

MASTER OF EDUCATION IN READING/LANGUAGE ARTS

Program Description

The Master of Education in Reading/Language Arts is designed for both teacher practitioners who want to strengthen their understanding of literacy for application in their classrooms and teachers who are interested in obtaining a Texas Reading Specialist Certification. Candidates for the Reading Specialist Certification must have a valid elementary or secondary teaching certificate along with two years of successful teaching experience before taking the Reading Specialist Exam.

Admission

To be regularly admitted to the graduate school, applicants must submit to the Office of Graduate Studies:

1. Graduate Application (<http://www.shsu.edu/admissions/apply-texas.html>)
2. Application fee (<http://www.shsu.edu/dept/graduate-studies/application-fee.html>)
3. Official transcripts from all colleges and universities attended, both undergraduate and graduate (Note: A minimum GPA of 2.5 in undergraduate and graduate work is expected)
4. If applicants do not have a GPA of at least 3.0, the GRE is required.
5. Two letters of recommendations.
6. A copy of applicant's teaching certificate if the intention is to sit for the Texas Reading Specialist Certification Exam.
7. Acceptable writing sample. Example topics include a philosophy of teaching, reasons for pursuing this degree, issues in working with struggling students, or other topics related to literacy. One topic is sufficient for the writing sample.

NOTE: Candidates may be permitted to enroll for one semester while their admission file is incomplete.

Applicants with completed files are reviewed for regular admission by graduate faculty in each program area and are selected by faculty based on information in the completed file.

Degree Requirements

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Candidates must be enrolled in coursework during the semester they submit their capstone project. The degree plans originate in the Department of Language, Literacy, and Special Populations.

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LITC 7310	The Politics of Literacy	3
LITC 7385	Digital Epistemologies	3
READ 5306	Survey Of Reading	3
READ 5307	Prac-Lit Assmt/Instr Stratgy I ¹	3
READ 5308	Prac-Lit Assmt/Instr Strat II ²	3
READ 5312	Second Language Literacy	3
READ 5315	Language Arts: Theory & Instr	3
READ 5325	Imprvmt In Sec Sch/Adult Pop	3
READ 5330	Lit & Instr Mat In Rdg Progs	3
READ 5335	Cognition & Emergent Literacy	3
READ 6310	Admin/Suprvsn Of Literacy Prog	3
READ 6320	Internship In Reading Supervsn ³	3
Total Hours		36

¹ Prerequisite: Enroll concurrently with READ 5308

² Prerequisite: Enroll concurrently with READ 5307

³ Prerequisite: READ 5307, READ 5308