



**MURRAY STATE**  
UNIVERSITY

College of Education and Human Services

Department of Early Childhood and Elementary Education

# Master of Arts in Education

## Reading and Writing: Literacy Specialist Endorsement P-12



This program prepares teachers for leadership roles in the teaching of reading and writing. Students who complete the program and pass the appropriate Praxis exam fulfill the requirements for the Literacy Specialist Endorsement P-12.

Literacy specialists may serve as literacy coaches or in other leadership positions within the district. The program is also appropriate for classroom teachers who want to increase their skills as teachers of reading and writing.

Program experiences include coursework in literacy foundations, teaching word study, assessment and instruction of struggling readers, and leadership experiences in literacy. Students choose from electives in areas, such as language arts and content area reading and writing. Faculty members hold doctorates in literacy and related fields and are extensively published in prestigious journals, including *The Reading Teacher* and *Language Arts*.

"I love that the Reading and Writing program is so applicable to my everyday classroom teaching. The classes are practical and developed so that I am learning how to better myself in the classroom."

- Sandra Fisher -  
recent graduate

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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](http://www.kentuckyliteracy.org/elementary/krp)*)
- ENG 604/605 - Purchase Area Writing Project I & II (6) (*By application only; see [campus.murraystate.edu/pawp](http://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](http://www.kentuckyliteracy.org/elementary/krp)*)
- ENG 604 - Purchase Area Writing Project I (3) (*By application only; see [campus.murraystate.edu/pawp](http://campus.murraystate.edu/pawp)*)
- ENG 605 - Purchase Area Writing Project II (3) (*By application only; see [campus.murraystate.edu/pawp](http://campus.murraystate.edu/pawp)*)
- ELE 616 - Research in Children's Literature (3)
- LIB 617 - Research in Young Adult Literature (3)

**TOTAL SEMESTER HOURS FOR THE PROGRAM: 30**