

Overview

The UFLC offers professional learning focused on the Flamingo Small Group Literacy Instruction model, designed to help teachers apply reading research effectively. This model emphasizes explicit, systematic instruction in decoding and fluency, promoting student independence through metacognitive strategies. While tailored for students with dyslexia, it benefits all learners.

Structured Literacy (SL) is identified as the best approach for those struggling with reading, characterized by explicit, systematic, and engaging methods. The program provides daily opportunities for students to practice encoding and decoding using manipulatives aligned with core curricula.

Educators participating in a three-day kickoff institute will learn foundational reading skills, effective instructional strategies, and how to diagnose individual student needs. They will also engage in ongoing virtual sessions for deeper understanding and implementation support, which includes job-embedded coaching and feedback.

Additionally, the Flamingo Literacy Reading App offers a comprehensive online platform for evidence-based tutoring, featuring a vast library of bilingual books and customizable exercises, reinforcing the principles of the instruction model.