

MASTER OF EDUCATION, READING AND LITERACY (READING SPECIALIST)



The accelerated field-based Reading/Literacy program is committed to developing teaching practices that apply an understanding of the complexity of literacy development and assessment across language contexts, including electronic media. As cohort groups work and learn together, they explore the value of reading, writing and technology as tools for learning for themselves and for their students. They explore the many faces of performance-based assessment as a primary avenue for understanding complex behavior. This program will result in a Master of Education degree, which qualifies and prepares the student to register for and complete the Reading Specialist Certificate State Exam.

TARGET AUDIENCE:

Certified Teachers

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS:

- No entrance exams required
- Completed application form and fee.
- All official transcripts reflecting successful completion of the bachelor's degree conferred by a regionally accredited institution of higher education.
- Cumulative G.P.A. of 3.0
- Three letters of recommendation from individuals familiar with the applicant's professional work.
- A statement in essay format indicating both personal and professional goals.
- For applicants whose native language is not English, a TEOFL test score of 600 is required.

COST:

\$490.00/semester hour.

REGISTRATION PROCEDURE:

Completed admission requirements and \$125.00 non-refundable fee.

ACADEMIC CALENDAR:

Program start based on 14 admitted and registered students; Students typically complete a 15 instructional month calendar that is developed contiguously.

DELIVERY MODE:

Class meets twice a week—one night per week for four hours, face to face; and four hours online (asynchronous), with additional activities interfacing with Blackboard.

LOCATION(S) OF COURSES:

University Center facilities in Grayslake & Waukegan.

TEXTBOOK PURCHASE:

Textbooks may be purchased online through the University bookstore.

TRANSFER HOURS POLICY:

No transfer hours accepted toward M.Ed. Reading and Literacy

TOTAL HOURS NEEDED:

33 Semester Hours

CERTIFICATES OFFERED:

Reading Specialist — With successful completion of state test.

NON-DEGREE OPTION:

None at this time

FINANCIAL AID INFO:

Information available through the university representative and Benedictine University Financial Aid Office.

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REQUIRED COURSES:

- Emergent Literacy
- Literature for Children and Adolescents
- Integration of the Language Arts
- Content Area Literacy and Learning
- Literacy and the Diverse Learner
- Literacy Assessment (K-12)
- Assessment for Diagnosis
- From Diagnosis to Instruction
- Literacy Coaching and Collaboration
- Curriculum Design and Instruction
- Action Research and Inquiry