Overview

Do you want to improve your literacy instruction (K-12)? Do you want to be certified as a Special Reading teacher (K-12) in the state of Missouri? Do you want to become a literacy education researcher?

The nationally-recognized Literacy Faculty at the University of Missouri-Columbia are prepared to help you accomplish your professional goals. This degree program is a completely online masters of education degree in Literacy Education. More information specific to this program can be found here: http://online.missouri.edu/degreeprograms/education/literacy/masters/

Teachers with this certification are qualified for such positions as: Remedial Reading, Title I Reading, Reading Development, Special Education, and Language Arts. Depending on your initial certification experience (BA/BS), this certification may require as few as 6 courses.

Degree Requirements

The MEd degree in Literacy Education comprises a minimum of 32 semester hours of graduate work that meets the professional needs of the students. The courses include 16 hours of classes at the 8000-9000 level and 16 hours of work in education at the 7000-9000 level or above, which includes a course that enables the student to read, interpret and evaluate research.

Sample Plan of Study

- **Prerequisites** (0-9 semester hours)
- **Psychological or Philosophical Foundations of Education** (3 semester hours)
- **Educational Research** (3 semester hours)
- **Foundations of Literacy Education** (12-15 hours)
- **Area of Specialization** (0-9 semester hours)
  - Children’s Literature
  - Media and Technology
  - Special Reading Certification (K-12)
  - Teaching Literacy to Diverse Learners
  - Writing Instruction
- **Electives** (0-9 semester hours)

Thesis/Non-Thesis Requirements

To complete the masters programs, students are required to pass "comprehensive exams" or equivalent. Please speak with your advisor what this exam/project may entail.

Admissions

Applicants are required to meet two sets of minimum qualifications for admission: the requirements of the MEd in Learning, Teaching and Curriculum program (http://gradstudies.missouri.edu/academics/programs/learning-teaching-curriculum/master-of-education--educational-specialist.php) and the minimum requirements of the Office of Graduate Studies (http://gradstudies.missouri.edu/admissions/eligibility-process/minimum-requirements.php). Because requirements vary, you must refer to a degree program’s graduate admission page to learn about specific admission criteria, application deadlines, eligibility and application process. Your application materials will be reviewed by both the Office of Graduate Studies and the degree program to which you’ve applied before official admission to the University of Missouri.

Admission requirements will be based upon the following criteria. Complete admission requirements for the Master’s program.

- Completion of an appropriate Bachelor’s degree with a GPA of 3.0 or better.
- A minimum of two letters of recommendation; three letters, if your undergraduate GPA (last 60 hours) is below a 3.0.
- Statement of purpose clearly indicating that the proposed Masters degree is appropriate to the applicant’s professional aspirations.
- For students whose native language is not English, a score of 80 IBT or better on the TOEFL or a 6.5 on the IELTS taken within the past two years

The LTC graduate program cannot assure admission to all applicants who meet minimum standards specified for the degree program. Resource constraints do not permit the admission of all qualified applicants.

A committee of faculty reviews the credentials of each applicant. It is the responsibility of this committee to exercise professional judgment related to the criteria that applicants must meet in order to be considered for admission to the program.