

Master of Arts in Literacy Education



LITERACY EDUCATION

The Master of Arts in Literacy Education is a 34-credit program leading to certification as a Pre-K-12 Reading Specialist/Consultant in the state of Rhode Island with reciprocity in 43 states. Students attend the program part-time, taking one course each fall and spring term and two courses over the course of two summer sessions.

Description of the Master of Arts in Literacy Education Program

In today's society, the task of teaching skillful reading and writing becomes increasingly complex as classes fill with students who are culturally, linguistically, and cognitively diverse. Recent reports by the National Research

Council suggest a need for in-school specialists who can provide the high-quality reading instruction children need to succeed in a global society.

The Master of Arts in Literacy Education program at Roger Williams University is designed to provide teachers with the skills necessary to thrive as literacy specialists. Our faculty is dedicated to delivering high-quality instruction to help teachers develop competencies in instruction, assessment, and leadership for literacy programs. Moreover, the program is structured to provide maximum convenience for the professional educator; students take only one course per term and classes meet in late afternoon in order to avoid conflict with teachers' daily work schedules.

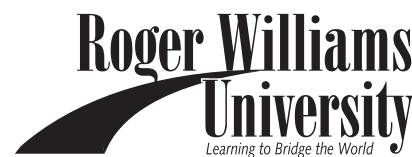
Curriculum

The Literacy Education program is standards-based and all learning experiences are guided by the International Reading Association Standards for Reading Professionals. The program is made up of 10 courses clustered into three Curriculum Levels arranged in a developmental sequence: Level I: Explorations; Level II: Investigations; Level III: Professionalism. Students are grouped into cohorts, with a new group beginning every fall with students matriculating in EDU 610: Introduction to Literacy Research.

Criteria for Admission to the Program

Applications are accepted for admission to the Master of Arts in Literacy Education program on a rolling basis with a start term of spring or summer for a technology course, **Edu 505: Technology Applications in the Classroom**. A formal cohort group begins every fall. Applicants who do not take the technology course before the beginning of the formal cohort must take it the following summer. Applicants must hold an earned bachelor's degree and have attained an overall GPA of 3.00 or greater in undergraduate work. A valid teaching certificate is also required.

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To Apply to the Master of Arts in Literacy Education Program

Submit the following items to the Office of Graduate Admissions:

1. Official transcripts of all undergraduate and graduate records.
2. Personal statement (two double-spaced pages maximum) describing your reasons for wanting to become a literacy specialist.
3. If your first language is not English, an official report of TOEFL or IELTS results.
4. Resume or curriculum vitae.
5. Copy of your teaching certificate.
6. Two letters of recommendation attesting to your potential to complete graduate study and to work with children.
7. Completed application form accompanied by the \$50 application fee.

Applicants must also undergo a personal interview; Please contact Lisa Medeiros in the office of the Dean of the School of Education at 40.254.3309 to schedule an interview appointment with Dr. Susan Pasquarelli once you have submitted all your application materials to the Admissions Office.

To Apply to Enroll in a Course as a Non-Matriculated Student

The School of Education does permit students to take up to three courses on a non-matriculated basis. To apply as a non-matriculated student, simply complete the appropriate application form (available from the Office of Graduate Admission or online at <http://admission.rwu.edu/graduate>) and submit it along with a copy of your final undergraduate transcript. The transcript must indicate the date your bachelor's degree was conferred.

Submit all documents to:

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