

***Understanding program grades for Early Reading:***

**A+:** Program coursework addresses all five essential components (phonemic awareness, phonics, fluency, vocabulary, and reading comprehension) requiring at least two lectures and one type of practice (test, writing assignments, or teaching experience) and all required textbooks are “acceptable.”

**A:** Program coursework adequately addresses all five essential components. Examples of adequate coverage include:

- An acceptable textbook and two or more lectures on a component;
- An acceptable textbook and a test on a component;
- An acceptable textbook and an assignment and practice teaching on a component;
- Two or more lectures and a test on a component;
- Two or more lectures and assignments on a component; etc.

**B:** Program coursework addresses four of the five essential components.

**C:** Program coursework addresses three of the five essential components.

**D:** Program coursework addresses only two of the five essential components.

**F:** Program coursework addresses at most one of the five essential components.