

Master of Arts in Education/Reading

Objectives

The Master of Arts in Education: Reading program is designated to prepare Reading Specialists for teaching, diagnosis and coordination in elementary and secondary schools or junior colleges. This reading/literacy degree also fulfills the academic requirements for certification as a Master Reading Teacher (MRT), meaning students can earn both certifications within 36 hours of coursework. This plan includes the preparation necessary for leading staff development. The program culminates with an action research project or the writing of a thesis.

Program Requirements

School of Education Core Requirements

- EDUC 6301 Philosophy of Education (3)
or EDUC 6302 Cultural Diversity in America & the Social Sciences (3)
- EDUC 6303 Human Growth and Development (3)
or EDUC 6304 Educational Psychology (3)

Total Required 6

Reading Core Requirements

- EDRD 6305 Research Design in Reading Education (3)
- EDUC 6329 Language Development and Acquisition (3)
- EDRD 6317 Materials, Methods, and Media in Reading (3)
- EDRD 6318 Analysis and Selection of Literature (3)
- EDRD 6319 Content Area Literacy (3)
- EDRD 6320 Vocabulary and Spelling (3)
- EDRD 6321 Reading Diagnosis (3)

Select TWO of the following three courses:

- EDRD 6322 Problems in Literacy (3)
- EDRD 6323 Advanced Problems in Reading (3)
- EDRD 6333 Clinical and Remedial Reading (3)

Total Required 27

Culminating Experience

- EDRD 6398 Master's Study (3)
or EDRD 6399 Thesis (3)

Total Required 3

Hours required for the Master's Degree 36

+ See program coordinator if simultaneous ESL endorsement is sought.

Professional Certification Preparation

A graduate student seeking certification as a Reading Specialist with Master Reading Teacher must have at least two years of satisfactory teaching experience in accredited PK-12 schools. The student should consult the program coordinator to verify current requirements for the desired certification(s). These requirements are established by the Texas State Board for Educator Certification and may change more frequently than published degree requirements.

Program Recommendations

All students should include EDRD 6305 Research Design in Reading Education near the end of their coursework as preparation for their culminating experience.