Overview

The Department of Literacy Education offers the Reading Teacher Endorsement for Elementary Grades, designed to meet the urgent need for informed and trained instructional leaders in literacy education. The specific objectives of the program are:

- to increase candidates’ knowledge of the nature and scope of literacy processes; to advance professional growth in the teaching of literacy
- to provide specialized training in assessment and intervention for students who struggle with reading and writing
- to prepare candidates to effectively address the literacy challenges students may experience with state mandated assessments
- to prepare candidates for leadership in literacy instructional planning, curriculum development, and professional support.

Credit hours required: 24

Careers

- Title 1 Reading Teacher, providing instructional intervention for students struggling with reading and writing
- Team or Department Literacy Leaders, providing guidance and support to their grade-level or content-area colleagues to apply literacy strategies across the curriculum

Program of Study

LTCY 501 Literacy Instruction in Elementary Grades
LTCY 513 Literacy Instruction in Middle Grades
LTCY 504 Literature for Instruction in a Diverse Society
LTCY 505 Writing Instruction in Elementary Schools
LTCY 507 Literacy Assessment & Instructional Planning
LTCY 508 Practicum in Literacy Assessment & Intervention: Elementary Level
LTCY 509 Practicum in Literacy Assessment & Intervention: Middle Level
LTCY 512 Leadership in Literacy Instruction

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

Please visit the Department of Literacy Education website at www.neiu.edu/LiteracyEd

Admissions

Applicants to the Graduate Programs in Literacy Education program must meet the admission requirements of the College of Graduate Studies and Research. In addition, the candidates must provide evidence of:

- A current Illinois professional educator license endorsed for teaching
- Successful completion of a course in educational psychology
- A minimum grade point average of 2.75 in undergraduate work with a minimum grade point average of 3.0 in the education major coursework
- Successful completion of the Illinois Licensure Testing System Test of Basic Skills or the Test of Academic Proficiency
- Submission of a written essay focused on professional experiences and goals

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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