

DEPARTMENT OF LITERACY EDUCATION

M.S.Ed. in Literacy Education with a Focus on Reading Cohort at the NIU Hoffman Estates Center

The Department of Literacy Education is pleased to announce a sequence of classes leading to the M.S.Ed. in Literacy Education with the focus on reading along with the ISBE Reading Teacher Endorsement and the ISBE Reading Specialist Certification. This graduate program of 33 credits will be delivered at the NIU Hoffman Estates Center across a period of seven semesters. Classes will start in the Spring Semester of 2012.

The M.S.Ed. in Literacy Education from NIU with a focus on reading is nationally recognized by the International Reading Association. As a competency-based program, each course builds upon the previous course in meeting the standards for reading professionals developed by the International Reading Association and approved by the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education.

The tentative sequence of reading courses will include:

Phase I. Foundations in Reading

LTRE 500	Improvement of Reading in the Elementary School
LTRE 505	Teaching Reading in the Middle School
LTRE 511	Content Area Reading
LTIC 515	Bilingualism and Reading
LTLA 543	Writing in the Elementary School

Phase II. Diagnosis and Remediation

LTRE 520	Diagnosis and Treatment of Reading Difficulties
LTRE 530	Practicum in Diagnosis of Reading Difficulties
LTRE 531	Practicum in Problems of Teaching Reading

Phase III. Leadership in Literacy

LTRE 701	Supervisory Problems in Reading
LTCY 586	Internship

Core Course

ETR 519	Applied Educational Research
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The Department of Literacy Education will enroll only 30 candidates in this nationally recognized program. Candidates enroll in the master's program and earn the Reading Teacher Endorsement and/or Reading Specialist Certification at the same time.

An interested candidate may obtain a graduate application by going on-line to the NIU homepage [www.grad.niu.edu] and then clicking the "Admissions" link. Completed M.S.Ed. application packets including two letters of recommendation and test scores (GRE and MAT) should be sent to the NIU Graduate School. A candidate may take the core course as a Student-At-Large before the cohort begins. Student-At-Large applications are also available on-line.

The cost for a 3-credit course is approximately \$1255.00. Additional questions can be answered by calling 815-753-9032.



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