

CREDENTIALS UNLIMITED

BUILDING YOUR PROFESSIONAL PORTFOLIO THROUGH PERSONALIZED LEARNING

Dear Learner,

Thank you for your interest in learning about and/or obtaining a micro-credential from [Credentials Unlimited](#). Earning a micro-credential assures that teachers have demonstrated a high level of competency in discrete educational skills.

Why obtain a micro-credential?

In the world of education and seeking advanced degrees, we may find ourselves locked in a program that may or may not provide us the information we were seeking to improve our skills and knowledge. Micro-credentials are an alternative to advanced degrees and provide us with a way to take professional development of our choice that can be compiled into stackable blocks of knowledge in a particular topic. Micro-credentials demonstrate your continuing professional development, dedication and desire for improving your practice and knowledge through personalized learning.

The following course, [Keys to Beginning Literacy](#) is approved by Credentials Unlimited for a micro-credential. This course meets the following competencies:

Competencies:

- Foundations of Literacy Acquisition
Understand the reciprocal relationships among phonemic awareness, decoding, word recognition, spelling and vocabulary knowledge.
- Knowledge of Diverse Reading Profiles, Including Dyslexia
Recognize the tenets of the (2003) IDA definition of dyslexia, or any accepted revisions thereof.
- Assessment:
Understand the differences among the purposes for screening, progress-monitoring, diagnostic, and outcome assessments
- Understand basic principles of test construction and formats (e.g., reliability, validity, criterion, normed). Structured Literacy Instruction:
Understand/apply in practice the general principles and practices of structured language and literacy teaching, including explicit, systematic, cumulative, teacher-directed instruction.
 - Phonological and Phonemic Awareness
 - Phonics and Word Recognition
 - Automatic, Fluent Reading of Text
 - Listening and Reading Comprehension

CREDENTIALS UNLIMITED

BUILDING YOUR PROFESSIONAL PORTFOLIO THROUGH PERSONALIZED LEARNING

How do you obtain a micro-credential?

You must successfully complete the course according to the instructor's guidelines. Then you need to take the online assessment. This assessment is available at https://credentialsunlimited.brilliantassessments.com/?external=Credentials_Unlimited_KBR

Follow the directions for payment and taking the assessment.

To pass, you must obtain an 80% or higher on this assessment. You will have three attempts to pass this exam. If you do not pass, your payment is NOT refunded.

For more information on Credentials Unlimited, visit our website www.credentialsunlimited.com or reach us at info@credentialsunlimited.com

Your partners in learning,

Donna Hejtmanek

Dr. Lori Severino