This MA ED degree program is designed to fulfill course requirements for Rank II classification. **This program does not prepare students for the Literacy Specialist Endorsement. Students interested in adding a Literacy Specialist Endorsement to their certificates should enroll in the MA in Education – Reading and Writing program.** This **PREPLANNED** program shall consist of 30 semester hours of graduate level course work. Applicants must hold an Early Elementary (K-4, P-5, 1-8) Provisional Certificate or its equivalent. EDU 600 Introduction to Teacher Leadership must be taken as the first course in the core sequence. At least 21 semester hours must be earned at MSU, and the requirements for the program must be completed within **eight years** of the time a student initially enrolls in any course applicable to the program. The student’s progress will be continuously assessed throughout the program using established program checkpoints. A minimum grade point average of 3.0 is required for graduation. Students must complete EDU 600 before enrolling in EDU 639. **Exit assessments:** completion of two leadership projects.

**Professional Education – Core Courses (15 Hours)**
- EDU 600 Introduction to Teacher Leadership  2 _____
- EDU 631 Classroom Mgmt. and Student Motivation  3 _____
- EDU 633 Curriculum Development  3 _____
- EDU 637 Instruction for Diverse Learners  3 _____
- EDU 639 Research to Improve Student Learning  3 _____
- EDU 640 Exit Seminar in Teacher Leadership  1 _____

**Literacy Concentration (15 Hours)**
- REA 612 Foundations of Literacy  3_____  
- REA 626 Word Study: Phonics, Spelling and Vocabulary  3_____  
- REA 618 Content Area Reading/Writing K-12  3_____  
- **Literacy electives:** Choose six (6) credit hours from the following or other literacy electives approved by advisor:  
  - ELE 602 Integrating Language Arts in the Curriculum  3____  
  - REA 624 Kentucky Reading Project  3____  
  - ENG 604 Purchase Area Writing Project I  3____  
  - (by application only. See [http://www.kentuckyliteracy.org/elementary/krp](http://www.kentuckyliteracy.org/elementary/krp))  
  - ENG 605 Purchase Area Writing Project II  3____  
  - (by application only. See [http://campus.murraystate.edu/pawp/](http://campus.murraystate.edu/pawp/))  
  - ELE 616 Research in Children’s Literature  3____  
  - LIB 617 Research in Young Adult Literature  3____

The student and advisor have discussed this program and agree to the foregoing plan. *During the first nine weeks of the first term, the student should complete the graduate program form and submit it to the specified advisor. The Program form is approved by a graduate advisor and the Collegiate Graduate Coordinator.*