

An Integrated Approach to Language Comprehension & Written Expression

Module Syllabus

AIM PATHWAYS

AIM Pathways is an interactive, digital, professional development platform designed to strengthen educators' knowledge and skills in the science of literacy instruction. Course content is aligned to the International Dyslexia Association's *Knowledge and Practice Standards for Teachers of Reading*. Online coursework is accessible at your convenience—24 hours a day, 7 days a week, anywhere there is an internet connection. In order to translate theoretical models into classroom practice, AIM Pathways courses are designed to follow a Learn, Practice, and Apply cycle:

- **Learn** – Participants acquire knowledge by interacting with video lectures, articles, animated videos, and more.
- **Practice** – Participants practice newly acquired knowledge through card-sorting exercises, quizzes, and surveys.
- **Apply** – Participants apply their understanding of the content to real-life simulations and case studies. These in-depth, multi-step scenarios give educational leaders a chance to hone their diagnostic and prescriptive decision-making skills for instructional programming.

MODULE DESCRIPTION

This AIM Pathways module explores the research and instructional practices related to language comprehension development, detailed in the upper strands of Scarborough's reading rope. Through an integrated instructional approach students develop the knowledge and skills needed to support proficient reading comprehension and written expression.

PRE- AND POST-MODULE KNOWLEDGE INVENTORY

Before starting the module, participants take a pre-knowledge inventory in order to establish a baseline of their current mastery of the content.

Upon completion of the module, participants take a post-knowledge inventory in order to assess their mastery of the content and their knowledge gains from the baseline assessment.

CERTIFICATE OF COMPLETION AND CONTINUING EDUCATION UNITS

Participants who complete the online *Comprehension and Written Expression* module will receive a certificate of completion and are eligible for 11 hours for continuing education units (CEUs).

AN INTEGRATED APPROACH TO COMPREHENSION AND WRITTEN EXPRESSION MODULE OUTLINE

- Pre-Module Knowledge Inventory

- Section 1 - The Complexity of Comprehension
 - Lesson 1 - What is Comprehension?
 - Topic 1 - Comprehension is Not Just ONE Thing
 - Topic 2 - The Reading Writing Connection

- Section 2 - Language Structures & Verbal Reasoning
 - Lesson 1 - Syntax and Sentence Comprehension
 - Lesson 2 - How We Teach Sentence Comprehension
 - Lesson 3 - How We Teach Grammar & Sentence Composition

- Section 3 - Background Knowledge and Verbal Reasoning
 - Lesson 1 - Background Knowledge and Inferencing
 - Lesson 2 - Activating, Building and Connecting Background Knowledge
 - Lesson 3 - Intentional Independent Word-Learning Strategies

- Section 4 - Text Structures
 - Lesson 1 - Narrative Texts
 - Topic 1 - Reading Narratives
 - Topic 2 - Writing Narratives
 - Lesson 2 - Expository Texts
 - Topic 1 - Reading Expository Text
 - Topic 2 - Writing Expository Text

- Post-Module Knowledge Inventory

A full citation and reference list is available.