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**Sample Course Progressions Document**

**IMPORTANT notes:** This is a flexible program, and there are many successful course progressions that work. **These are sample course progressions to help you design your own program of study (POS).** When courses are required for all concentrations, they are just listed below. If there are different courses required for specific concentrations, these differences are noted. For electives, please consider taking options listed for other concentrations. Students should use this document while consulting the program of study in the current course catalog AND in conversation with the program coordinator to ensure they meet program requirements. Those in FCC and DL concentrations, please see appendices for details on when recommended concentration courses are offered. Also, for those in RI and FCC concentrations, which require a practicum experience, **EDRD 7650 is a prerequisite for EDCI 7660 (practicum). Practicum generally involves working with students taking EDRD 7650.**

Reading Instruction/Specialist (RI)  
Digital Literacies (DL)  
Family, Communities, and Culture (FCC)

4-semester Sample Course Progression (Fall Start)

**Fall 1**

1. EDRD 7600 Theory and Pedagogy in the Study of Literacy (generally offered every semester)
2. EPY 7080 Psychology of Learning and Learners (offered every semester; multiple sessions)
3. Professional Studies Pedagogy course (maybe EPSF 7110 Multicultural Education) (offered every semester)

**Spring 1**

4. **For RI:** EDLA 7150 Children's and Adolescents' Literature (generally offered in spring);  
**For DL & FCC:** Concentration 1
5. EDRD 7650 Indiv. Literacy Assessment and Instruction (generally offered fall and spring; EDRD 7600 or EDRD 7630 is a prereq)
6. **For RI:** EDRD 7260 Early Literacy Development (generally offered in spring); **For DL & FCC:** Concentration 2

**Summer 1**

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7. EDRD 7630 Literacy in the Content Areas (generally offered fall and summer)
8. **For RI:** EDRD 7550 Literacy Assessment and Curriculum Development (generally offered online in summer);  
**For DL & FCC:** Concentration 3
9. Professional Studies Methods course (maybe EPRS 7900 Methods of Research) (offered every semester)

**Fall 2**

10. **For RI:** EDRD 8610 Professional Learning and Leadership of Literacy (generally offered online in fall);  
**For DL** Concentration 4; **For FCC:** Elective
11. **For RI and FCC:** Practicum EDCI 7660 (generally offered in fall and spring); **For DL:** Elective
12. Elective

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## 5-semester Sample Course Progression (Fall Start)

### Fall 1

1. EDRD 7600 Theory and Pedagogy in the Study of Literacy (generally offered every semester)
2. EPY 7080 Psychology of Learning and Learners (offered every semester; multiple sessions)

### Spring 1

3. Professional Studies Pedagogy course (maybe EPSF 7110 Multicultural Education) (offered every semester)
4. EDRD 7650 Indiv. Literacy Assessment and Instruction (generally offered fall and spring; EDRD 7600 or EDRD 7630 is a prereq)
5. **For RI:** EDRD 7260 Early Literacy Development (generally offered in spring); **For DL & FCC:** Concentration 1

### Summer 1

6. EDRD 7630 Literacy in the Content Areas (generally offered fall and summer)
7. **For RI:** EDRD 7550 Literacy Assessment and Curriculum Development (generally offered online in summer); **For DL & FCC:** Concentration 2
8. Professional Studies Methods course (maybe EPRS 7900 Methods of Research) (offered every semester)

### Fall 2

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9. **For RI:** EDRD 8610 Professional Learning and Leadership of Literacy (generally offered online in fall); **For DL** Concentration 3; **For FCC:** Elective
10. **For RI and FCC:** Practicum EDCI 7660 (generally offered in fall and spring); **For DL:** Elective

### Spring 2

11. **For RI:** EDLA 7150 Children's and Adolescents' Literature (generally offered in spring); **For FCC:** Concentration 3; **For DL:** Concentration 4
12. Elective

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#### 4-semester Sample Course Progression (Spring Start)

##### **Spring 1**

1. **For RI:** EDLA 7150 Children's and Adolescents' Literature (generally offered in spring);  
**For DL & FCC:** Concentration 1
2. EDRD 7600 (generally offered every semester)
3. EPY 7080 Psychology of Learning and Learners (offered every semester; multiple sessions)

