Graduate Credit Guide: Comprehensive Reading Course (Mindplay)

Thank you for your interest in taking this course for three graduate credits through Castleton University. We hope the details below will be helpful as you decide whether you’d like to pursue this opportunity to further your professional education.

**Number of graduate-level credits:** 3

**Cost of 3 graduate credits:** $570

**Graduate institution:** Castleton University

**Start date:** Open

**End Date:** Course will close within 6 months of start date

**Number of CEU:** 45 hours (30 hours of online instruction and 15 hours of independent readings and activities)

**Course Objectives:** As a result of the course, students will understand:

- explicit, systematic instruction that is consistent with current scientific research benefits learning
- phonological awareness can be taught and learned and benefits students when learning to decode and spell
- systematic and explicit phonics instruction is more effective than non-systematic or no phonics instruction and is critical for students who are having difficulty acquiring these skills
- fluency is an essential reading skill, how to set appropriate fluency goals, how to assess reading fluency, and how to provide intervention as necessary
- grammar is a system of rules that governs our use of both spoken and written language.
- why it is important to teach vocabulary and ways to enhance vocabulary learning
- what reading comprehension involves, the factors that influence reading comprehension, and how to provide meaningful instruction
- how to recognize strengths and needs in reading and spelling programs and enhance programs as needed by using research-based best practices
- developmental frameworks for determining student's reading and spelling levels and needs and for setting instructional goals

**Evaluation:**

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