats and Dr. Lucy Hart Paulson designed this course of study for early childhood educators because research shows the foundation of literacy begins at a young age. Early childhood educators need the same level of professional learning as K-3 educators to effectively teach the foundation of literacy.

Studies show that pre-K and kindergarten prepare children to thrive in school and accelerate their learning. Even at this early stage of learning, independent experts agree that “a well-implemented, evidence-based curriculum” and an emphasis on the quality and continuous training of early childhood educators leads to success in the classroom.





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Professional Learning Solutions



**Lexia LETRS® professional learning for elementary educators** is an investment in teachers' literacy knowledge and professional practice. Teachers gain essential knowledge to master the fundamentals of literacy instruction required to transform student learning.

**Lexia LETRS meets International Dyslexia Association (IDA) standards for teachers of reading.**



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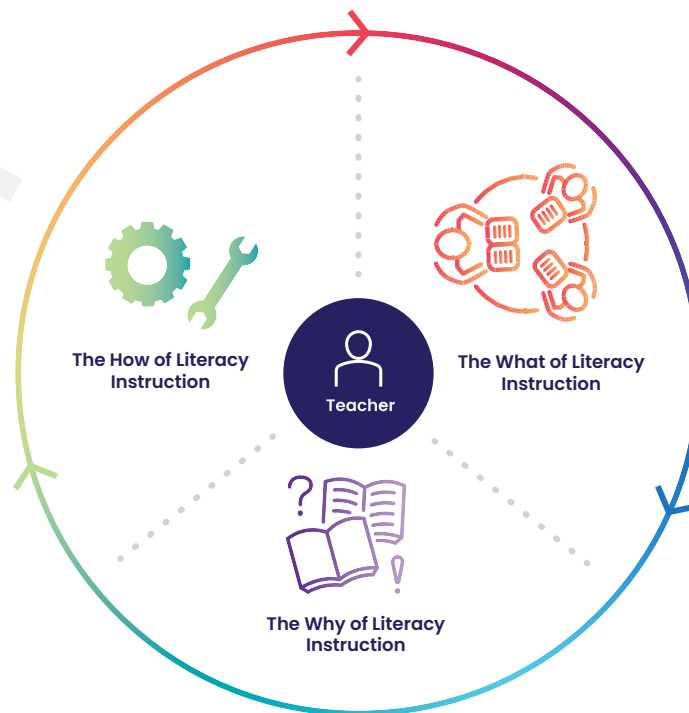
**Lexia LETRS® for Administrators** is a professional development course designed specifically for school leadership, coaches, principals, and district administrators. The course defines the systems and infrastructures required to successfully implement a literacy initiative aligned to scientifically based research. Built from research in implementation science and sustainability, school improvement, and shared leadership, the course provides numerous tools for guiding an implementation through various stages.

## What is Lexia LETRS for Early Childhood Educators?

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### This course will:

- » Define early literacy and language, the processes involved, and the developmental sequences by which these skills develop
- » Describe strategies and learning activities that are engaging, effective, and developmentally appropriate
- » Discuss how assessment procedures and data can be used to plan and implement instruction for the youngest learners



## The four units of Lexia LETRS for Early Childhood Educators and their content

Unit 1: Early Literacy Foundations	Unit 2: Oral Language Connections
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Historical events and research</li> <li>• Policies and standards</li> <li>• Developmentally Appropriate Practice (DAP)</li> <li>• Assessment</li> <li>• Predictive indicators</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Oral language structures of phonology, semantics, morphology, syntax, and prosody</li> <li>• Stages of oral language development and assessment</li> <li>• Strategies to facilitate oral language development</li> </ul>
Unit 3: Phonological “PH”oundations	Unit 4: Print Knowledge ABC to XYZ
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Phonological processing</li> <li>• Linguistic hierarchy of words</li> <li>• Developmental stages of phonological awareness and assessment</li> <li>• Strategies to facilitate rhyming, syllable, and phoneme awareness</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Print awareness concepts</li> <li>• Alphabet characteristics, learning, and teaching</li> <li>• Being a writer</li> <li>• Developmental stages of print knowledge and assessment</li> <li>• Strategies to facilitate print knowledge development</li> </ul>



## Flexible implementation models

The Lexia LETRS for Early Childhood Educators course consists of the online learning platform and the print manual. The online learning platform and print manual are aligned and work together to deepen educators' understanding of the concepts. Additionally, facilitator-led professional learning sessions can be purchased.

