



Supporting Effective Literacy Instruction

In partnership with NWEA® and Consortium on Reaching Excellence in Education® (CORE®), the Alaska Department of Education & Early Development (DEED) will offer a joint learning, collaboration, and coaching opportunity that will empower 100 Alaska educators to translate learning into practice within their systems. The program will support educators with in-depth learning and application of the science of reading instructional practices. Professional learning consists of the CORE Online Elementary Reading Academy (OERA) and opportunities for participants to engage in collaboration and individualized coaching.

Who's eligible to participate?

- Elementary teachers (K-5)
- Paraprofessionals who are responsible for delivering literacy interventions
- Interventionists
- Literacy coaches
- Elementary administrators

What's included?

- The course takes approximately 10 weeks to complete. Participants access learning via textbooks, video clips, interactive learning tasks, and webinars. They'll have opportunities to practice skills via weekly online discussion forums, webinars, collaboration activities, self-check exercises, and homework assignments.
- NWEA will schedule four live (synchronous) events to connect participants and literacy experts from NWEA and CORE virtually and discuss learning with each other.
- NWEA will provide skilled facilitators to give participants the option of signing up for coaching and collaboration opportunities that advance their practice.

When will this occur?

- Recruitment will begin in January 2022.
- Applications will be reviewed weekly.
- Participants will be notified on a rolling basis, before the course start date.
- The course will begin on March 7, 2022.
- The course will conclude on June 5, 2022.
- A virtual, statewide network meeting will be held after course completion to share shifts in knowledge and practice.

What else is offered?

- DEED will provide a stipend of \$500 for the additional time and effort related to this work. The stipend is for every teacher who completes the entire course and attends at least two online collaboration opportunities.
- In partnership with University of Alaska (UA), DEED will offer continuing education credits to participants who would like to earn postsecondary credit. Requirements for these units include successful completion of the approximate 45 course hours with a passing score on the final assessment and attendance at two of the three online collaboration opportunities.

How do I apply?

- [Register for Supporting Effective Literacy Instruction](#)
- The registration link will be live on January 27, 2022.

Who do I contact for information?

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