

Course Instructors



Joanne Heckbert, M.Ed. is a reading specialist with considerable experience in assessment and working with students with reading difficulties and their parents. She has taught in the regular classroom and in highly specialized environments and regularly consults to school boards, providing expert support on assessment and programming for students who struggle with reading and writing.

She currently coordinates the Right to Read Program for the Learning Disabilities Association of Alberta and is the reading specialist for this program.

She has been instructing the Supporting Struggling Readers course in various areas of Edmonton during the school year and the summer for several years.



Paddy Zadunayski, M.Ed. was the Coordinator of Literacy & New Teacher Supports for Pembina Hills Public Schools.

Paddy worked for the division for more than 30 years. Her classroom experience spans from grades one to nine. She has been a school based administrator, working as the associate principal of a large elementary school for five years. Paddy also served as an AISI Lead Teacher responsible for providing in-services for K-6 English and French Immersion teachers and as the Literacy and Assessment Coach for subsequent AISI projects.

Paddy holds a B.Ed and an M.Ed in Elementary Education. In her masters, her studies were focused on Early Literacy Development, with a specialization in reading assessment and support.