



# ONLINE MASTERS IN READING, LANGUAGE & LITERACY EDUCATION

## PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Georgia State University's Online M.Ed. in Reading, Language & Literacy Education is designed to prepare certified teachers and education professionals to serve as leaders in literacy education. Tailored for the working professional, this program is offered completely online and taught by distinguished faculty in the Middle and Secondary Education Department. The mission of the program is to equip educators with the knowledge and tools to advance the literacy abilities of culturally, racially and linguistically diverse K-12 students in urban and multicultural learning environments. Completion of this program results in eligibility for a certification upgrade. This online M.Ed. program requires completing 36 semester hours of coursework, an electronic portfolio and state certification exams. Online students earn the same degree as on campus students.

### PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS:

- ✓ Nationally-accredited
- ✓ 100% online program
- ✓ Twelve courses
- ✓ Work with distinguished program faculty
- ✓ Hands-on, online clinical experiences
- ✓ Earn certification upgrade & pay increase
- ✓ Become a leader in literacy education

### PROGRAM LENGTH:

- It generally takes 1.5 years to earn this degree.

<div style="font-size: 2em; font-weight: bold;">36</div> <div style="font-size: 0.8em;">Semester Hours</div>	Fall	9 hrs
	Spring	9 hrs
	Summer	9 hrs
	Fall	9 hrs

### APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS:

- Application and \$50 application fee
- Bachelor's degree in related area
- Minimum of 2.5 undergraduate G.P.A.
- Clear, renewable teaching certificate
- Goals statement
- Two letters of recommendation

### PROGRAM COST:

Tuition	\$398 per credit hour	36 credit hours	\$14,328 USD
Fees	\$312 per credit hour	36 credit hours	\$11,232 USD
Total Cost			\$25,560 USD

*\*Tuition and fees are subject to change.*

### APPLICATION DEADLINES:

- Fall: June 15
- Spring: October 15
- Summer: April 1

### FINANCIAL AID:

- Financial aid may be available. Visit <https://sfs.gsu.edu> for more information.



## PROGRAM OF STUDY:

### Orientation (0 Credit Hours)

- EDRD 7000 Orientation to the Online Masters in Literacy Education

### Professional Studies (9 Credit Hours)

- EPRS 7900 Methods of Research
- EPSF 7120 Social and Cultural Foundations
- EPY 7080 The Psychology of Learning and Learners

### Literacy Core (9 Credit Hours)

- EDRD 7600 Theory and Pedagogy in the Study of Literacy
- EDRD 7630 Critical Literacies in the Content Areas
- EDRD 7650 Individualized Literacy Assessment and Instruction

### Literacy Concentration (9 Credit Hours)

Select one of the following concentrations:

#### Literacy Specialist

- EDRD 7550 Literacy Assessment and Curriculum Development
- EDRD 8610 Professional Learning and Leadership of Literacy
- EDCI 7660 Practicum I

#### ESOL

- TSLE 7250 Applied Linguistics for the Bilingual/ESOL Teacher
- TSLE 7260 Cultural Issues for the Bilingual/ESOL Teacher
- TSLE 7440 Methods & Materials for the Bilingual/ESOL Teacher

### Literacy Electives (9 Credit Hours)

Select three literacy electives with the consent of your advisor. You may also select an additional concentration.

## PROGRAM OUTCOMES:

The core literacy courses for this program meet the requirements for a reading endorsement, which prepares graduates as reading teachers, who provide engaging, culturally responsive, literacy instruction to K-12 students. Additionally, M.Ed. students choose from two literacy concentration areas: (1) Literacy Specialist or (2), English to Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL).

### Literacy Specialist Concentration

The literacy specialist concentration leads to a literacy specialist certification, which prepares certified teachers for leadership roles in the field of literacy education. Literacy specialists generally enter careers as literacy coaches, consultants, and diagnosticians, who apply their knowledge and expertise to develop literacy programs for school districts, reading clinics, non-profit organizations, and publishing companies. Literacy specialists in our program demonstrate an expertise in honoring and advancing the literacy abilities of racially, culturally, and linguistically diverse students and promoting educational excellence and social justice in urban and multicultural educational settings.

### ESOL Concentration

The ESOL concentration leads to an ESOL endorsement and provides advanced teacher preparation for individuals who have an interest in teaching English to speakers of other languages in K-12 classrooms. ESOL educators from Georgia State use a strength-based approach to leverage the literacy abilities of culturally and linguistically diverse individuals and promote educational excellence in ESOL programs.

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## AVERAGE SALARY\*:

- The annual median salary for a reading or ESOL teacher is \$58,600.
- The annual median salary for a literacy specialist is \$64,450.

\*Bureau of Labor and Statistics