

## **Comprehensive Exam Question for Elementary, Early Childhood, and Reading**

Throughout your graduate program, you have been exposed to various approaches, ideas, and theories related to teaching and learning. It is hoped that participation in this program of study has increased your awareness of the vast diversity regarding pedagogy, practice, and policy related to educating today's children and that this knowledge will positively impact the quality of learning experiences you provide your students.

In a well-developed narrative essay, describe how participation in your graduate program has influenced your philosophy of education and/or the instructional methods you employ in your classroom. Your description must include at least three (3) specific examples. Each example must come from a separate course, and the contributing course must be identified in your response. Further, each example provided must be supported with information from at least one pertinent, scholarly source, such as a professional organization, textbook, government document, or journal article, and the source must be correctly cited within the body of the text using APA guidelines. A printed list of sources may be brought with you to the exam.

Your response will be evaluated by three (3) faculty readers using the attached rubric. Two of the three readers must agree that you have satisfactorily met the outlined requirements in terms of content and written expression in order for you to successfully pass your comprehensive exam.