

University of Central Arkansas
Literacy with Dyslexia Endorsement
Advisory Board Minutes
Friday, April 26, 2024

I. Introductions

Members: Dr. Amy Thompson (Program Coordinator), Dr. Shoudong Feng (Faculty), Dr. Susan Perry (Faculty), Dr. Brandy Walthall (Faculty), Mrs. Sheri Hight (Texas ISD, Dyslexia Specialist, Alumni and Adjunct Instructor), Lauren Isom (Greenbrier Public Schools, Assistant Principal, Alumni).

II. Purpose and Role of Advisory Board

Discussed how to support schools and new interventionists/specialists through UCA Literacy with a Dyslexia Endorsement program.

III. Current Issues Facing Specialists/Interventionists

**Testing
Intervention
Science of Reading
Legislation**

IV. Key Assessment Review

Reviewed Praxis Results: Changes have been continually made in ELSE 6314, Identifying Dyslexia and Other Reading Difficulties. This is our lowest area in testing, and we will continue to address it.

Reviewed KPEERI Results and information shared with the International Dyslexia Association for our yearly report.

Reviewed partnership with Arkansas ALTA and graduate credit for CALT work.

V. Recruitment Ideas

**Continue with social media; virtual information sessions on Zoom monthly;
Sponsor for ALTA National Conference coming to Little Rock in May;
Participate in and Sponsor SIM PD for UCA Summer Free Professional
Webinars**