##### **Summer 1**

4. EDRD 7630 Literacy in the Content Areas (generally offered fall and summer)
5. **For RI:** EDRD 7550 (generally offered online in summer); **For DL & FCC:** Concentration 2
6. Professional Studies Methods course (maybe EPRS 7900 Methods of Research) (offered every semester)

##### **Fall 1**

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7. EDRD 7650 (generally offered fall and spring; EDRD 7600 or EDRD 7630 is a prereq)
8. **For RI:** EDRD 8610 (generally offered online in fall); **For DL & FCC:** Concentration 3
9. Professional Studies Pedagogy course (maybe EPSF 7110 Multicultural Education) (offered every semester)

##### **Spring 2**

10. **For RI & FCC:** Practicum EDCI 7660 (generally offered in fall and spring); **For DL:** Concentration 4
11. **For RI:** EDRD 7260 (generally offered in the spring); **For DL & FCC:** Elective
12. Elective

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#### 5-semester Sample Course Progression (Spring Start)

##### **Spring 1**

1. **For RI:** EDLA 7150 (generally offered in the spring); **For DL & FCC:** Concentration 1
2. EDRD 7600 (generally offered every semester)

##### **Summer 1**

3. EDRD 7630 Literacy in the Content Areas (generally offered fall and summer)
4. **For RI:** EDRD 7550 (generally offered online in summer); **For DL & FCC:** Concentration 2
5. Professional Studies Methods course (maybe EPRS 7900 Methods of Research) (offered every semester)

##### **Fall 1**

6. EDRD 7650 (generally offered fall and spring; EDRD 7600 or EDRD 7630 is a prereq)
7. **For RI:** EDRD 8610 (generally offered online in fall); **For DL & FCC:** Concentration 3

##### **Spring 2**

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8. **For RI & FCC:** Practicum EDCI 7660 (generally offered in fall and spring); **For DL:** Concentration 4
9. **For RI:** EDRD 7260 (generally offered in the spring); **For DL & FCC:** Elective

##### **Summer 2**

10. Elective
11. Professional Studies Pedagogy course (maybe EPSF 7110 Multicultural Education) (offered every semester)
12. EPY 7080 Psychology of Learning and Learners (offered every semester; multiple sessions)

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## 5-semester Sample Course Progression (Summer Start)

### **Summer 1**

1. EDRD 7630 Literacy in the Content Areas (generally offered fall and summer)
2. **For RI:** EDRD 7550 Literacy Assessment and Curriculum Development (generally offered online in summer);  
**For DL & FCC:** Concentration 1
3. Professional Studies Methods course (maybe EPRS 7900 Methods of Research) (offered every semester)

### **Fall 1**

4. **For RI:** EDRD 8610 Professional Learning and Leadership of Literacy (generally offered online in fall); **For DL & FCC:** Concentration 2
5. EDRD 7650 Indiv. Literacy Assessment and Instruction (generally offered fall and spring; EDRD 7600 or EDRD 7630 is a prereq)

### **Spring 1**

6. **For RI:** EDLA 7150 Children's and Adolescents' Literature (generally offered in spring); **For DL & FCC:** Concentration 3
7. **For RI:** EDRD 7260 Early Literacy Development (generally offered in spring); **For DL:** Concentration 4; **For FCC:** Elective

### **Summer 2**

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8. Professional Studies Pedagogy course (maybe EPSF 7110 Multicultural Education) (offered every semester)
9. EPY 7080 Psychology of Learning and Learners (offered every semester; multiple sessions)
10. EDRD 7600 Theory and Pedagogy in the Study of Literacy (generally offered every semester)

### **Fall 2**

11. **For RI & FCC:** Practicum EDCI 7660 (generally offered in fall and spring); **For DL:** Elective
12. Elective

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## 4-semester Sample Course Progression (Summer Start)

### **Summer 1**

1. EDRD 7630 Literacy in the Content Areas (generally offered fall and summer)
2. **For RI:** EDRD 7550 Literacy Assessment and Curriculum Development (generally offered online in summer);  
**For DL & FCC:** Concentration 1
3. Professional Studies Methods course (maybe EPRS 7900 Methods of Research) (offered every semester)

