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## Oral & Written Language Development: Knowledge, Skills, & Strategies

### PDH Academy Course #1905 6 CE HOURS

#### Course Abstract

This intermediate level course addresses skills considered critical to the development of literacy: phonemic awareness, phonics, reading fluency, vocabulary, and text comprehension. It relates each to the skill sets of Speech-Language Pathologists, summarizes research-supported information regarding each, and identifies strategies and activities for the development of each.

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This course is offered for .6 ASHA CEUs (Intermediate level, Professional area)

#### Learning Objectives

By the end of this course, learners will be able to:

- Recognize components of language and literacy
- Recall information and strategies pertaining to the development of phonemic awareness
- Identify aspects of phonics instruction relevant to speech-language pathology
- Select information and strategies pertaining to the development of reading fluency
- Distinguish between information and strategies pertaining to vocabulary development
- Recognize information and strategies pertaining to the development of reading comprehension
- Recall information and strategies pertaining to motivating students to read

#### Timed Topic Outline

- I. Introduction (45 minutes)
  - The Simple View of Reading; The Language/Literacy Hierarchy; The Components of Language and Literacy; Literacy and Children with Communication Disorders; Target Skills; Course Organization
- II. Phonemic Awareness (35 minutes)
  - Facilitating Phonemic Awareness
- III. Phonics (10 minutes)
- IV. Reading Fluency (45 minutes)
  - The Importance of Prosody; Evaluating Reading Fluency; Strategies to Facilitate Reading Fluency
- V. Vocabulary (90 minutes)
  - Word Consciousness; Typical Vocabulary Development; Vocabulary Instruction
- VI. Reading Comprehension (75 minutes)
  - Reading with a Purpose; Active Readers
- VII. The Motivation to Read (30 minutes)
  - Strategies for Motivating Children to Read
- V. Conclusion, Additional Resources, References, and Exam (30 minutes)

### **Delivery Method**

Correspondence/internet self-study with interactivity, including a provider-graded final exam. *To earn continuing education credit for this course, you must achieve a passing score of 80% on the final exam.*

### **Accessibility and/or Special Needs Concerns?**

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### **Course Author Bio & Disclosure**

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Shari has published numerous articles, book chapters, and clinical materials and presented several hundred workshops at state, national, and international venues related to language and literacy. Awarded the Annie Glenn Leadership Award in Language and Literacy in 2017, she is known for providing practical, evidence-based information that can be immediately used in clinical practice.

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