

Listening, Speaking, Reading and Writing

Mission

The Literacy Center at Canisius is a comprehensive literacy and reading instruction center with a balanced approach to literacy and research-based practices. Specifically, the center is:

- A center for pre-service and in-service teacher training.
- A community-based center offering literacy programs and assistance to families and their children in the local community.
- A linkage for school districts and community organizations that have an interest in family literacy and reading excellence.
- A research/developmental center to document effective practices based on rigorous research methods.



Service

The college Literacy Center is a component of the Canisius College Literacy Program. This program recognizes the depth and breadth of literary skills, including all of the receptive and expressive processes of listening, speaking, reading and writing. Our Literacy Center provides diagnostic and remedial services to students in the Western New York area.

Research

The work done in the clinic provides knowledge for research studies, presentations, publications and/or in-service programs. It also serves as a place for master degree candidates to complete required practicum experiences.

Diagnosis and instructional sessions

Each semester certification candidates enrolled in the Canisius College graduate literacy program, work with students under the supervision of a certified faculty member. The candidates test, diagnose and teach clients to address the skills and strategies for literacy success. A variety of methods and materials are used to accommodate the needs, interests and learning strengths of students. At the conclusion of the semester, parents receive a report describing the results of these services.

How to apply

Complete the enclosed application and send it to the Literacy Center Office at the address listed on the form. Once accepted into the program, a student must pay the \$150 instructional fee to secure placement in the program. You could also visit the Web site (www.canisius.edu/readingclinic) and fill out an electronic application.

Because our graduate students require experience working with children in specific grades, clients are first selected by grade level and then on client's needs basis.

Upon acceptance

Students accepted into the program attend sessions on the Canisius campus. The dates for each session, the number of meetings and the times vary by program and semester. Some programs provide a final Diagnostic/Instructional Report that is completed by a literacy certification candidate under the supervision of a faculty member.

The fee for the Diagnostic/Instructional Sessions is \$150 (scholarships are available).

Please have your child's teacher complete the school information form that is sent to you. This creates a partnership with the classroom and provides valuable information for the intervention process.

Staff

The instructors who supervise our graduate students are experienced teachers with literacy certification.

The graduate candidates, who test and tutor the children in the clinic, are certified elementary or secondary teachers. They are completing the requirements for a master's degree in literacy at Canisius College and certification as a literacy specialist.

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