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Western Michigan University is offering the third annual Reading Institute and three workshops which should be of interest to teachers of reading.

The Reading Institute is sponsored by the Reading Center and Clinic and the Department of Teacher Education. It will be held June 24-28 in the University Student Center. The theme for this year's conference is: The Quest for Competency in the Teaching of Reading. The institute will provide one semester hour of undergraduate or graduate credit in TEED 502: Curriculum Workshop in Reading.

Two workshops will be offered June 17-28 on the Western Michigan University campus. Workshop I is entitled Development of the Informal Classroom in the Primary Grades (K-3): Individualizing Classroom Practices. This workshop is designed to provide the participants with a variety of experiences that will aid the primary teacher in the design and development of an informal classroom. The workshop will focus on:

- a. re-organizing the classroom
- b. developing learning centers
- c. student & teacher roles in the classroom
- d. planning and evaluation
- e. understanding child development

Workshop II is entitled Development of the Informal Classroom in the Intermediate Grades and Middle School (4-8). The main focus of this workshop is to provide specific information and active participation in experiences relating to:

- a. understanding pre-adolescent and early adolescent development
- b. development of learning centers
- c. the integrated curriculum
- d. the role of student and teacher
- e. planning and evaluation

A third workshop offered July 1-19 is Exploring Elementary School Reading and Language Arts. This session is designed to investigate:

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| a. reading in the informal classroom | e. developing comprehension skills |
| b. language and thought | f. using creative media |
| c. classroom diagnosis | g. developing creative language |
| d. developing reading skills | |

Each of these workshops provides 3 semester hours of credit.

For further information regarding these programs contact the Department of Teacher Education, Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, Michigan 49001.