



MASTER OF EDUCATION, READING AND LITERACY (READING SPECIALIST)

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REQUIRED COURSES:

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| EDUC 524 | Literacy Development from P-12 | 3 Credits |
| EDUC 564 | Content Area Literacy and Learning | 3 Credits |
| EDUC 601 | Cultural and Linguistic Diversity for ELLs | 3 Credits |
| EDUC 567 | Literacy and the English Language Learner | 3 Credits |
| EDUC 622 | Theoretical Foundations of Literacy and Language | 3 Credits |
| EDUC 602 | Assessment for Diagnosis | 3 Credits |
| EDUC 603 | From Diagnosis to Instruction | 3 Credits |
| EDUC 616 | Curriculum Design and Instruction | 3 Credits |
| EDUC 690 | Practicum I: Corrective Techniques and Interventions for Struggling Readers | 20 hours / 3 Credits |
| EDUC 611 | Literacy Coaching, Collaboration, and Leadership* | 3 Credits |
| * Taken concurrently with EDUC 691 | | |
| Practicum II: Capstone | | |
| EDUC 691 | Practicum II: Capstone | 40 hours / 3 Credits |

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:

Licensed Teachers

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS:

- Completed application form and fee.
- M.Ed candidates must hold a valid Professional Educator License (PEL).
- Two years of professional full-time teaching experience is required at time of application for Reading Specialist entitlement.
- All official transcripts reflecting successful completion of the bachelor's degree conferred by a regionally accredited institution of higher education.
- Successful passage of a Basic Skills test is required in order to enroll in the M.Ed program.
- 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:

See <http://www.ben.edu/admissions/adult-graduate/Tuition-and-Fees/graduate-tuition.cfm> for current rates.

REGISTRATION PROCEDURE:

Completed admission requirements and \$125.00 registration deposit.

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 D2L.

LOCATION(S) OF COURSES:

University Center facilities in Grayslake & Waukegan.

TEXTBOOK PURCHASE:

Textbooks may be purchased on-line 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.