

Job Outlook

Our region needs exemplary teachers of reading at all levels. MSU's Literacy Specialist Endorsement P-12 provides opportunities for you to excel at teaching reading in your own classrooms or to become Literacy Specialists or Coaches. **The number of literacy teachers/coaches/leaders is expected to increase between 2019 and 2020**, which is faster than the average estimated growth for all occupations. The Literacy Specialist Endorsement P-12 program **enhances your marketability** as a teacher and add valuable credentials to your teaching repertoire.



Tuition and Fees

Murray State University guarantees a \$375/per credit hour tuition for reading and writing graduate students. This speaks to our commitment to making **high-quality education** accessible for all students. You can achieve your goal of earning an advanced degree and get the best value for your tuition dollar!

If you want to earn more than \$40,000 a year right off the bat, there is no better way to make your dreams come true than to be a Reading Specialist/Literacy coach!

You have the opportunity to learn from and work with nationally recognized and published professors. The web-enhanced courses provide you with an integrated, web-based virtual environment that allows you to interact in real-time with your instructors and classmates in the classroom—as well as in asynchronous classroom format that allows for more flexible scheduling and participation. And you won't be alone—you'll be supported in your academic journey by staff and faculty whose job is to **help you reach your highest potential.**

Contact us for more information.



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**MASTER OF ARTS IN
EDUCATION**

**READING & WRITING:
LITERACY SPECIALIST**

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Degree Flexibility

The MAED Reading/Writing program ensures that the preparation of graduate students follows best practices and addresses the essential knowledge and skills of the discipline.

Flexibility is one of the main hallmarks of a Reading and Writing Program—you can choose from 100% online and **Web-enhanced courses** (which include some campus attendance) as well as online and hybrid options. And our courses are designed to be manageable for students who are balancing professional and personal obligations along with their studies. The inclusion of multiple start dates throughout the year **allows you to take courses at your own pace**. And you can pursue online courses in accelerated **8-week semester sessions** or traditional **15-week semester sessions**. If you're planning on balancing study with a career, **Reading and Writing program offers schedule flexibility** so you can integrate them with your current life responsibilities.

A generous **transfer credit policy allows you to leverage your skills** to earn a degree in less time, with **1-on-1 mentoring and support to guide you** along every step of the way.

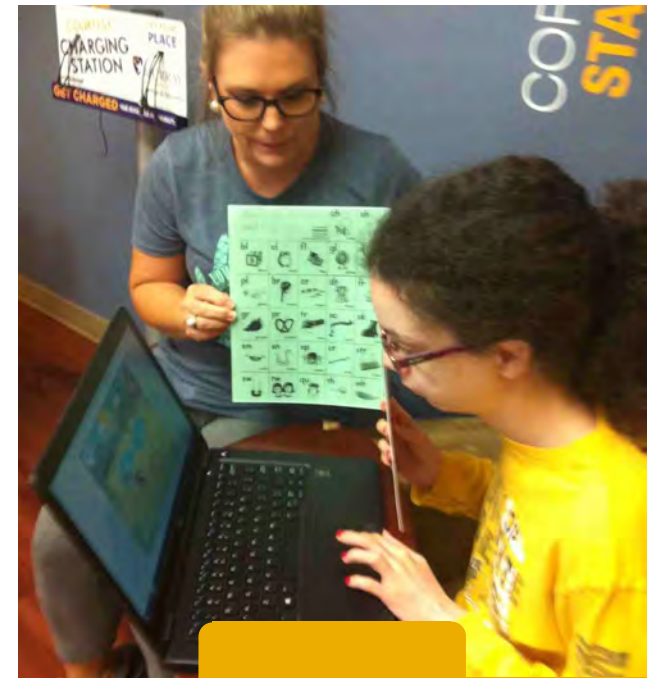


High Quality Degree

The MA in Literacy Specialist Endorsement P-12 program reflects the conceptual framework of “Educator as Reflective Decision-Maker.” The construct of Reflective Decision Maker undergirds the program in significant ways. In the field of literacy, much current emphasis is placed on the use of scientifically-based reading practices (e.g. National Reading Panel Report). As you matriculate through this program, you are thoughtful consumers as well as producers of reflective research. The component of reflection is intricately linked here, for you to learn how to read **literacy related research, evaluate the design of such research, and determine applicability of the research** to the situated context of your teaching and learning.

Outreach and Collaboration

In addition to focusing on reflective decision making, **continuous professional development, reflections, leadership**, equity in a multicultural/sociocultural context, this program is unique in its specialized nature. The practicum sequence provides experience in literacy assessment and intervention while working with students, parents, colleagues, administrators, and university professionals. Reflection and leading are emphasized through collaboration with peers, colleagues, and university personnel, journaling, and feedback from regular observations and discussions. Leadership is emphasized since many of those completing the program go on to assume literacy-related leadership roles in schools.



Modes of Delivery

The College of Education and Human Services at Murray State is dedicated to providing service to our very large region. To reach teachers throughout the region, we offer courses in a variety of modes of delivery including online and traditional face-to-face delivery at our Murray State campus and at our satellite campuses, or a combination of these modes. **Web Enhanced Courses** are offered where a portion of the traditional face-to-face instructions are replaced by **web-based learning via Zoom, Skype, or Google**. The web-based and face-to-face components of the courses are designed to interact pedagogically to take advantage of the best features of each. This drastically lowers tuition fee and ensures a **\$375/per credit hour tuition for you**.



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