

LITERACY SPECIALIST, MSED

Campus: Online

For

Individuals with a teaching certificate in childhood or adolescent education who want to become certified literacy specialists.

What You Learn

Graduates of this 30-credit hour online program will gain an understanding of the interrelationships among language acquisition, cognitive and metacognitive processes, and literacy development; and develop strategies for working with teachers and students to support children with literacy needs at all levels of competencies.

How You Learn

You choose between an Early Childhood/Childhood (birth–grade 6) or Middle Childhood/Adolescent (grades 5–12) concentration and, after a 12-credit core curriculum, you then take a 12-credit sequence of courses in your concentration. These courses are available online.

Your program culminates in a one-semester practicum with clinical and school experiences and a related teacher-as-researcher course project.

The Pace University Center for Literacy Enrichment on the White Plains Campus may be a setting for your internship and research project. For more than 25 years, the Center has provided instruction to improve the reading and writing of elementary and middle school children, with emphasis on literature.

Career Outcomes

Candidates who complete this program are eligible for an advanced or professional certificate in the teaching of literacy to Early Childhood/Childhood (birth–grade 6) or Middle Childhood/Adolescent (grades 5–12) students.

Prerequisites

Candidates must have a bachelor's degree or higher from an accredited institution, with a minimum GPA of 3.0. (Upon the recommendation of the dean, graduate faculty admissions committee, or the director of Student Support Services, candidates whose GPA is less than 3.0 may be admitted on a conditional basis, provided that it is determined that the candidate has the necessary knowledge and skills to complete the program successfully.) Candidates must also have a Provisional, Initial, or Professional teaching certificate or comparable certificate from another state. Candidates must also have transcripts demonstrating arts and sciences, content-area major, and pedagogical core consistent with our program requirements. We require the GRE-Graduate Record Examination—General Test. Performance on the GRE will not outweigh the other required criteria in your application.

Track 1

Early Childhood/Childhood Concentration (Birth-Grade 6)

Code	Title	Credits
Core Requirements		
ED 650	Research/Theory in Developing Literacy	3
ED 758	Instructional Approaches for Tchng Writing, Digital Cmpsnng, & Media Prdctn for a Diverse Pop of Stds	3
ED 677	Literacy for Children with Special Needs	3
ED 652	Assessment in Literacy: Grades B - 12	3
TCH 211A	Child Abuse and Violence Prevention	0
TCH 211D	DASA- Harassment, Bullying, Cyberbullying and Discrimination in Schools, Prevention & Intervention	0
Early Childhood/Childhood Concentration		
ED 754	Literature and Digital Storytelling	3
ED 655A	Early Literacy Development in Culturally and Linguistically Diverse Settings	3
ED 755B	Literacy Instruction & Technological Applications for a Diverse Population of Middle Grade Students	3
Elec 000	Elective	3
Practica and Capstone Experience		
ED 693B	Literacy Practicum II: Birth - Grade 6	3
ED 690	Teacher as Researcher	3
Total Credits		30

Track 2

Middle Childhood/Adolescent Concentration (Grades 5–12)

Code	Title	Credits
Core Requirements		
ED 650	Research/Theory in Developing Literacy	3
ED 758	Instructional Approaches for Tchng Writing, Digital Cmpsnng, & Media Prdctn for a Diverse Pop of Stds	3
ED 677	Literacy for Children with Special Needs	3
ED 652	Assessment in Literacy: Grades B - 12	3
TCH 211A	Child Abuse and Violence Prevention	0
TCH 211D	DASA- Harassment, Bullying, Cyberbullying and Discrimination in Schools, Prevention & Intervention	0
Middle Childhood/Adolescent Concentration		
ED 754	Literature and Digital Storytelling	3
ED 757	Adolescent Content Literacies in Culturally & Linguistically Diverse Settings (Grades 9-12)	3
ED 755B	Literacy Instruction & Technological Applications for a Diverse Population of Middle Grade Students	3
Elec 000	Elective	3
Practica and Capstone Experience		
ED 694B	Literacy Practicum II Grades 5-12	3
ED 690	Teacher as Researcher	3
Total Credits		30