

Literacy Specialist (ELIT)

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(M. A. Degree) Thirty-three to Thirty-Six Hours Required

The Literacy Specialist (P-12) program meets the International Literacy Association's guidelines for the preparation of reading specialists and literacy coaches in schools. The Literacy Specialist program is offered for certified teachers who hold a teaching certificate and wish to earn a first or second Master's Degree in Literacy Specialist. Two specialization tracks exist: Track one offers Literacy Specialist Master's Degree and a Teacher Leader Endorsement; Track two offers Literacy Specialist Master's Degree with a concentration in English literature.

All candidates must log a minimum of 25 clinical hours in settings across the P-12 age/grade continuum.

Candidates must pass the Literacy Specialist Praxis to be eligible for certification.

Department: Education

Type: Master of Arts

Core Courses	18 hours
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Tracks	
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Teacher Leader Endorsement Track (TMLA)	15 hours
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English Concentration Track (GENG)	18 hours
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Total	33-36
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Core Courses

Item #	Title	Credit Hour(s)
EDU516	Research-Based Practices in Literacy Instruction P-12	
EDU517	Educational Policy and Theoretical Foundations of Literacy	
ENG526	Teaching P-12 Writing Across the Curriculum	
EDU604	Instructional Coaching: Building Teacher Capacity through Mentoring and Collaboration	
EDU662	Assessing and Facilitating Literacy Development	

Tracks

Select remaining courses from one of the following tracks:

Teacher Leader Endorsement Track (TMLA)

Item #	Title	Credit Hour(s)
EDU510	Foundations: Becoming a Teacher Leader	
EDU527	Advanced Applications of Technology for Teacher Leaders	
EDU529	Teaching in a Diverse Society: Deepening the Skills for Teacher Leaders	
EDU626	Developing Teacher Leadership through Research / Implementation of Capstone Research Project	

English Concentration Track (GENG)

Note: Does not lead to Kentucky Teaching Certification or Endorsement.

Item #	Title	Credit Hour(s)
ENG510	Composition, Theory & Pedagogy	
ENG512	African American Literature	
ENG514	Reading and Teaching Shakespeare	
ENG518	Reading Poetry	
ENG626	Action Research in Rhetoric	
Total credits:		33-36