MEd in Reading – Dyslexia Interventions

It is estimated that 1 in 5 children could potentially struggle with dyslexia today. This program will enable students to obtain a Master's Degree in Reading with specialized qualifications in Dyslexia Interventions. Educators, educational professionals, parents, and speech and language professionals will be guided to further understand structured literacy approaches in curriculum, instruction, and assessment. The literacy professional will learn evidence-based programmatic research to match the specific needs of individuals challenged with spoken and written language.

If you are a certified teacher, the MEd in Reading – Dyslexia Interventions program can lead to certification as a Reading Specialist.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS and PROCEDURES

- Visit the Graduate School webpage and click the "Apply" link on the left side of the screen.
- Begin by creating an account on CollegeNET by clicking the "account" link on the Apply page.

CollegeNET is a self-managed application system. It will allow you to submit admission materials, check the status of your application, and view your decision letter using this account. If you have issues with your CollegeNET account, consult the CollegeNET help desk by submitting a Help Request Form or email <u>help@collegenet.com</u>.

Individuals seeking admission as degree students in this program must comply with the general admission requirements for graduate students at Edinboro University and with the following specific admission requirements for this program:

- 1. Complete the online application.
- **2.** Pay an application fee of \$30.
- 3. Provide an official transcript verifying an earned baccalaureate degree from a regionally accredited institution of higher education.
- 4. Submit a copy of valid teaching certificate. If not certified, submit letter stating access to a school building, educational agency, or access to a student, environment for face-to-face, one-on-one instruction and technology to support online or inperson observations from a university supervisor.
- 5. Agree to secure all Edinboro University required clearances prior to start of Practicums. Please visit <u>Clearance Requirements</u> for more information.

CURRICULUM

30 semester hours of prescribed graduate credit is required as a partial requirement for the degree. These required graduate credits should be earned as follows:

| READ 624/ SPED 624 | Introduction to Dyslexia and Dyslexia Interventions |
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| READ 706 | Foundations of Literacy: Theory and Instruction |
| READ 707 | Literacy Instruction for the Content Area Professional |
| READ 625/ SPED 625 | Fundamentals of Phonics and English Language Structure |
| READ 709 | Literacy Difficulties: Assessment and Intervention |
| READ/ APSY 726 | The Reading Brain and Evidence-Based Instruction |
| READ 729 | Assistive Technology in Literacy Instruction |
| READ 730 | Advocating for Individuals with Dyslexia |
| READ 794 | Research and Design in Reading |
| READ 727 | Advanced Structured Language Teaching Practicum, Part I* |
| READ 728 | Advanced Structured Language Teaching Practicum, Part II* |
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*Within the coursework required for the MEd Reading – Dyslexia Interventions program, graduate candidates will secure 60 hours of practicum experiences. Two semester-long courses require 30 hours of one-on-one multi-sensory structured language instruction with a client.

For More Information: If you have questions about the application process, please contact Edinboro University's School of Graduate Studies at gradstudies@edinboro.edu or at (814)732-2856 or toll-free (888) 845-2890.

For questions specific to the MEd Reading – Dyslexia Interventions, please contact **Dr. Karen Tyler** at **(814) 732-2303** ktyler@edinboro.edu.

Office for Accessibility Services: For information or assistance regarding services, activities and facilities that are accessible to and usable by persons with a disability, contact the Office for Accessibility Services (OAS), at (814) 732-2462. For additional information, visit the OAS web page.

Graduate Assistantships: Graduate Assistantships are available for campus based students only. They are awarded on a competitive basis. Admission applications must be completed by February 15th to be considered for an assistantship. Assistantships provide a partial waiver of tuition and a stipend, as well as an opportunity to gain experience in research and professional activities. Additional information about assistantships is available through the School of Graduate Studies and Research, (814) 732-2856 or toll-free (888) 845-2890.

Financial Aid Considerations: An academic year consists of fall, spring, and summer. Graduate students taking graduate level courses may receive up to \$20,500 in the Direct Unsubsidized Stafford Loan Program. Most students will use their Stafford loans during the 9 month period (fall and spring). Students will want to be mindful of their financial aid to allow for funding for 12 months if planning on enrolling during the summer term. Students will have an option to apply for Graduate Plus loan or private loans if other funding has been exhausted. For more specific information, please contact the Financial Aid Office at **(888) 611-2680** or **finaid@edinboro.edu**.

Employer Reimbursement: Non-traditional students who are working and taking classes on a part-time basis may have employerpaid education benefits. The purpose of the employer tuition reimbursement agreement is to allow employees who receive reimbursement to defer payment of their tuition and fees until after grades are available at the end of the semester. Edinboro University accepts employer benefit plans through arrangements with the Bursar's Office by completing the enclosed employer tuition reimbursement agreement.

Veterans' Education Benefits: Information and printable forms regarding Veterans' Education Benefits and the Montgomery GI Bill are available at the Department of Veterans Affairs website, http://www.gibill.va.gov/. After the Department of Veterans Affairs approves a student's eligibility, and after the school certifies the student's enrollment, benefits are paid directly to the student after the end of each month.

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