Interested in learning specific techniques to advance your students’ literacy skills?

This course is for you!

**COMD 710: Improving Literacy Skills in All Students**

**Course Description:** This graduate course is appropriate for all school-based professionals (e.g., general and special educators, speech-language pathologists, reading specialists) interested in improving their students’ literacy skills, whether the students are typically-developing or struggling with those abilities. After an overview of literacy development at the word- (decoding and spelling) and text-level (reading comprehension and written composition), specific guidelines and suggestions will be offered for assessment, instruction, and remediation. Time will be provided for participants to practice the activities suggested and to interact with and ask questions of the instructor. This course is offered for one (1) semester hour of graduate credit.

**About the Instructor:** Dr. Kenn Apel is professor and chair of the Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders at the University of South Carolina. He teaches in the area of school-age language development and disorders with a special emphasis on literacy skills. Dr. Apel has more than 25 years of experience working with children, adolescents, and adults who have language problems and language-based learning deficits. His area of research focuses on the underlying linguistic components that support the development of word-level reading and spelling.

**Course Information:** COMD 710 (1 hr); June 9, 10, 11; 8:00 am – 12:15 pm Williams-Brice Bldg, Rm. 409; USC - Columbia Campus –OR- Distance participation possible. Contact T. Boyett below after being admitted as a non-degree student.

**How to enroll:** Go to [http://www.gradschool.sc.edu/](http://www.gradschool.sc.edu/) Click on “Apply Now” button

Scroll down to Application for Graduate Programs and click on the “Apply Now” button. You would then apply as a “Non-degree Seeking Applicant”.

After you have received notification from the Graduate School that you have been admitted as a non-degree student, please contact Teresa Boyett at (803) 777-3080 or tboyett@mailbox.sc.edu to obtain permission and schedule codes to enroll in these courses prior to registering on VIP. It is not possible to register for any COMD courses without going through this process.
**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION LINKS:**

**REMINDER:** As a certified educator, you are eligible for a tuition discount at U.S.C. Be sure to contact the Bursar’s Office about this to make sure they have record of your teaching certificate on file before your bill for tuition and fees is generated. Be proactive and be ready for future courses at U.S.C.!

University of South Carolina  
www.sc.edu/

Dept. of Communication Sciences and Disorders  
www.sph.sc.edu/comd/

Fee Schedule  
www.sph.sc.edu/comd/fees.htm

Bursar’s Office  
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Registrar  
http://registrar.sc.edu

*Parking Information Links:*

Pendleton Garage (campus location map) – 5 hr. meters or purchase 1-day parking  
http://www.sc.edu/cgi-bin/uscsmap/uscsmap.cgi?type=number&data=19

Bull Street Garage (campus location map) - $1.00/hr. parking upper levels  
http://www.sc.edu/cgi-bin/uscsmap/uscsmap.cgi?data=bull+street+garage&type=building