Master of Education Requirements
Language & Literacy: Reading Specialist Concentration

The Department of Early, Middle and Exceptional Education offers a master’s in language and literacy education in which students choose one of two concentrations: a literacy concentration leading to reading specialist certification, or an ESL concentration leading to ESL certification. Both concentrations are available for elementary and secondary teachers who possess an Instructional Certificate in Pennsylvania. A Master of Education in Language and Literacy Education offers the student the opportunity to participate in original research and experiential programs in this field.

Professional Education Requirements
- EDFN 601: Methods of Research (3)

Psychology Requirement
(choose one)
- PSYC 525: Advanced Developmental Psychology (3)
- EDFN 545: Advanced Educational Psychology (3)
- PSYC 526: Advanced Adolescent Psychology (3)
- PSYC 625: Human Growth & Development (3)

Education Foundation Requirement
(choose one)
- EDFN 511: Comparative Education (3)
- EDFN 590: Social Foundations of Education (3)
- EDFN 603: Philosophy of Education (3)
- EDFN 604: Education & Public Policy (3)

Reading Specialist Requirements
- RDED 621: Foundations of Reading and Writing (3)
- RDED 622: Reading and Writing in the Content Areas (3)
- RDED 623: Diagnosis of Reading and Writing Disabilities (3)
- RDED 624: Diagnosis and Correction of Reading and Writing Difficulties/Clinic (6)
- RDED 625: Psychological and Social Factors in Reading and Writing (3)
- RDED 626: Literacy Leadership (3)
- EDUC 562: Methods for Teaching English Language Learners (3)
- EDUC 636: Literature and Response (3) if a prior course in Children’s Literature was completed; if no prior Children’s Literature course EDUC 535: Literature for Children & Young Adolescence (3) must be taken
- Literacy Elective approved by the graduate coordinator (such as Summer Literacy Institute)

Testing Requirement for Certification: Reading Specialist K-12 (0301/5301)

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