

Keys to Literacy



## ***Keys to Early Writing Online Course***

The *Keys to Early Writing* online course provides professional development for research-based early writing instruction. This course is appropriate for all grades K-3 educators. The course provides an option for individuals or groups to receive training for the instructional practices that make up the *Keys to Early Writing* routine.

The online course is organized into 10 modules that include interactive activities, reading assignments, quizzes, and video clips from live training. Course participants practice generating lessons that incorporate the instructional practices presented in the course. Registration for the online course includes a copy of the training book.

The course is “asynchronous” which means participants can complete the course at their convenience; users may log in at any time to work through the modules at their own pace. The course will start upon confirmation of registration. The course will be available for six months.

On average, the course takes 16 hours to complete. A certificate of completion for 16 hours of participation is provided at the end of the course when all module assignments have been completed and quizzes passed with a minimum score of 80% (quizzes may be taken multiple times).

Topics covered in the course:

- Early writing developmental stages and Common Core expectations for grades K-3
- The language and literacy connection
- Using read aloud to teach print and writing concepts
- Suggestions for engaging a community of writers: collaboration, opportunities for feedback, student choice
- Suggestions for daily writing using *quickwrites*
- How to teach sentence writing, transitions, and basic paragraph structure
- Basic text structures for opinion, informational, and narrative composing
- Stages in the writing process (think & plan, write, revise)
- Strategies for writing from sources
- Writing scaffolds, including sentence, paragraph, and multi-paragraph templates
- Writing Activity Guide (WAG) for planning K-3 writing tasks

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