

# M.Ed. in Language & Literacy: Reading Specialist

The Department of Early, Middle and Exceptional Education offers a master's in language and literacy education in which students choose one of two concentrations: a literacy concentration leading to reading specialist certification or an ESL concentration leading to ESL certification. Both concentrations are available for elementary and secondary teachers who possess an Instructional Certificate in Pennsylvania. A Master of Education in Language and Literacy Education offers students the opportunity to participate in original research and experiential programs in this field.

## PROFESSIONAL CORE REQUIREMENTS

(3 courses/9 credits are required)

Research Core Required Course

- EDFN 601 Methods of Research (3)

Core Option Areas:

Specialty Core Area:

- EDUC 563 Linguistic and Cultural Diversity in Class (3)

Take one course from the remaining two Core Option Areas:

Psychological Core Area:

- PSYC 540 Applied Behavioral Analysis in an MTSS (3)
- PSYC 526 Advanced Adolescent Psychology (3)
- EDFN 545 Advanced Educational Psychology (3)
- PSYC 625 Human Growth and Development (3)

Social Foundations Core:

- EDFN 511 Comparative Education (3)
- EDFN 590 Social Foundations of Education (3)
- EDFN 603 Philosophy of Education (3)
- EDFN 604 Education and Public Policy (3)

## READING SPECIALIST REQUIREMENTS

- RDED 621 Foundations of Reading and Writing (3)
- RDED 622 Reading and Writing in the Content Areas (3)
- RDED 623 Diagnosis of Reading and Writing Disabilities: A Practicum (3)
- RDED 624 Diagnosis and Correction of Reading and Writing Difficulties: Reading Clinic (6)
- RDED 625 Psychological and Social Factors in Reading and Writing Ability (3)
- RDED 626 Literacy Leadership (3)
- EDUC 562 Methods for Teaching English Language Learners (3)
- EDUC 636 Literature and Response (3)  
If a prior course in Children's Literature was completed.
- EDUC 535 Children's Literature and Creative Experiences for Young Children and Adolescents (3)  
If no prior course in Children's Literature.
- Literacy Elective approved by the graduate coordinator (i.e., Summer Literacy Institute)

## CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

- PRAXIS: Reading Specialist K-12 (0301/5302)

\*M.Ed. students are encouraged to work with their advisors to plan the most appropriate program of

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