



95 Percent Group LLC Foundational Course Descriptions

Understanding the Science of Reading

Have you ever wondered what researchers know about the complex skill of reading? Curious about how neuromyths like learning styles stand up to the test of science? This course will provide participants with the most up-to-date knowledge about how the brain processes text and what happens with students who don't process text in the expected way. Educators will walk away with effective teaching strategies for each of the 5 pillars of reading, aligned with current research.

It All Begins with Language: Preparing Students for the Journey from Speech to Print

Without oral language, there would be no need for reading. Oral language sets the stage for the development of reading skills from phonological awareness all the way through to constructing meaning from print. This course provides an understanding of the role oral language plays in both reading and writing. Educators will be provided with step-by-step solutions for providing effective oral language support in the daily classroom structure and will complete a lesson plan framework.

The Development of Phonological Awareness Across the Grade Levels

Oral Language and phonological awareness are critical components for the development of early literacy skills. This session will explore the significant impact phonological processing has on reading. Three key components of phonological processing: phonological representation, phonological working memory, and phonological awareness will be explained. Participants will leave with a deep understanding of the continuum of phonological skills, their assessment, and essential instruction across the grade levels. Additionally, participants will be taught the importance of articulatory gestures in speech sound instruction.

The Depth and Breadth of Phonics Instruction Overview

Phonics, along with proficient phoneme analysis skills, is a key component in supporting orthographic mapping. Orthographic mapping allows skilled readers to store a large number of words in long-term memory for instant access in reading. Participants will examine the role of universal screening and diagnostic assessment in identifying students in need of support, learn the basic patterns of the English language and create an effective phonics lesson plan through the use of a template.

Advanced Word Study: Mastering Multisyllable Words

In this session, participants will be guided to create a comprehensive structured literacy lesson. Topics covered will include the need to address phonemic awareness deficits in older readers, the 6 syllable types of the English language and a journey through the origins of the language. Morphological awareness as a predictor for reading comprehension will be covered along with examples of instruction to support it. All word study instruction will be developed to support the reading of a passage (shared).

Our Foundational Courses are available in-person or virtually. For course outlines, cost information, availability, and additional information contact us at sales@95percentgrop.com or call 847-499-8200.