

MASTER OF EDUCATION IN LITERACY EDUCATION

Web Site: <https://twu.edu/literacy-and-learning/graduate-programs/masters-in-reading-education/>

The Master of Education in Literacy Education degree (M.Ed.) is designed to provide graduate students with a comprehensive understanding of literacy education. The program includes required master's coursework that emphasizes the application of theory and research to the processes and practices of literacy instruction, enabling students to gain the knowledge and skills needed to evaluate and develop effective literacy programs.

Completed during the final course, the capstone experience allows students to create a digital professional portfolio that showcases their learning and their ability to apply their learning practically to their teaching.

Optional to this degree, upon completion of required coursework and all TEA requirements, graduate students may be eligible to take the Texas All-Level (EC-12) Reading Specialist Certification exam. This is a state-level educator professional certification awarded by the State of Texas after all requirements are met. This is not a graduate certificate.

If this optional certification is to be pursued, the TWU Educator Preparation Program (EPP) Graduate Professional Certification Application must be completed prior to beginning the coursework. Admission requirements for the Reading Specialist professional certification program are:

- a. 2 years as a full-time classroom teacher of record in public or private, accredited school
- b. 3.0 in last 60 hours. 2.75 overall
- c. TOEFL iBT score if bachelor's degree was earned out of the US in a country not approved by TEA

To be eligible to take the exam, students must complete the required coursework and pass the practice exam. In order to be recommended for certification, all coursework must be completed, including a 160 hour practicum, the TExES certification exam must be passed, and the master's degree must be posted to the transcript (if applicable).

Students who already hold a master's degree are required to complete the TWU Educator Preparation Program (EPP) Graduate Professional Certification Application prior to beginning the coursework. Admission requirements for the program are:

- a. 2 years as a full-time classroom teacher of record in public or private, accredited school
- b. 3.0 in last 60 hours. 2.75 overall
- c. TOEFL iBT score if bachelor's degree was earned out of the US in a country not approved by TEA

To be eligible to take the exam, students must complete the required coursework and pass the practice exam. In order to be recommended for certification, all coursework must be completed, including a 160 hour, supervised practicum, and the TExES certification exam must be passed.