

# The Literacy Leader's Playbook: Research Insights, Principles for Instruction, and Impact

**PRESENTED BY****Dr. Michelle Bence & Dr. Miriam Ramzy****SERIES SESSIONS**

Date	Time
April 16, 2025	4:00 PM - 5:00 PM
April 30, 2025	4:00 PM - 5:00 PM
May 14, 2025	4:00 PM - 5:00 PM

**LOCATION****Online****FEE****\$75.00****QUESTIONS?****Contact Us:**[crc-register@aplc.ca](mailto:crc-register@aplc.ca)[403-291-0967](tel:403-291-0967)**REGISTER ONLINE****Visit our website to register:**[crupd.ab.ca](http://crupd.ab.ca)

## Learning Opportunity

Target audience: K-Gr 9 instructional leaders are encouraged to attend.

Join Michelle and Miriam for a three-part series exploring literacy instruction through a leadership lens. These sessions will focus on understanding K-9 reading development, key instructional principles for developing skilled readers, and effective supports and structures. Each session will incorporate current research, practical examples, and dedicated time for discussion to equip you with the insights and strategies to lead literacy instruction and action in your schools.

Session 1: Understanding Theories of Reading Development

Session 2: Examining Guiding Principles to Drive Instructional Planning

Session 3: Exploring Structures & Supports to Maximize Teacher and Student Learning

## Presenters

**Dr. Michelle Bence**

Michelle's passion is literacy. She is an enthusiastic educator with over 20 years of teaching experience as a classroom teacher and literacy specialist. Over the past few years, Michelle has worked extensively with school boards across Alberta, investigating professional teacher learning and evidence-based early literacy practice. Currently, Michelle is a

Ph.D. candidate at the University of Calgary, examining the connection between oral language development and early literacy acquisition.

### **Dr. Miriam Ramzy**

Miriam Ramzy works with a school division in Alberta in the role of Curriculum Lead, supporting learners from junior kindergarten through grade 12. The focus of her research, teaching practice, and professional development has been on literacy, reading, and writing. Miriam has her Ph.D. from the Werklund School of Education, with a focus on writing instruction in the elementary years. Alongside Michelle, Miriam partners with school boards across the province in support of literacy education. Her passion is supporting teachers in building powerful literacy classrooms where all learners experience success.

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## **Registration Notes**

All session times are mountain time.

This series will be recorded and available for 30 days.



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