

# ***MEd in Reading***

Inspiring literacy leaders on behalf of striving readers and writers.

Edinboro University's Master of Education in Reading is designed to prepare pre-service or experienced teachers with effective, research-based instructional techniques in teaching students to read and write successfully.

This professional training extends beyond the development of basic literacy skills to the empowerment of highly qualified educators. Gaining expertise in diagnostics, interventions and experiences to assist striving readers and writers, our program is designed to inspire future reading specialists.

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## **ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS and PROCEDURES**

- Visit the Graduate School webpage and click the "Applying to Graduate School" 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 [help@collegenet.com](mailto:help@collegenet.com).

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. Minimum 3.0 overall GPA.
5. Copy of valid teaching certificate or complete a program of study approved by the Dean of Education, leading to certification as an elementary or secondary school teacher prior to completion of the program.

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## **CURRICULUM**

**A minimum of 30 semester hours of graduate credit is required to complete the degree.**

These credits should be earned as follows

- READ 702 Literacy Interventions for Striving Readers
- READ 704 Comprehensive Literacy Curriculum: Design and Implementation
- READ 706 Foundations of Literacy: Theory and Instruction
- READ 707 Literacy Instruction for the Content Area Professional
- READ 708 English Language Learners in the Literacy Curriculum
- READ 709 Literacy Difficulties: Assessment and Intervention
- READ 710 Organization, Supervision and Administration of Reading Programs
- READ 712 Reading Clinic

## DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

Degree candidates must comply with the degree requirements for the Master of Education degree listed in the Graduate Catalogue.

## CANDIDACY: Graduate Requirements in Progress (GRIP)

Admission to graduate study as a degree candidate does not automatically mean that the student will meet all requirements and complete the Masters in Education: Reading at Edinboro University.

The academic record of each Masters in Education: Reading degree candidate is reviewed at the conclusion of the semester or summer session in which the candidate is enrolled for his or her 15th credit at the University. Students who have made satisfactory progress in the degree program will be approved for continuation. This approval includes the satisfactory completion of 15 hours of course work, a cumulative average of "B" or better, and appropriate Dispositions. After this approval, a student may be removed from the program based on the recommendations of the graduate faculty, Program Head with supporting evidence, and approved by the Dean of Education and the Dean of Graduate Studies and Research. It is the student's responsibility to submit the GRIP Form to the Graduate Program Head of Reading.

## CERTIFICATION: PRAXIS II: Reading Specialist Exam 5301

The Master of Reading program prepares students for certification as a Reading Specialist. It is the student's responsibility to register for the Reading Specialist PRAXIS exam and to apply for Reading Specialist Certification. Candidates seeking teacher certification from a state other than Pennsylvania should follow the procedures required by that specific state. Only international students who hold immigration status and have submitted a form of intent to become a citizen are eligible to apply for PDE teacher certification.

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

For questions specific to the MEd in Reading, please contact Dr. Karen Tyler at (814) 732-2303 or [kt Tyler@edinboro.edu](mailto:kt Tyler@edinboro.edu).

**Office of Accessibility for Students:** For information or assistance regarding services, activities and facilities that are accessible to and usable by persons with a disability, contact the Office of Accessibility for Students 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 [financialaid@edinboro.edu](mailto:financialaid@edinboro.edu).

**Employer Reimbursement:** Non-traditional students who are working and taking classes on a part-time basis may have employer-paid 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.