READING SPECIALIZATION - M.ED.

College of Education Health and Human Services
School of Teaching, Learning and Curriculum Studies
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Examples of Possible Careers*
Education teachers, postsecondary
- 4.8% about as fast as the average
- 77,300 number of jobs
- $65,440 potential earnings

Middle school teachers, except special and career/technical education
- 3.6% about as fast as the average
- 627,100 number of jobs
- $60,810 potential earnings

Secondary school teachers, except special and career/technical education
- 3.8% about as fast as the average
- 1,050,800 number of jobs
- $62,870 potential earnings

Contact Information
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- Chat with an Admissions Counselor

Fully Offered
- Delivery: In person
- Location: Kent Campus

Admission Terms
- Fall
- Spring
- Summer

*Note
Source of occupation titles and labor data is from the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics’ Occupational Outlook Handbook. Data comprises projected percent change in employment over the next 10 years; nation-wide employment numbers; and the yearly median wage at which half of the workers in the occupation earned more than that amount and half earned less.

Description
The Master of Education degree in Reading Specialization develops practical and professional knowledge that is essential for educators concerned with the improvement of literacy at all instructional levels.

Students study the nature of the reading and writing processes; the interrelationships between language, literature and literacy; literacy learning and teaching; the nature and needs of students who find reading and writing difficult; reading and writing as vehicles for learning and enjoyment; and the role of research in literacy instruction.

Admission Requirements
- Bachelor’s degree from an accredited college or university
- Minimum 2.750 undergraduate GPA on a 4.000 point scale
- Official transcript(s)
- Goal statement
- Two letters of recommendation
- English language proficiency - all international students must provide proof of English language proficiency (unless they meet specific exceptions) by earning one of the following:
  - Minimum 550 TOEFL PBT score (paper-based version)
  - Minimum 79 TOEFL IBT score (Internet-based version)
  - Minimum 77 MELAB score
  - Minimum 6.5 IELTS score
  - Minimum 58 PTE score
  - Minimum 110 Duolingo English Test score

For more information about graduate admissions, visit the graduate admission website. For more information on international admissions, visit the international admission website.

Program Learning Outcomes
Graduates of this program will be able to:

1. Demonstrate outstanding or satisfactory knowledge of the foundations of reading and writing processes and instruction.
2. Use a wide range of instructional practices, approaches, methods and curriculum materials to support reading and writing instruction.
3. Use a variety of assessment tools and practices to plan and evaluate effective reading instruction.
4. Create and engage their students in literacy practices that develop awareness, understanding, respect and valuing of differences in society.
5. Create a literate environment that fosters reading and writing by integrating foundational knowledge, use of instructional practices, approaches and methods, curriculum materials and the appropriate use of assessments.
6. View professional development as a career long effort and responsibility.

Program Requirements
Major Requirements

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Minimum Total Credit Hours: 32

1 Courses must be taken in sequence and are required for reading endorsement. MCED 50005 may also be required for reading endorsement if the student has not taken a phonics course.

**Graduation Requirements**

- No more than one-half of a graduate student’s coursework may be taken in 50000 level courses.

**Licensure information**

Candidates seeking Ohio licensure are required to pass specific assessments in order to apply for licensure. Students should consult their advisors for specific program requirements and refer to the Ohio Department of Education-Educator Preparation website for more information on assessments specific to licensure type.