### **Fall 1**

4. **For RI:** EDRD 8610 Professional Learning and Leadership of Literacy (generally offered online in fall); **For DL & FCC:** Concentration 2
5. EDRD 7650 Indiv. Literacy Assessment and Instruction (generally offered fall and spring; EDRD 7600 or EDRD 7630 is a prereq)
6. EDRD 7600 Theory and Pedagogy in the Study of Literacy (generally offered every semester)

### **Spring 1**

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7. **For RI:** EDLA 7150 Children's and Adolescents' Literature (generally offered in spring); **For DL & FCC:** Concentration 3
8. **For RI:** EDRD 7260 Early Literacy Development (generally offered in spring); **For DL:** Concentration 4; **For FCC:** Elective
9. **For RI & FCC:** Practicum EDCI 7660 (generally offered in fall and spring); **For DL:** Elective

### **Summer 2**

10. Professional Studies Pedagogy course (maybe EPSF 7110 Multicultural Education) (offered every semester)
11. EPY 7080 Psychology of Learning and Learners (offered every semester; multiple sessions)
12. Elective

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## Appendix A: FCC Possible Course Progression based on actual sequence

### **Fall 2018:**

1. EDRD 7210/8210 Family and Community Literacy. Conc 1 (*see below for other options for all concentration courses*)
2. EDRD 7630 Literacy in the Content Areas. Core

### **Spring 2019:**

3. EPRS 7910 Action Research. Core (*see catalog for other EPRS options*)
4. EPSF 7110 Multicultural Ed. Core (*see catalog for other EPSF options*)
5. EDCI 7980 Teaching and Learning in Urban Settings. Conc. 2

### **Summer 2019:**

6. EPY 7080 Psych of Learning. Core
7. TSLE 7260 Cultural Issues for the Bilingual/ESL Teacher. Conc. 3 (*see course catalog for other options*)
8. Elective 1

### **Fall 2019:**

9. EDRD 7650 Individualized Literacy Assessment. Core
10. EDRD 7600 Theory and Pedagogy in the Study of Literacy. Core

*(Note: TSLE 7440: Methods and Materials for the Bilingual/ESL Teacher will be offered here if you want to take this as your third concentration instead of TSLE 7260)*

Apply for graduation

### **Spring 2020:**

11. EDCI 7660 Practicum (work with instructor for EDRD 7650; attend selected classes). Core
12. Elective 2

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### FCC concentration courses (choose three)

- [CPS 7500](#) Individual and Family Over the Lifespan (3) (generally offered in summer and two sections in the fall)
- [EDCI 7980](#) Teaching Learning in Urban Contexts (3) (generally offered in fall; sometimes in spring)
- [EDLA 8330](#) Language Variation and Learning (3) (periodically offered)
- [EDRD 8210](#) Family and Community Literacies (3) (generally offered in fall)
- [EDRD 8280](#) Literacy for a Diverse Society (3) (periodically offered)
- [TSLE 7250](#) Applied Linguistics for the Bilingual/ESL Teacher (3) (generally offered in spring)
- [TSLE 7260](#) Cultural Issues for the Bilingual/ESL Teacher (3) (generally offered in summer)
- [TSLE 7440](#) Methods and Materials for the Bilingual/English as a Second Language Teacher (3) (generally offered in fall)

## Appendix B: DL Possible Course Progression based on actual sequence (forthcoming)

### DL concentrations (Choose 4)

- [ECE 7760](#) Create to Learn (3) (generally offered every fall and spring)
- [EDLA 7460](#) Theory and Pedagogy in the Study of Writing (3) (sometimes offered in fall)
- [EDRD 8360](#) Literacy and Digital Media (3) (sometimes offered in fall)
- [EDRD 8550](#) Trends and Issues in Language and Literacy Education (3) (special topics course, sometimes offered in fall)
- [LT 7360](#) Integrating Technology in School-Based Learning Environments (3) (generally offered every semester)
- [LT 7777](#) Inventing to Learn (3) (generally offered in fall)
- [LT 7500](#) Digital and Information Literacy (generally offered in the fall)