

**ELEMENTARY EDUCATION
MASTER OF ARTS IN TEACHING: LANGUAGE ARTS
MASTER OF SCIENCE IN INSTRUCTION: LANGUAGE ARTS
PROGRAM OVERVIEW**

The Master of Arts in Teaching: Language Arts is designed for returning students who wish to obtain initial teacher certification at the elementary level along with a master's degree in the area of Language Arts and English instruction, and middle school endorsement.

This program has three components of coursework:

- Professional core of 18 credit hours in the areas of multicultural education, assessment, media technology, literacy theory and pedagogy, general curriculum development, and research.
- Concentration of 18 credit hours in Language Arts with courses in curriculum and instruction, reading, linguistics, and English.
- Certification coursework composed of additional pedagogical study and field experiences, including 100 clock hours of clinical experience and a student teaching internship.

Students must also have completed general education requirements as specified by the Illinois State Board of Education.

The Master of Science in Instruction: Language Arts is designed to offer professional development to classroom teachers who are interested in updating and refining their teaching competencies in the areas of Language Arts and English instruction at the elementary level.

This program has two components of coursework:

- A professional core composed of 18 credit hours of coursework in literacy foundations, curriculum development, cultural diversity, assessment, media technology, and research.
- A specialization in language arts with 18 credit hours of interdisciplinary coursework in education, reading, English, linguistics and/or speech.

Throughout the program, there is an emphasis on enhancing teacher's leadership skills in developing and implementing Language Arts and English curricula.

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