



# UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS CLINIC FOR LITERACY

## Clinic Leadership

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Heather Young is an Associate Professor. Dr. Young is a former elementary school teacher and literacy coach. She has a Masters in Reading Education from the University of Tennessee and a Doctorate in Curriculum and Instruction from the University of Arkansas. Dr. Young is trained in Connections OG in 3D, an evidence-based intervention specifically addressing phonemic awareness and phonics.

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Linda H. Eilers is a Clinical Professor. Dr. Eilers is a former elementary school teacher and curriculum coordinator. She has a Doctorate in Reading Education from Louisiana State University. Dr. Eilers is also trained in Connections OG in 3D. She is on the Board of Directors of the Arkansas Affiliate of the Dolly Parton Imagination Library.

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Rhett Hutchins is a Clinical Assistant Professor in the Educational Studies program. Dr. Hutchins has a Reading Education Doctorate from Clemson where he gained experience leading and working in their literacy clinic.



## Mission

The Clinic for Literacy provides opportunities for improved achievement in reading and writing. Teacher candidates serve students through analysis of literacy needs and intervention. Literacy coursework grounded in the Science of Reading (SoR) taught at the University is immediately applied through work with students to support school literacy experiences.

## Structure

The UACL hosts literacy camps for kindergarten through sixth-grade students during the fall and spring semesters. A two-week literacy camp is also held during the summer months immediately prior to the beginning of the school year.

Each UA candidate providing intervention for students, understands the SoR and the various challenges students face in learning to read. Candidates use the principles of Response to Intervention (RtI) and how to best use formative assessment combined with evidence-based practices to make reading and writing gains with each student. The goal is to teach students strategies aligned with school-based instruction.

## UofA College of Education and Health Professions Clinic for Literacy (UACL)

### Parent Testimonials

"The UA Literacy Camp has been invaluable for my daughter who has always struggled with reading. She now has a joy, confidence, and excitement for reading that has made a lasting impact." - *Parent of a 3rd grade participant*

"The UA Literacy Camp not only increased my son's fluency and comprehension, but tremendously built his confidence." - *Parent of a 4th grade participant*

The UACL serves students from multiple districts and private schools, as well as homeschools. **Everyone is welcome!**

Students are paired with University of Arkansas teacher candidate interns. They are screened in order to identify the area needing the most improvement or enrichment. Students experience literacy lessons in an engaging format designed to meet specific, individual literacy needs.

### REGISTRATION LINK

<https://commerce.cashnet.com/uarkedu1?itemcode=edu1-litcamp>

The UACL will host Fall Literacy Camp in a virtual, synchronous remote learning format.

### Fall 2020 VIRTUAL\* CAMP VIA ZOOM

- \* Virtual means Camp sessions are delivered through an online platform.
- \* Zoom is a video communications platform.
- \* Synchronous learning means the tutors and students meet and interact in "real time" for each Camp session.

Fall Camp sessions will be on 11 Mondays, starting September 14 and ending December 7.

The Camp sessions run from 3:30 p.m. until 4:30 p.m.

The tentative dates are:

- September 14, 21, 28
- October 5, 12, 19, 26
- November 2, 9, 16
- December 7 (Parent-Tutor Conference)

Parents are expected to log in to the session with the student for a "virtual drop-off;" and then come back at the session conclusion for a "virtual pickup" to receive feedback from the tutor.

For more information please contact Dr. Linda Eilers, Camp Coordinator at [litcamp@uark.edu](mailto:litcamp@uark.edu)