Instruction: Language Arts Secondary Education, M.S.I.

Overview

The Master of Science in Instruction: Language Arts Program 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 secondary level. Graduates of this program will have updated and advanced knowledge of the theoretical foundations of literacy and language acquisition, principles of curriculum planning and development, and language arts research, as well as instructional strategies for enhancing young people’s acquisition of reading, writing, listening, and speaking competencies in culturally diverse classrooms. Throughout the program there is an emphasis on enhancing teachers’ leadership skills in developing and implementing language arts and English curricula.

Credit hours required: 36

Program of Study

Within this program, students complete coursework in two areas:

• A professional core composed of coursework in literacy foundations (theory and pedagogy), curriculum development, cultural diversity, assessment, media technology, and research.

• A concentration in language arts with interdisciplinary coursework in education, reading, English, linguistics, and/or speech.

Professional Core.................................................................................................................. 18 cr.
EDFN 416 Cultural Pluralism and the Schools.............. 3 cr.
SCED 401E New Directions in the Teaching of English at the Junior-Senior High School................... 3 cr.
ELED 430 Trends and Issues in Assessment.................. 3 cr.
EDFN 442 Media Technology for Educators.................. 3 cr.
LTCY 402 Issues in Literacy Instruction....................... 3 cr.
SCED 421L Research in the Teaching of Language Arts.......................................................... 3 cr.

Language Arts Concentration......................................................... 18 cr.
SCED 407B Teaching Multicultural Literature In Middle And Secondary Schools..................... 3 cr.
LTCY 506 Writing Instruction As Related To Reading In Middle & High Schools.................... 3 cr.
LING 401 Fundamentals of Modern Linguistics OR TESL 402 Principles of Linguistics for Teachers... 3 cr.
Three Electives selected from English Literature, Creative Writing, Composition, TESL, Linguistics..... 9 cr.

Subject to change. See current University catalog for up-to-date information.

Admissions

Applicants must fulfill the requirements for admission to the College of Graduate Studies and Research. Additional requirements:

• A current, valid, state teaching certificate
• Eighteen (18) credit hours undergraduate coursework in English literature/composition, linguistics, TESL, and/or Speech
• Fifteen (15) credit hours of undergraduate coursework in education with one, 3 credit hour course in methods of teaching reading or English

GRE: Not required

Attending Northeastern

• Classes are offered during the late afternoon and evening hours to accommodate professionals working full-time
• Students may attend either part-time or full-time
• Current in-state graduate tuition is less than $400 per credit hour (tuition & fees)
• Financial support: Financial aid (loans), merit tuition scholarships, and graduate assistantships are often available to help fund your graduate education.

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