Literacy Education M.A.E.

Literacy Education Major

This program is designed to develop and extend the expertise of educators in both leadership and classroom positions who wish to specialize in the area of literacy education. Students examine theories, programs and practices in the teaching of literacy, the evaluation of literacy development and the integration of literacy across curricular areas.

Students interested in this program must submit a completed Application for Admission to Graduate Study and should refer to their MyUNIverse Student Center To-Do list or contact the Department of Curriculum and Instruction for other application requirements. Graduate information and application for graduate admission can be found at https://admissions.uni.edu/application.

The Graduate Record Examination (General Test) **is not** required for admission to the program.

Only graduate courses (course numbers 5000 or above) will apply to a graduate degree, even if the undergraduate course number (4999 or less) is listed. No exceptions will be made.

The degree program in this major requires a **minimum of 30 (non-thesis option) or 33 (thesis option) semester hours.**

Students on the thesis option must include 6 hours of LITED 6299 Research on the program of study. Students completing the non-thesis option must meet the department graduate research requirement. Students on the non-thesis option must include 3 hours of LITED 6299 Research on the program of study.

Students that begin the Master's program with an Iowa reading endorsement (K-8 or 5-12), will need to complete the entire Master's program at UNI in order for UNI to make a recommendation for license with the Iowa Board of Educational Examiners for Reading Specialist K-12 endorsement.

Students who did not begin the Master's program with an Iowa reading endorsement (K-8 or 5-12), will need to include an additional six (6) hours of coursework at 5000-level (LITED 4147/5147Advanced Literacy Practices and LITED 4192/5192 Experience in Literacy: Tutoring), in order to complete the Reading Specialist K-12 endorsement and have UNI make a recommendation for license with the Iowa Board of Educational Examiners. Students may include the additional six hours in their program of study for the M.A.E. Literacy Education, or students may complete the six hours of UNI coursework post M.A.E.

Required Professional Core:		
EDPSYCH 6216	Advances in Educational Psychology: The Psychology of Literacy	3
MEASRES 6205	Educational Research	3
Literacy Education:		21
LITED 6212	Methods and Materials in Literacy Education	
LITED 6238	Advanced Assessment and Evaluation of Literacy Development	
LITED 6239	Advanced Literacy Curriculum Studies	
LITED 6240	Language Development and Variability	
LITED 6245	Ideological, Cultural, and Sociopolitical Issues in Children's Literature	
LITED 6260	Roles of the Reading Specialist	
LITED 6290	Practicum in Literacy	
Literacy Education Research Requirement:		3 or 6
LITED 6299	Research	
Thesis Option (6 hours)		
Non-thesis Option (3 hours)		
Total hours (non-thesis option)		30
Total hours (thesis option)		33

Learning Outcomes

Literacy Education, M.A.E.

- Review current knowledge and theory based on topics of inquiry.
- Synthesize content knowledge development for application in practice.
- Elaborate on identified issues and develop grounded rationales behind the theory and recommendations for resolution of the problem.
- Demonstrate knowledge, application, and analysis of literacy assessments used to develop instruction for students who struggle with literacy learning.
- Communicate professional knowledge and applications in literacy education through written and oral presentations.

Related Programs

- Early Childhood Education M.A.E.
- Elementary Education - Teaching B.A.