

LITERACY EDUCATION, MASTER OF ARTS IN EDUCATION (044)

Program Coordinator

Janet L. Tassell, janet.tassell@wku.edu, (270) 745-5306

Program Contact

Christina Heady, christina.HEADY@wku.edu, (270) 745-2082

The Master of Arts in Education - The Literacy Education MAE is created to help teachers improve their literacy instruction at all grade levels and to gain leadership skills and knowledge to build and sustain successful literacy programs in schools and other settings.

Program Admission

Students who seek advanced teacher certification must hold teaching certification.

Students may complete this program without teacher certification if they intend to pursue employment in a setting (where teacher certification is not required). This program does not provide initial teacher certification. Students who do not enter the program with a teaching certification are not eligible for the Reading P-12 endorsement, nor are they eligible for the Literacy Specialist endorsement.

Graduate Studies Admission

Please refer to the admission section (<http://catalog.wku.edu/graduate/admission/>) of this catalog for Graduate Studies admission requirements.

Program Requirements (30 hours)

The Master of Arts in Literacy Education requires a minimum of 30 hours.

Code	Title	Hours
Required Courses		
LTCY 519	Literacy Development and Instruction ¹	3
LTCY 520	Clinical Diagnosis of Reading Variability	3
LTCY 521	Reading Intervention	3
LTCY 523	Assessment and Intervention of Reading and Writing ¹	3
LTCY 524	Content Area and Disciplinary Literacy ¹	3
LTCY 527	Diversity and Equity in Literacy Education ¹	3
LTCY 530	Literacy Development for Multilingual Learners	3
LTCY 532	Literacy Leadership and Coaching	3
LTCY 695	Practicum for Literacy Professionals ²	3
Elective		

Any 500-level or 600-level course with prefix LTCY, EDU, PSY, ELED, IECE, LITE, SPED, GTE, ID, and ENG or other advisor approved elective 3

Total Hours 30

¹ Required courses for the Reading P-12 Endorsement. A certification examination is not a requirement to earn the Literacy Education MAE. However, the Kentucky State Department of Education does require a passing score on the PRAXIS II Assessment to earn the Literacy Specialist and/or the Reading P-12 Endorsement. Please contact the Office of Professional Educator Services for more information. For current PRAXIS II information and exam codes, please consult the Kentucky page of the Educational Testing Service (ETS) website, <https://www.ets.org/praxis/ky/requirements>.

² Capstone Experience occurs in LTCY 695 as creation and implementation of Professional Development and/or Coaching for school partners; observed by program faculty; evaluated by attendees and program faculty. The Capstone Experience will be created based upon knowledge acquired and gained during the program.

If the graduate student has already completed hours required for the program and the courses have already been counted on a prior degree, he/she must substitute other hours with advisor approval.

Hours above 30 may count toward Rank I.