EDRD 6305 Research on Assessment and Diagnosis in Reading and Writing 3 semester hours

Course Description: Current research on assessment and diagnosis of reading and writing will be explored and analyzed to identify significant trends and issues in the field. New research hypotheses will be generated. Guidelines for improving current practice in the field of reading assessment and diagnosis will be developed.

Justification: Texas A&M University College Station and Texas A&M International University are offering a collaborative Ed.D. in Curriculum and Instruction. EDRD 6305 is one of the required courses for students pursuing the doctorate in Curriculum and Instruction with an emphasis in Literacy. EDRD 6305 is scheduled to be offered in the spring 2011 for the current cohort of students. This course is one which is being taught by Texas A&M International University faculty and on the Texas A&M International University campus.

Student Learning Outcomes

- Review and analyze current research on assessment and diagnosis of reading and writing to complete a written synthesis, based on the research, of significant problems and issues, and their influence on the development of literacy of young children and adolescents.
- Analyze findings from the research to identify specific areas in need of further study, and develop research hypotheses and methodologies to guide future research in the field.
- Synthesize the research on Reading assessment and diagnosis to develop guidelines for improving current practice in reading assessment and diagnosis that will aid educators in implementing effective practices in reading assessment and diagnosis.
Through analysis and synthesis of literature in the field, will develop a Reading Assessment and Diagnosis Plan for L2 school children.

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Research on Assessment and Diagnosis in Reading and Writing
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Instructional Activities

- Students will write a critical analysis, 7-9 pages in length, of problems and issues surrounding reading assessment and diagnosis of L1 and L2 children as they influence the literacy development of children and adolescents.

- Students will develop a 6 – 7 page research proposal to address a specific area of reading assessment and diagnosis. Students will include a 3-5 page literature review of the area of interest, identify the research problem or hypothesis and describe the methodology for the proposed study.

- Students will develop a “Guide for Reading Assessment and Diagnosis” to aid educators in implementing appropriate and effective practices in reading assessment and diagnosis, and which will be useful for providing information to parents.