



MURRAY STATE
UNIVERSITY

College of Education and Human Services

Department of Early Childhood and Elementary Education

Master of Arts in Education Literacy Programs

Are you interested in learning more about teaching reading and writing? The College of Education and Human Services at Murray State University now offers two MA programs for teachers interested in improving their skills and knowledge about teaching literacy:

- MA in Education: Reading and Writing Program
- MA in Education: Elementary Teacher Leader Literacy Concentration



Which Program is Right for You?

If you want to add a Literacy Specialist K-12 Endorsement to your existing certificate, the **MA in Education: Reading and Writing Program** is for you. Students in this program work with students and teachers at the elementary, middle school, and secondary levels as they learn to be literacy leaders and coaches.

Successful completion of this program and a passing score on the Praxis Reading Specialist Exam will qualify you for the Literacy Specialist K-12 Endorsement from the state of Kentucky. Literacy specialists may work as literacy coaches, reading specialists, or regular classroom teachers.

If you are not interested in the Literacy Specialist Endorsement but want to become a better literacy teacher, you may decide to choose the **MA in Education: Elementary Teacher Leader Literacy Concentration**. This program focuses on developing your expertise in teaching reading and writing and providing leadership to your colleagues.

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Program Requirements

The MA in Education: Reading and Writing Program

Professional Education - Core Courses (9 credit hours)

- EDU 639 - Research to Improve Student Learning (3)
- EDU 637 - Instruction for Diverse Learners (3)
- EDU 631 - Classroom Management and Student Motivation (3)

Literacy Specialization (15 hours)

- REA 612 - Foundations of Literacy (3) (*This course should be the first REA course taken.*)
- REA 626 - Word Study: Phonics, Spelling, and Vocabulary (3)
- REA 628 - Literacy Assessment (3)
- REA 638 - Assessment and Instruction of Children with Reading Difficulties (3)
- REA 639 - Supervised Practicum in Reading (3) (*REA 612, 626, 628, and 638 MUST be completed before enrolling in REA 639.*)

Limited Reading/Writing Electives (6 hours)

Electives must be approved in advance by the student's education advisor. At least one course with a major emphasis on writing (e.g. REA 618, ENG 604/605, ELE 602) MUST be included.

Elective with emphasis on writing:

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Other elective:

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TOTAL SEMESTER HOURS FOR THE PROGRAM: 30

Suggested Electives:

- REA 618 - Content Area Reading/Writing P-12 (3) (*Highly recommended*)
- ELE 602 - Integrating Language Arts (3)
- REA 624 - Kentucky Reading Project (3) (*By application only; see www.kentuckyliteracy.org/elementary/krp*)
- ENG 604/605 - Purchase Area Writing Project I & II (6) (*By application only; see campus.murraystate.edu/pawp*)
- ELE 616 - Research in Children's Literature (3)
- LIB 617 - Research in Young Adult Literature (3)

The MA in Education: Elementary Teacher Leader Literacy Concentration

Professional Education - Core Courses (15 hours)

- EDU 600 - Introduction to Teacher Leadership (2)
- EDU 631 - Classroom Management and Student Motivation (3)
- EDU 633 - Curriculum Development (3)
- EDU 637 - Instruction for Diverse Learners (3)
- EDU 639 - Research to Improve Student Learning (3)
- EDU 640 - Exit Seminar in Teacher Leadership (1)

Literacy Concentration (15 hours)

- REA 612 - Foundations of Literacy (3)
- REA 626 - Word Study: Phonics, Spelling and Vocabulary (3)
- REA 618 - Content Area Reading/Writing K-12 (3)

Literacy Electives: Choose six (6) credit hours from the following or other literacy electives approved by advisor.

- ELE 602 - Integrating Language Arts in the Curriculum (3)
- REA 624 - Kentucky Reading Project (3) (*By application only; see www.kentuckyliteracy.org/elementary/krp*)
- ENG 604 - Purchase Area Writing Project I (3) (*By application only; see campus.murraystate.edu/pawp*)
- ENG 605 - Purchase Area Writing Project II (3) (*By application only; see campus.murraystate.edu/pawp*)
- ELE 616 - Research in Children's Literature (3)
- LIB 617 - Research in Young Adult Literature (3)

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