



UTEP ONLINE



ONLINE MASTER OF EDUCATION IN LITERACY AND LEARNING SCIENCE WITH A CONCENTRATION IN TEXAS READING SPECIALIST

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

30 credit hours

In-state tuition: \$490/credit hour*

Out-of-state tuition: \$575/credit hour*

* Tuition is based on current rates and is subject to change.*

- Available in an easily accessible 100% online format from UTEP's College of Education
- Prepares Texas certified teachers to become leaders and instructional coaches in K-12 literacy education
- Provides coursework that prepares students for the Texas Reading Specialist (#151) certification
- Aligns with national standards and employs a cutting-edge approach to literacy research and literacy education
- Provides students with personalized attention and opportunities to build relationships with faculty who are top-notch researchers

PREPARE TO BE A TEXAS READING SPECIALIST

The M.Ed. in Literacy and Learning Science With a Concentration in Texas Reading Specialist prepares students to be specialized literacy leaders with a particular focus on literacy education in linguistically diverse settings. This degree is ideal for Texas Certified teachers who would like:

- An advanced degree to deepen their knowledge of literacy with linguistically diverse learners.
- To take on leadership roles in their campuses/districts.

As a student of the program you will learn how to

- Balance theories/current scholarship in teaching/research in literacy education and apply them to practice
- Develop, implement, and assess literacy curriculum and professional development in literacy
- Apply your knowledge across diverse learners/learners with diverse needs

You will have opportunities for personal instruction with faculty, practical engagement in the field. The program's flexible, accelerated online format includes:

- hands-on field-based practicum experiences
- engagement with the latest research on literacy and learning sciences
- individualized capstone project linking research, theory and practice in literacy education as a culminating program experience

Graduates of our program are well-qualified for the following types of positions:

- Reading Specialist - Applies specialized knowledge of literacy to planning, instruction, and assessment for students experiencing difficulties in reading and writing
- Literacy or Instructional Coach - Applies specialized knowledge of literacy, curriculum, and assessment to support teacher learning and professional development

Other positions well suited to our graduates include curriculum developer, literacy specialist or consultant in publishing and industry, doctoral student, community college instructor and adjunct faculty.

READY TO CONNECT OR HAVE QUESTIONS?

Call **1-800-684-UTEP** to speak with an enrollment counselor today or visit us at **utepconnect.utep.edu**.

ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS

To apply for the M.Ed. in Literacy and Learning Sciences with a Concentration in Texas Reading Specialist you must:

- Submit a completed graduate admissions application and application fee
- Submit transcripts from all previous colleges and universities attended
- Have an undergraduate GPA of 3.00 or greater
- Have a Texas teaching certification
- Have at least three years of PK-12 teaching experience
- Provide a current résumé demonstrating basic knowledge or experience in education
- Provide a written statement of purpose describing personal and professional goals related to the focus of the program (minimum 500 words)

Admission factors will be reviewed holistically to assess the potential of the applicant.

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS WHOSE FIRST LANGUAGE IS NOT ENGLISH MUST ALSO SUBMIT:

- Official TOEFL (Test of English as a Foreign Language) score of at least 79 on the online version, or 550 on the paper-based version.

NOTES:

- YOU MUST HAVE A BACHELOR’S DEGREE TO APPLY.
- THIS CONCENTRATION IS FOR TEXAS CERTIFIED TEACHERS. If you’re not a TX-certified teacher, consider applying to the concentration in Literacy and Learning Science with a concentration in AL.

CURRICULUM

This is a 30-credit hour program. Students who complete this program are eligible to apply for Texas Reading Specialist certification.

LITERACY AND LEARNING SCIENCES CORE (15 HOURS)

RED 5300	Foundations of Literacy Education in Diverse Contexts
RED 5342	Content Literacy
RED 5353	Language Study for Education
TED 5304	Scholarly Writing for Education
TED 5312	Learning Sciences

READING SPECIALIST CONCENTRATION (15 HOURS)

RED 5330	Research Science of Teaching Reading
RED 5341	Assessment/Teaching of Reading
RED 5350	Mentoring/Coaching for Literacy Education
ECED 5353	Early Literacy/Multiliteracy Development and Curriculum
RED 5360	Reading Specialist Practicum (160-hour supervised practicum)

TOTAL CREDITS: 30

Note: Curriculum is subject to change.



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