

CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION: LITERACY AND ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNING / MASTER OF EDUCATION (M.ED.)

This program leads to endorsements as a Reading Teacher and as a teacher for English Language Learners. The dual endorsement M.Ed. coursework meets State of Illinois requirements for ESL, Bilingual and Reading Teacher endorsements. The ESL and/or Bilingual Endorsement is added to the teachers current professional educators license in preK-12. Coursework in this program is aligned with the Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL) and International Literacy Association (ILA) standards. This program does not lead to initial teacher license.

In addition to the in Department of Education admission requirements, candidates seeking the Master of Education in Literacy and English Language Learning must meet the following requirements:

1. A valid Illinois Professional Educator License with teaching endorsement in PreK-12.¹
2. Fulfillment of Survey of Exceptional Child requirement (105 ILCS 5/21-2a).¹
3. Successful completion of the following program requirements. No more than 6 hours may be transferred; certain courses may not be transferred; certain courses may not be transferred.
4. ESL and Bilingual endorsement requires 100 clinical/fieldwork hours.

¹ International students and those not pursuing teaching license endorsement, such as students pursuing the coursework for use in other fields, are exempt from the requirements for an Illinois Professional Educator License and Survey of the Exceptional Child.

Requirements

Degree Offered: Master of Education

Total Credit Hours: 33 + Comprehensive Examination

Degree Requirements

Code	Title	Hours
Required Courses		
ENLE 51000	Foundations of Bilingual and English Language Learner Education	3
ENLE 51200	Linguistics for Teachers of English Language Learners	3
ENLE 52600	Curriculum and Instruction for English Language Learning	3
RDLT 52300	Foundations and Methods of Teaching Content Area Reading and Intermediate-Adolescent Literacy	3
RDLT 52400	Foundations and Methods of Teaching Developmental Reading and Early Literacy	3

RDLT 53900	Assessment of Literacy and English Language Learning	3
ENLE 54200	Cross-Cultural Studies in Literacy and English Language Learning	3
RDLT 50900	Child and Adolescent Literature	3
RDLT 53300	Strategic Comprehension Instruction and Practicum for the Reading Teacher	3
RDLT 53600	Theory and Practice for Intervention and Remediation of Reading	3
RDLT 57500	Practical Research for Learning Communities	3
Total Hours		33

Clinical hours and experiences are embedded in course assignments. Reading Teacher endorsement requires clinical/fieldwork experiences that meet ILA standards. ESL endorsement requires 100 clinical/fieldwork hours.

Comprehensive Examination Required

The following courses may be substituted for dual Reading and ESL endorsement students:

- RDLT 52700 Teaching Reading to the Diverse Learner for ENLE 54200 Cross-Cultural Studies in Literacy and English Language Learning if the candidate has had coursework in cross-cultural studies for ESL/Bilingual
- RDLT 53800 Assessment and Diagnosis of Reading Problems for RDLT 53900 Assessment of Literacy and English Language Learning if the candidate has had coursework in assessment of ESL/Bilingual
- RDLT 52700 Teaching Reading to the Diverse Learner for either RDLT 52300 Foundations and Methods of Teaching Content Area Reading and Intermediate-Adolescent Literacy or RDLT 52400 Foundations and Methods of Teaching Developmental Reading and Early Literacy depending on prior coursework in state-required areas of reading
- RDLT 54400 Instruction and Resources for Developing Multiliteracies for RDLT 50900 Child and Adolescent Literature depending on prior coursework

State Assessment Requirements

At the conclusion of the program, candidates seeking Reading Teacher Endorsement on a Professional Educator License must pass the Illinois Test for the Reading Teacher, or its State-approved equivalent. At this time, there is no state test for ESL endorsement, but this may be required before this catalog has expired. Candidates pursuing a Bilingual endorsement must pass the Illinois approved language proficiency test or have completed the Illinois high school seal of biliteracy certification.