

## ***FLAMINGO LITERACY MATRIX***

**Overview.** *To realize the vision memorialized in Chapter 1001.215, Florida Statutes, the UFLC is working in partnership with the Just Read, Florida! Office to achieve a world where all children have access to supports and educational practices that are proven to help them learn and love to read. We have harnessed the knowledge of literacy education experts with the power of cutting edge learning technology to design a comprehensive, scalable system that revolutionizes the world of reading for students and their teachers. With support from the James Patterson Foundation, the UF Lastinger Center developed the Literacy Matrix, an online system for teachers to learn about essential, evidence-based concepts in reading and the strategies to apply them with students in the classroom. For each concept, the Literacy Matrix includes foundational content, along with how-to information in the areas of assessment, instruction, and intervention. The strand for each key concept concludes with application assignments that teachers will submit for review and feedback. Successful completion of the full Flamingo Literacy Matrix serves as a pathway for teachers to earn the Florida Reading Endorsement. Additionally, educators may complete particular strands of the Literacy Matrix to satisfy particular competencies (see Figure 1). The Literacy Matrix is available in multiple pathways: (a) in its entirety; (b) by competency (Foundations, Assessment, Instruction, Intervention, and Demonstration of Accomplishment). Teachers who enroll in the entire Literacy Matrix typically complete all five competencies in approximately 9 months. Each competency is provided in smaller, “bite-size” units that allow teachers to begin small and build on that knowledge as needed.*