### Self-directed learning



### Guided implementation

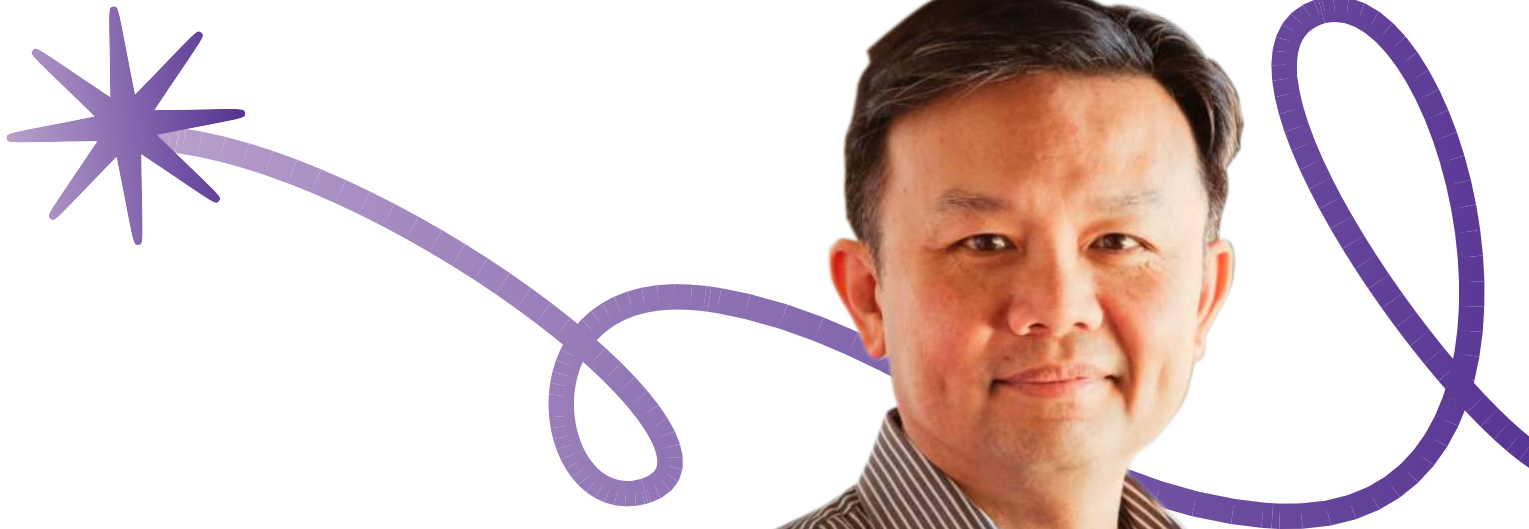


## When participating in Lexia LETRS for Early Childhood Educators, you'll gain:

- » Knowledge of early literacy instruction that allows you to apply best practice strategies to develop oral language, phonological awareness, print knowledge, alphabet learning, and writing skills of early learners
- » Developmentally appropriate routine techniques and strategies for developing oral language, including vocabulary instruction and interactive storybook reading, phonological processing, and print knowledge
- » Access to research supporting best practice of developmentally appropriate, evidence-based routines and instruction impacting the delivery of playful, purposeful instruction essential for the development of early literacy skills
- » An understanding of age-appropriate assessments and how to use data to plan and implement instruction for the youngest learners

## Graduate or transcript credit available

Lexia is excited to partner with the American College of Education (ACE). This partnership allows you to earn graduate or transcript credit for LETRS for Early Childhood Educators.



# Lexia®

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