



## Center for Literacy **IMPACT**

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# VISION

The Center for Literacy IMPACT is rooted in the principles of Washburn University's mission, vision, and values to create a positive **IMPACT**



# A Vision for IMPACT

Removing barriers  
Closing the opportunity gap

## **Inclusion**

Fostering meaningful  
collaborations and  
partnerships

## **Modernization**

Identifying, developing,  
sharing new research

Network of collaborations  
Community-based approach

## **Partnership**

## **Achievement**

Supporting teachers,  
students, and families to  
increase literacy skills

## **Community**

## **Transformation**

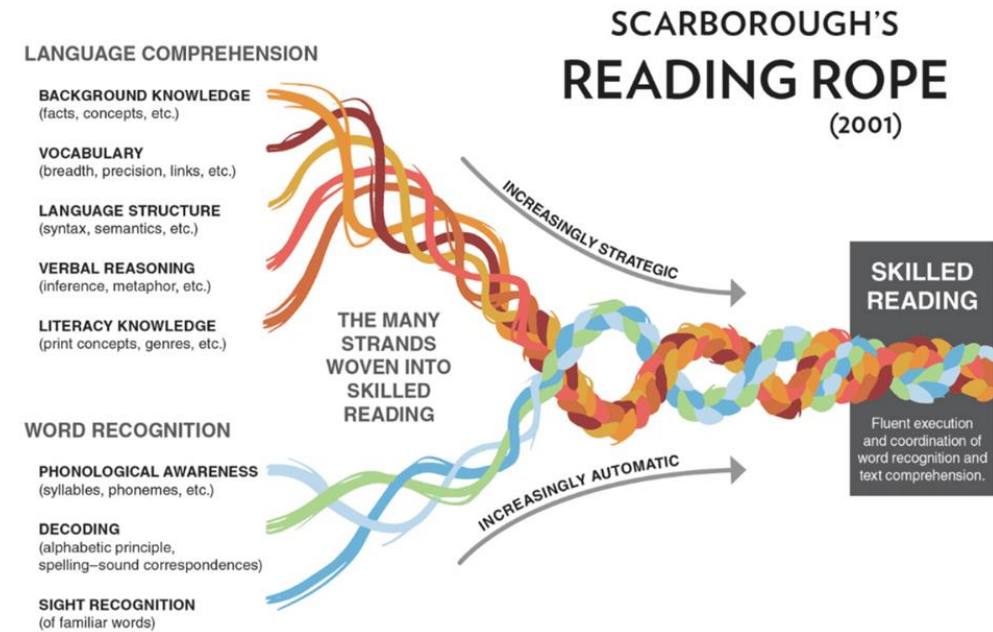
Changing lives through  
education, support, and  
advocacy



# Pre-Service Educator Preparation: Current Programs

Rigorous coursework and in-depth application in various classrooms throughout the program.

- ✓ Five required courses provide explicit instruction and application of The Science of Reading elements and principles
- ✓ 2 field experiences (150+ hours) in addition to the student teaching semester
- ✓ 3 courses taught within a local elementary school for instant application



# Pre-Service Educator Preparation: Proposed Initiatives

**Simulation Lab:** The WU Virtual Training and Simulation Lab (VTSL) houses a three-screen Multiple Interactive Learning Objectives (MILO) decision-based simulator



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**Timekettle Translators** support bilingual conversations (in 40 languages and 93 dialects) to create a seamless connection that is simultaneous.

WU pre-service educators already use these devices when working with ELLs and families resulting in a positive impact on communication and relationships between pre-service teachers, students, and families.



# Inservice Educators and District Support: Current Programs

## Reading Specialist Master's Degree:

- ✓ 31 credit hours of coursework that includes
  - ✓ structured literacy,
  - ✓ supporting students with dyslexia,
  - ✓ supporting English Language Learners,
  - ✓ action research

In the past 8 years, 100% of program completers have passed the PRAXIS exam for licensure as a reading specialist.



## Additional Graduate Programs with Science of Reading coursework:

- ✓ Special Education
- ✓ ESOL
- ✓ Educational Studies



# Inservice Educators and District Support: Proposed Initiatives

## The KBOR Science of Reading Credential

- Developed by literacy faculty at the seven public institutions in Kansas
- Aligned with the IDA and KSDE standards
- Personalized coaching integrated throughout the application of learning
- Offered in various modalities/timeframes (based upon the needs of the educators)

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WICHITA STATE  
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## Personalized Literacy Coaching (throughout the catchment area)

- on-site, virtual, or a combination
- format, style, and approach most appropriate based upon the needs/desires of the educator





# Faculty Excellence: Proposed Initiatives

## Professional Development Program for Literacy Faculty

- Participation in events that demonstrate continued knowledge/application/growth in literacy education
- Open to all faculty at all universities, including independent colleges and community colleges

## Science of Reading Faculty Retreat

- Multi-day “camp” for faculty across Kansas to share recent research, discuss trends, form new partnerships for projects, etc.
- Partially facilitated by national experts

## Kansas Literacy Summit

- Educators across Kansas learn from state and national experts in the field of literacy
- Centers will share information (pre-service teacher candidate program improvements/innovations, in-service educator learning opportunities and support, research on assessments and interventions, new initiatives, etc.)

## Literacy Podcast

- Focused on literacy in the state of Kansas, including at the universities, in the schools, in the community, throughout the catchment area, and beyond the catchment area.



# Key Partnerships

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