

# LITERACY EDUCATION, M.A.

## Program Description

The Master of Arts in Literacy Education consists of six foundation courses, four advanced courses, two of which are practicum experiences, and two elective courses, for a total of 36 credit hours.

## Admission Requirements

Applicants should follow the admissions process described in this catalog or at the Graduate Admissions website at [www.marshall.edu/graduate/admissions/how-to-apply-for-admission](http://www.marshall.edu/graduate/admissions/how-to-apply-for-admission). (<https://www.marshall.edu/graduate/admissions/how-to-apply-for-admission/>)

In addition, applicants must have:

- An undergraduate Grade Point Average (GPA) of 2.7 or higher on a 4.0 scale.
- A valid WV teaching certificate.

## Program Requirements

Degree candidates follow a planned program of study and must maintain a cumulative Grade Point Average (GPA) of 3.0. The program of study includes several assessments that are completed as candidates move through the program. A minimum of one year of teaching experience or equivalent as a long-term substitute is required by the time of program completion.

This program requires six hours of supervised practicum in CIRG 623 and CIRG 643. Students must earn a grade of "B" or better in CIRG 623 Lit Facilitator Pract and CIRG 643 Tch Strug Readers Practicum and complete a series of performance assessments completed as they move through the program.

## Plan of Study

A Plan of Study approved by the student's advisor must be on file with the Literacy Education program within 30 days of acceptance into the program. The Plan of Study is a student's "blueprint" for completing graduation requirements.

| Code   | Title                          | Credit Hours |
|--|--------------------------------|--------------|
| CIRG 636   | Developmental Reading          | 3            |
| CIRG 644   | Literacy in the Content Area   | 3            |
| CIRG 615   | Writing in Literacy Curriculum | 3            |
| CIRG 653   | Literacy Acquisition           | 3            |
| CIRG 622   | Literacy Technology            | 3            |
| CIRG 637   | Literacy Assessment            | 3            |
| CIRG 654   | Aligning Assess with Instruct  | 3            |
| CIRG 643   | Tch Strug Readers Practicum    | 3            |
| CIRG 623   | Lit Facilitator Pract          | 3            |
| CIRG 621   | Curr Issues & Prob Reading     | 3            |
| Select two electives, chosen in consultation with the program advisor. |                                | 6            |
| Total Credit Hours   |                                | 36           |

This program requires six hours of supervised practicum and a series of performance assessments completed as candidates move through the program.

## Additional Literacy Endorsements and Certificates for Teachers

Teachers who want to add another teaching endorsement may do so by completing the course requirements and performance assessments, and the appropriate PRAXIS II test. Applicants from states other than West Virginia should verify eligibility for added endorsements through their state's Department of Education.

The program offers two certificate programs that support literacy education.

Programs marked with an asterisk (\*) may be used as endorsements for teaching reading. Programs marked with a plus sign (+) may be used as graduate certificates.

### Certificate Program Admission Requirements

Prospective certificate-only students should apply for admission to Marshall University as a Certificate/Professional Development student and select on the application form the certificate they wish to pursue.

#### \*Literacy Specialist (24 hours)

Admission to this program is suspended.

#### \*Literacy Education (18 hours)

The Literacy Education Certificate is intended for educators who hold an initial teaching license and wish to become highly qualified teachers of reading. It consists of six courses, with embedded field-experiences and leads to a reading endorsement at either the elementary or secondary level.

#### Admission Requirements

1. An initial undergraduate degree in education from a regionally accredited college or university; and
2. A valid teaching license

#### Program Requirements

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|----------|--------------------------------|--------------|
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| CIRG 653 | Literacy Acquisition           | 3            |
| CIRG 644 | Literacy in the Content Area   | 3            |
| CIRG 615 | Writing in Literacy Curriculum | 3            |
| CIRG 622 | Literacy Technology            | 3            |
| CIRG 637 | Literacy Assessment            | 3            |

A series of performance assessments completed as candidates move through the program.

#### +Family Literacy (12 hours)

#### Admission Requirements

A relevant undergraduate degree, as determined by the Literacy Education program, from a regionally accredited college or university is needed for admission to the program.

*Program Requirements*

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|-------------|---------------------------|---------------------|
| CIRG 653    | Literacy Acquisition      | 3                   |
| CIRG 651    | Prin of Family Literacy   | 3                   |
| CIRG 652    | Develop/Eval Fam Lit Prog | 3                   |
| CI 634      | Lang/Cog Early Childhood  | 3                   |