

DEPARTMENT OF LITERACY AND LEARNING

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Graduate Degrees Offered

- M.Ed. in Early Childhood Education (<http://catalog.twu.edu/graduate/professional-education/literacy-learning/early-childhood-education-med/>) The master's degree in Early Childhood Education provides professional development for early childhood teachers and prepares students for advanced careers in various educational settings. The program is offered up to 100% online. Offered together with the Department of Human Development, Family Studies, and Counseling.
- Ph.D. in Child Development and Early Education (<http://catalog.twu.edu/graduate/professional-education/human-development-family-studies-counseling/child-development-early-education-phd/>) The doctoral program in Early Child Development and Education prepares students for advanced career options in child care administration, child and family advocacy, public policy, research, and higher education.
- M.Ed. in Reading Education (<http://catalog.twu.edu/graduate/professional-education/literacy-learning/reading-education-med/>) The Master of Education degree in Reading Education prepares teachers to be literacy leaders in their schools. The degree may lead to certification as an All-level Reading Specialist. Students seeking the M.Ed. degree complete a Digital Professional Portfolio. The M.Ed. is a hybrid program.
- M.A. in Reading Education (<http://catalog.twu.edu/graduate/professional-education/literacy-learning/reading-education-ma/>) The Master's of Arts degree in Reading Education prepares teachers to be literacy leaders in their schools. This degree may lead to certification as an All-level Reading Specialist. The M.A. is a thesis option that prepares students for further work in a doctoral program.
- Ph.D. in Reading Education (<http://catalog.twu.edu/graduate/professional-education/literacy-learning/reading-education-phd/>) The doctoral program in reading prepares educators and researchers for specialized work in literacy at all levels of education. The program recognizes the value of literacy and contributes to literacy development in diverse social contexts, from local school districts to universities in the United States and abroad.

The principal objectives of the department are to provide professional development for teachers and educators, with emphasis on advanced graduate training in literacy and early childhood education. The department also provides specialized study at the doctoral level in reading and early childhood education, with emphasis on the study and practice of research in selected areas from early childhood through adult years. A major goal of all graduate programs is to develop leadership potential and skills for graduates of these programs and to encourage effective teaching practice in all areas of public schools and at the college level. At all levels of study, the interrelationships of theory and practice are valued, as students are led to develop theory and new knowledge leading to the integration of research and teaching. The

department also offers services to teachers, schools, parents, and the community in the form of courses, programs of study, and expert consultation on teaching and learning.