

IHE Literacy Community of Practice

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Agenda

Review of Meeting Norms and Meeting Objectives -5 min

Illinois Tool Hopefuls

Steering Team resource share out- 10 min

Panel of Experts -60 min

Questions- 5 min

Closing and Next Steps- 5 min

Meeting Norms

- Respect everyone
- Start and end on time
- Be present and actively engaged for the entire committee meeting
- Be open and respectful –
All opinions and thoughts on this work are welcome
- Be as much a listener as a sharer

Meeting Objectives



Community of Practice members will learn about approaches other states and a few Illinois IHEs are taking to incorporating literacy into their curricula.



Community of Practice members review the current resource created by the Steering Team for the Illinois Comprehensive Literacy Plan



Steering Team Update

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Ideas for Illinois Tool

- Keep it simple- focus on showing growth rather than a checklist
- Ask IHEs about what adjustments were made rather than aligning every course and reading
- This tool should be flexible for Illinois and should be able to be applied across various programs
- This tool could be a curriculum matrix which has items from the Illinois Plan and where they were or were not addressed
- The creation of this tool should be prioritizing working toward teaching to make meaning through literacy
- Focus on Purpose
- We want to make sure to include technology- not all reading is in text at this time in our world
- Use of categories such as knowledge or students or knowledge of reading could be helpful
- Focus on what we value and select big categories based on those values

The Literacy in Educator Preparation Programs Steering Team

- **Overall Task:**
 - Create draft and final tools for EPPs to self-assess their alignment with the Illinois Comprehensive Literacy Plan.
- **Important Guiding Ideas:**
 - The tool should assess if the Educator Preparation Program is aligned to the Illinois Comprehensive Literacy Plan.
 - Evidence may include student work and/or teacher candidate work, if it demonstrates the alignment of the program to the plan.
 - The tool should maintain a literacy focus.
- **Work Completed So Far:**
 - Identified the components of the tool.
 - Drafted language for the objectives to be measured for each component.
 - Identified examples of evidence that an EPP could use to show progress in implementing each component of the tool.

Tool Components CoP Review

- If you would like to provide feedback on the draft tool, please use [the Optional Review Form](#) by March 14th.
- Taken from the Illinois Comprehensive Literacy Plan recommendations:
 - 01- Framework for Effective-Evidence-Based Literacy Instruction
 - 02- Educator Professional Learning and Development
 - [Illinois Comprehensive Literacy Plan](#)



Panel of Experts

Dr. Lauren Brannan and Dr. Tiffany Davis- Alabama State Department of Education, Alabama

Dr. Laura Saylor - Dean & Professor in School of Education, Mt. St. Joseph, Ohio

Dr. Rhonda Fritz - Associate Professor Specializing in Early Literacy, Eastern Oregon University

Panel Questions

- What professional development opportunities do you offer your IHEs? or Did your IHEs offer their faculty and staff?
- What resources did you find were most helpful? (this could include textbooks, links or just helpful resources in general)
- What would you have done differently in this process?
- If you could offer one piece of advice, what would it be?



Available State Resources

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Current ISBE Resources

- Professional Development Opportunities

Current Offerings:

- Capacity Builders Series:

- Collaborative learning opportunity for educators and higher education representatives.
- Focused on fostering literacy leadership and aligning efforts with the Illinois Comprehensive Literacy Plan.

Current ISBE Resources Cont'd

- Professional Development Opportunities
Upcoming:
- January 2024:
 - Online Modules for Educators
 - Aligned with legislative mandates for evidence-based reading instruction.
 - Designed to enhance educator training in literacy.
- July 2024:
 - Expanded Training Opportunities
 - Includes microcredentials to support professional growth.
 - Developed to deepen educators' knowledge and practice.

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Questions?



Closing and Next Steps

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What's Next?

thank you