
MASTER OF EDUCATION IN READING/LITERACY

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The master's program in **Reading/Literacy** focuses on the integrated connections among all the literacies (reading, writing, speaking, listening, and more recently, viewing and technology) as a foundation for understanding the various content areas. The program is designed for licensed teachers who wish to enhance their professional preparation in the field of reading/literacy and/or prepare for other responsibilities in education, such as school reading coordinator. The conceptual framework for this graduate program is based on the five core propositions of the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards and aligned with International Reading Association Standards. Candidates who complete this program will earn AA licensure in Reading, grades K-8 or 7-12.

Program Goals

- To provide continued intellectual growth and leadership preparation for in-service educators seeking advanced professional development in the Reading/Literacy area.
- To provide a personalized learning environment for graduate students interested in a broad perspective of diversity including language, culture, gender, and learning exceptionalities of all types.
- To provide a service to the community and state in supporting the goals of the Mississippi Reading Initiative.
- To provide add-on licensure in Reading for those completing the program.

Program of Study

A minimum of thirty-six hours is required. A maximum of six semester hours of approved course work may be transferred. Evening classes (4:30 to 7:15 p.m.) are available during the fall and spring semesters. For curriculum information call (662) 329-7176.

Admission Requirements

- Bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited college or university
- Current Teaching License
- Satisfactory quality point average (3.0 QPA on a 4.0 scale)
- Satisfactory score on the GRE (Call **662-329-7349** for testing information.)
- Professional recommendations from individuals (excluding graduate faculty) who have knowledge of the student's academic/work performance
- \$25.00 Application Fee

Students not meeting these criteria may be considered on an individual basis for conditional admission.

Admission Procedures

For an application packet, call (662) 329-7110 or 1-877-462-8439 Ext. 7110 or write **Graduate Studies, Mississippi University for Women, 1100 College St., MUW-280, Columbus, MS 39701-5800. Email contact is srader@muw.edu.**

MASTER OF EDUCATION IN READING/LITERACY PROGRAM OF STUDY

DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

Core Courses (Required): 12 Hours

ED 500 Educational Research
ED 514 Professional Role of the Teacher
ED 520 Foundations of Education
ED 552 Curriculum Development

Studies in Reading/Literacy (Required): 24 Hours

ED 523 Early Literacy Development (Pre-K-3)
ED 524 Expanding Literacy Development (4-12)
ED 527 Content Area Literacy
ED 531 Capstone: Effective Reading Programs
ED 532 Literature For The Child And Adolescent
ED 564 Effective Literacy Assessment and Intervention
ED 599 Internship in Reading Literacy (2=6 Hours)

Total Number of Hours: 36

Financial Assistance

Financial Aid is available to both part-time and full-time students after acceptance to the program. For more information, please call (662) 329-7114.

Graduate assistantships and partial scholarships are also available from the Office of Graduate Studies. Email contact is srader@muw.edu.

If you are a licensed public school teacher in Mississippi and in need of financial assistance, please contact Mrs. Chastity Graves in the financial aid office of the Institution of Higher Learning (IHL) for information on the Graduate Teacher Reimbursement Scholarship (GTS). Her number is 1-800-327-2980. In addition, the IHL web site, www.ihl.state.ms.us/, also provides information on this scholarship.