

Dr. Gibbs – Teaching Reading to Learners with Special Needs – Transcript

Hi, my name is Dr. Susan Gibbs, and I will be your instructor for Special Education 5275 – Teaching Reading to Learners with Special Needs. I have been teaching this course for many years and am very excited about teaching it online. It's important to me that all children be taught to read and be met where they are in their unique and individual places.

The textbook for this course will provide you the opportunities to learn how to teach each learner to read and it's called *Direct Instruction: Reading*. I want you all to have the book before we begin class and I'd also like for you all to look at the syllabus and just read through it and have any questions ready, that you might have for me at our first meeting.

Some of the topics we'll cover in this class are decoding, letter sound correspondences, how to pronounce a letter sound correctly, comprehension skills, and fluency. All of these skills are skills that are required by No Child left Behind Act, and we feel like we're covering them very nicely in this class.

I hope that you will enjoy all parts of the class. I particularly want to make certain that you look at the videos that we have provided for you through internet links. Many of them are examples of less direct instruction lessons for you to look at. And, one of them is by one of the authors of your text when he is explaining what less direct instruction is. You'll also have a clinical experience in this class which is a very exciting component.

I look forward to working with you. If you have any questions, my phone number and e-mail address are on your syllabus and I will look forward to seeing you at our first meeting. Thank you.