



Alaska Reads Professional Development Science of Reading Foundations Course



Are you a K-6 educator looking for free professional development that meets the Alaska Reads Act educator preparation requirements for science of reading foundational skills?

Keys to Literacy is an approved provider by the Alaska Department of Education & Early Development to provide a free professional development course that meets the required foundational reading skills addressed in the Alaska Reads Act. [Click here](#) to learn more about Alaska Reads.

About the Professional Development Course

Between April, 2023 and June, 2024, Alaska K-6 educators can participate in a hybrid-online course titled *Keys to Beginning Reading* that totals 46 hours. Participants spend approximately 36 hours completing modules in an asynchronous online course and attend five, two-hour, virtual-live meetings facilitated by Keys to Literacy trainers (totaling 10 hours). The course is organized into five sections — participants complete a 6- to 8-hour section of the online course prior to attending each 2-hour, virtual-live meeting that addresses the content of that part of the course. Participants access the self-paced online course content via readings, videos, quizzes, and reflection activities. They share some of their reflection activities during the virtual-live facilitated meetings. [Click here](#) to learn more about the Alaska *Keys to Beginning Reading* course.

In order to receive credit for completing the course and meet the required foundational reading skills addressed in the Alaska Reads Act, participants **must complete the full online course and attend all five virtual-live meetings**. In cases of emergency or illness, participants may miss one of the five meetings, but must agree to watch a recording of the session that was missed, facilitated by Alaska DEED during one monthly opportunity to make it up. **Participants must also complete a pre-assessment at the start of the course, and complete and pass a post-assessment at the end of the course.** Participants can reference content in the online course as they take the post-assessment, and if they do not pass on the first try, they can take the assessment one more time.

Graduate Credit

The University of Alaska is offering 3 graduate credits at a cost of \$119.00 to those participants who are interested and complete all the requirements of the course. Registration is through the university. Information will be made available to people registered in our hybrid-online course *Keys to Beginning Reading*.

Course Schedules

Multiple cohorts of up to 37 participants will be scheduled throughout the coming year. The first cohorts will take the course between April and August, 2023. We are offering multiple scheduling options that include shorter and longer time-frames for completing the course in order to meet different scheduling needs and learning styles. Registration will be on a first come, first served basis. When you complete the application process, you will be asked to select a first, second and third choice for a cohort. Once enrolled in a cohort, you may not switch into a different cohort. Schedules will be posted at the Keys to Literacy website on the Alaska Reads information page. [Click here](#) to view.

Who Can Attend?

The following educators are eligible to register for this course:

- Any grades K-6 educator (including special education and ESL/ELL teachers responsible for reading instruction or intervention) should complete the course.
- Administrators who work with grades K-6 students and educators can attend this course or an alternative course offered by AK DEED specific to administrators

Registration Information

Go to the Keys to Literacy [Alaska Reads website](#) to register for a course. Spaces are limited and applications will be processed on a first-come, first served basis. Include your first, second and third choices for course cohort, and include your email. You will receive a confirmation by email to let you know if you have been registered for a course. Check your email inbox and SPAM folder regularly. Participants must commit to completing the course and log-in to the online course within 3 days of receiving confirmation.

Educators must register as individuals; however, connect with your school district administrator to find out when others in your district are planning on taking the course.

Questions? Visit the [Alaska Reads page](#) at the Keys to Literacy website, or contact us:

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