



## Voluntary Prekindergarten (VPK) Instructor *Standards* and *Emergent Literacy* Course Requirements

Sections [1002.55](#) and [1002.63](#), Florida Statutes (F.S.), require that public school and private provider VPK instructors complete the **Early Learning Standards** and three 5-hour **emergent literacy** courses.

The following Division of Early Learning (DEL) course meets the requirement for the **Early Learning and Developmental Standards** and is offered online, virtual instructor-led and in-person.

- ❖ **Implementing the Florida Standards in Preschool Classrooms: 3 Years Old to Kindergarten** (online VFSP) 5 hours; 0.5 CEUs or virtual instructor-led and in-person (SPC3TK) 3 hours; 0.3 CEUs

The following DEL trainings meet the **Emergent Literacy** course requirements and are offered online, virtual instructor-led and in-person.

- ❖ **Emergent Literacy for VPK Instructors** (online VPK21) 5 hours; 0.5 CEUs
- ❖ **Language and Vocabulary in the VPK Classroom** (online LVPK21) 5 hours; 0.5 CEUs
- ❖ **Phonological Awareness Development for Preschoolers** (online VIPA21; in-person and virtual instructor-led PAP21) 5 hours; 0.5 CEUs
- ❖ **Dialogic Reading: Language and Vocabulary Development for Preschoolers** (in-person and virtual instructor-led DRP) 5 hours; 0.5 CEUs
- ❖ **Book Embedded Vocabulary Instruction: Language and Vocabulary Development for Preschoolers** (in-person and virtual instructor-led BEP) 5 hours; 0.5 CEUs
- ❖ **Scaffolding and Think, Show, Tell, Talk: Language and Vocabulary Development for Preschoolers** (in-person and virtual instructor-led STSTTP) 5 hours; 0.5 CEUs
- ❖ **Building a Strong Foundation for Emergent Literacy** (online VIEL21; in-person and virtual instructor-led BSFEL) 5 hours; 0.5 CEUs

Successful completion of one of the following courses can fulfill the emergent literacy course requirements:

- ❖ **Preschool Language Development** (online) 20 hours; 2.0 CEUs – *Lastinger Learning*
- ❖ **The Building Blocks of Preschool Literacy** (online) 20 hours; 2.0 CEUs – *Lastinger Learning*
- ❖ **Competency 1** of the Florida Reading Endorsement
- ❖ **Emergent Literacy Micro-Credential** (component 1) 20 hours; 2.0 CEUs – *Lastinger Learning*
- ❖ **Elementary Literacy Micro-Credential** 60 hours; 6.0 CEUs – *Lastinger Learning*
- ❖ **Florida Department of Education (FDOE) Early Childhood Professional Certificate (ECPC)** –Completed during or after 2025 Fall semester
- ❖ **Associates of Science in Early Childhood Education** – Completed during or after 2025 Fall semester



Teachers may access more information pertaining to the **Standards and Emergent Literacy Course Requirement** and course registration at <http://www.floridaearlylearning.com/vpk/vpk-providers/professional-development-training>