

**Murray State University**  
**Masters of Arts in Education/Reading and Writing: Literacy Specialist Endorsement P-12**  
**Program Guide Sheet**

Student Name \_\_\_\_\_ M# \_\_\_\_\_

Best way to contact \_\_\_\_\_.

The MA degree program is designed to fulfill course requirements for Rank II classification (or for Rank I classification for those with a prior Master’s Degree) and to fulfill the requirements for the Literacy Specialist Endorsement, P-12.

The program must be **PREPLANNED** with one’s advisor and shall consist of 30 semester hours of graduate level course work with a minimum of 9 hours in professional education and a minimum of 15 hours of 600 level courses. Admission to the program requires a valid teaching certificate and admission to the Murray State University Graduate School. The teacher certification requirement for admission to the program may be waived with the understanding that completion of the program will not certify one for the Literacy Specialist Endorsement (Grades P-12) or as a classroom teacher in Kentucky. Candidates may transfer up to 12 hours of credit not used in another graduate degree program as approved by the advisor, and the requirements for the program must be completed within eight years from the time a student initially enrolls in any course applicable to the program.

**PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION ~ Core Courses (9 credit hours)**

- EDU 639 Research to Improve Student Learning (3)
- EDU 637 Instruction for Diverse Learners (3)
- EDU 631 Classroom Management and Student Motivation (3)

**SPECIALIZATION ~ ( 15 Hours)**

- REA 612<sup>1</sup> Foundations of Literacy (3) (<sup>1</sup>This course should be the first REA course taken.)
- REA 618 Content Area Literacy K-12 (3)
- REA 628 Literacy Assessment (3)
- REA 638 Assessment and Instruction of Children w/Reading Difficulties (3)
- REA 639<sup>2</sup> Supervised Practicum in Reading (3) (<sup>2</sup>REA 612 or 624, 618, 628, and 638 MUST be completed before enrolling in REA 639.)

**LIMITED READING/WRITING ELECTIVES ~ (6 Hours )**

Electives must be approved in advance by the student’s education advisor. At least one course with a major emphasis on writing (e.g. ENG 604/605 or ELE 602) MUST be included.

Elective with emphasis on writing:

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Other elective:

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**TOTAL SEMESTER HOURS FOR THE PROGRAM 30**

**SUGGESTED ELECTIVES:**

REA 626 Word Study: Phonics, Spelling, and Vocabulary (3)

ELE 602 Integrating Language Arts (3)

REA 624 Kentucky Reading Project – by application only. See

<http://www.kentuckyliteracy.org/elementary/krp> (3)

Offered only in summer: Tuition free if accepted into the program

ENG 604/605 Purchase Area Writing Project I & II – by application only. See

<http://campus.murraystate.edu/pawp/> (6)

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ELE 616 Research in Children’s Literature (3)

LIB 617 Research in Young Adult Literature (3)

The candidate’s progress will be continuously assessed throughout the program using established program checkpoints and LiveText entries addressing International Literacy Association and Kentucky Teacher Standards. Purchase of LiveText is required.

**Additional Program and Exit Requirements:**

G.P.A.: 3.0 on 4.0 scale with no grade lower than “C.” Each candidate must complete designated assessments which are scored in the COEHS’s *Livertext* assessment system. Finally, candidates must pass the appropriate PRAXIS 5301 exam to receive this endorsement and be deemed ready to take on the responsibility of leading a school reading program (See [www.ets.org/praxis/ky/requirements](http://www.ets.org/praxis/ky/requirements) for information on the exam). Candidates who do not take the exam will still receive the degree and rank change.

Teacher certification requirements are subject to change. Before registering for the test(s), please refer to the Education Professional Standards Board (EPSB) website at [www.kyepsb.net](http://www.kyepsb.net) for current requirements or contact the Division of Internship and Assessment at 502-564-4606 or 888-598-7667.

Candidate should not deviate from planned program without prior advisor approval.

### **MA Reading and Writing Checklist**

\_\_\_\_\_1. Contact your advisor for help choosing electives and with any other questions. Fill out the Advising Sheet AND the Graduate Program Form (both available online at <http://coekate.murraystate.edu/manager/advsheet/>). Send to your advisor during your first semester in the program. **IF YOU FAIL TO COMPLETE YOUR PROGRAM FORM, IT IS POSSIBLE THAT CHANGES TO THE PROGRAM MAY CAUSE SOME CLASSES ALREADY TAKEN NOT TO COUNT.**

\_\_\_\_\_2. If you want to substitute an elective for one that was listed on your initial program form, you must first get your advisor's permission. If it is approved, a Course Substitution Form (available online at <http://coekate.murraystate.edu/manager/advsheet/>) must be completed and sent to your advisor.

\_\_\_\_\_3. Submit the Application for Degree (available online at <http://coekate.murraystate.edu/manager/advsheet/>) at the beginning of the semester in which you intend to graduate.

#### **Course Load**

Nine hours of graduate level classes is a full-time load; students employed full-time are encouraged to take ONE CLASS per semester. **UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES** should they take **MORE THAN TWO** classes per semester. Students in graduate classes should expect to spend 6 – 9 hours per week on each full-semester class (not including the 3 hours of in-class time). Students in online classes should expect to spend 9-12 hours per week on each full-semester class. This means more than one hour of work **PER DAY PER CLASS** is expected during a full-semester course. Shorter sessions demand even more work per day. Students are encouraged not to sign up for more than they can reasonably do; a grade of Incomplete will not be given simply because a student has not planned well.

## Suggested Course Sequence

### Schedule of Classes

Note: This schedule is subject to change to meet student needs. Check with your advisor.

	<b>Fall</b>	<b>Spring</b>	<b>Summer</b>
<b>EDU 639</b>	online	online	---
<b>EDU 637</b>	online	online	----
<b>EDU 631</b>	traditional*	traditional*	online
<b>REA 612</b>	online	online	----
<b>REA 628</b>	-----	online	----
<b>REA 618</b>	online	online	
<b>REA 624</b>			Various MSU campus locations
<b>REA 638</b>			Murray campus
<b>REA 639</b>	online	online	----
<b>Selected electives</b>			
<b>ELE 602</b>	-----	-----	online
<b>REA 626</b>	online	online	----
<b>ELE 616</b>	----	online	----
<b>LIB 617</b>	online	----	----
<b>ENG 604</b>			Murray campus
<b>ENG 605</b>			Murray campus

**\*offered traditional; may also be offered online; check the schedule**

The student and advisor have discussed this program and agree to the foregoing plan. An official *MSU Graduate Program Form* must also be completed and submitted to the advisor along with this form **prior to completion of the first course taken.**

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 Student Signature

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 Advisor Signature

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 Date