

Reading Specialist

Master of Education & Graduate Certificate Options



WHAT YOU'LL STUDY

Learn about K-12 literacy development along with ways to assess and develop targeted instruction to help all students improve their literacy skills and strategies. Deepen your knowledge with teaching methods grounded in research while developing the skills you need to become a literacy leader.

FORMAT

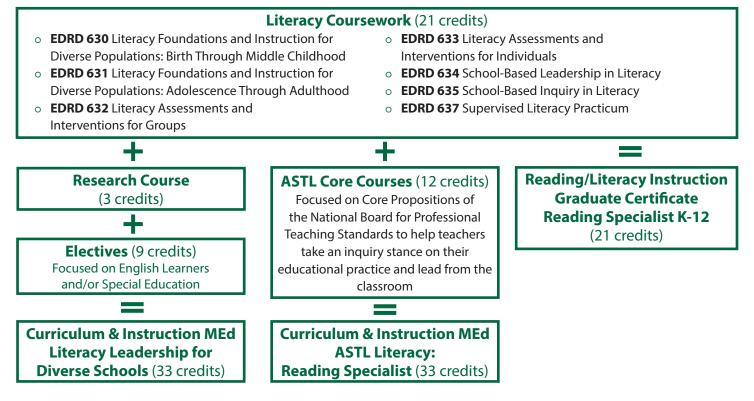
- Students can complete a Master of Education for 33 credits or a Graduate Certificate for 21 credits.
- Courses are offered online and face-to-face throughout the semester to provide the flexibility you need and are offered in cohort format, allowing students to move through the program together on a set schedule.
- Courses are offered at Mason's Fairfax campus, at sites across Northern Virginia, and fully online.

WHERE THIS DEGREE WILL TAKE YOU

- The literacy course work, included in all degree paths, is a state-approved program providing eligibility for the Virginia Reading Specialist Endorsement for currently licensed teachers meeting all state requirements.
- o Our degree paths are designed to fill your skill set with research-based teaching and literacy leadership techniques.
- Students in these programs have the opportunity to become reading specialists, developing specialized instruction for the K-12 students who need it the most while also supporting other teachers' professional learning.
- Graduates may also serve as reading teachers, interventionists, reading or instructional coaches, private literacy tutors, or professional development providers in literacy.
- Graduates with degrees in this area may be eligible for pay raises and advancement opportunities within their schools and district offices.

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PROGRAM OPTIONS



ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS

- Completion of a baccalaureate degree from a regionally accredited institution of higher education or international equivalent for admission to a Master of Education program, or completion of a master's degree from a regionally accredited institution of higher education or international equivalent for admission to the Graduate Certificate program.
- One year of teaching experience
- o Professional resumé or CV
- o Goals statement: 750-1000 words, describing your academic and career goals related to the intended program
- o Transcripts: unofficial transcripts for application review, and official documents for any international credentials
- o Two letters of recommendation: professional or academic in nature
- o International students may have to meet additional requirements, visit go.gmu.edu/GradFAQ for details

CONTACT INFORMATION

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FUNDING OPTIONS

15 percent discount for qualified Virginia educators

Approximately 40 percent tuition discount for out-of-state graduate students

For full details and limitations, visit cehd.gmu.edu/discounts

Licensure information

Mason will verify completion of the requirements of a Virginia Department of Education (VDOE) state-approved preparation program at the graduate or undergraduate level. Such verification does not guarantee the issuance of a Virginia Collegiate Professional, Postgraduate Professional, or Pupil Personnel license from the Commonwealth of Virginia. It is solely the student's responsibility to comply with all requirements for licensure by the commonwealth. Under Virginia law, a social security number is required for licensure.