The master’s degree in teaching, learning and leadership with an option in reading and literacy is a program that prepares K-12 educators to be knowledgeable experts in literacy instruction. This program is designed for classroom teachers who want to deepen their understanding of reading and writing pedagogy, teacher-leaders interested in school literacy reform and teachers who want to serve as a school or district reading specialist or literacy coach.

Program Highlights:
- Cohort model
- Customized pacing: 2 to 4+ year formats
- Dynamic online format
- Personalized interactions with faculty and cohort colleagues
- Leads to reading specialist and literacy coach certification
- Opportunities to connect with the National Writing Project

In this program, you will learn to:
- Teach with authentic children’s / YA literature
- Develop research-based strategies for both reading and writing
- Develop strategies for content-area literacy
- Evaluate literacy programs and materials
- Administer and analyze results of a variety of assessments
- Implement relevant and transformative technology applications
- Become a literacy leader in the classroom, on a team, in a district or on a campus
ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

To be considered for unqualified admission to the program, applicants must have:

- Bachelor’s degree with at least 3.0 GPA (on a 4.0 scale)
- Evidence of efficiency in written communication
- Career goals and objectives that are consistent with the mission of the program

APPLICATION PROCESS

Applications are accepted on a rolling basis. Applicants are strongly encouraged to submit application materials at least six weeks prior to the start of the semester. An applicant’s file will be reviewed when all materials have been received by the OSU Graduate College. Students will be notified of the admission decision within four to six weeks.

To apply for the program, applicants must complete and submit the following:

1. Graduate College Application
   - Visit gradcollege.okstate.edu/apply to complete the online application
   - Submit the non-refundable application fee
   - Submit official transcripts from all previously attended institutions
2. Program Application
   - Current resume/vita
   - 500-word goal statement that articulates why the applicant is pursuing this degree

COURSEWORK

Semester 1: Fall
- Advanced Studies in Children’s Literature
- Pedagogical Research

Semester 2: Spring
- Primary Literacy
- Content Area Literacy

Semester 3: Summer
- Educational Advocacy
- Language Arts Across the Curriculum

Semester 4: Fall
- Literacy Assessment & Instruction
- Curriculum Issues

Semester 5: Spring
- Reading Practicum
- Literacy Leadership & Coaching

Semester 6: Summer
- Two elective courses (six credit hours)

*This reflects the suggested 2-year course sequence, but may be individualized as needed.

HANDS-ON PRACTICUM EXPERIENCES

As a land-grant university, OSU’s mission is to serve the state, nation and the world. Our practicum experiences provide outreach to local communities with the guidance and support of expert faculty.

Graduate students will complete two reading practicums. The practicums support elementary and middle school students through one-on-one and small group tutoring services while simultaneously preparing graduate students with a strong foundation in the reciprocal processes of assessment and instruction.

FINANCIAL SUPPORT

All students enrolled in the online program automatically receive a distance student waiver. Additionally, Oklahoma teachers enrolled in the online program receive an outreach fee waiver. For complete cost information, please visit education.okstate.edu/read.

Students in this program are eligible to apply for the Teacher Education Assistance for College and Higher Education (TEACH) Grant, which provides up to $4,000 a year to graduate students who are completing a teacher preparation program and who agree to teach full time for at least four years as a highly qualified teacher at a school serving low-income students in a high-need field. For more information about the TEACH Grant, please visit studentaid.ed.gov.

Currently enrolled graduate students who are pursuing degrees through the OSU College of Education, Health and Aviation are also eligible for EHA scholarships. For more information, please visit: education.okstate.edu/scholarships.

MORE INFORMATION

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