

State University Murray
Masters of Arts in Education/Reading and Writing: Endorsement Grades P-12
(Thesis Track)
Program Guide Sheet

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Student Name _____ SSN _____

Best way to contact _____

The MA degree program is designed to fulfill course requirements for Rank II classification and to fulfill the requirements for the Reading/Writing Endorsement, Grades P-12. The program must be **PREPLANNED** with one's advisor and shall consist of 33 semester hours of graduate level course work with a minimum of 9 hours in professional education and a minimum of 17 hours of 600 level courses. Admission to the program requires a valid teaching certificate. 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 Reading/Writing Endorsement (Grades P-12) or as a classroom teacher in Kentucky. A course pertaining to exceptionality of children is required if the student has not taken such a course or its equivalent for undergraduate credit. At least 24 semester hours must be earned at MSU, 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. Successful completion of the Masters Portfolio and thesis is required. The student's progress will be continuously assessed throughout the program using established program checkpoints and portfolio entries addressing experienced teacher standards. **Exit:** A minimum 3.0 grade point average is required for completion, final review of the student's portfolio, and program course of study to determine that all program requirements have been fulfilled.

PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION ~ Core Courses (9 hrs)

ADM 630	Methods of Educational Research	3 _____
EDU 633	Curriculum Development	3 _____
EDU 645	History of Education in the United States	3 _____

SPECIALIZATION ~ (15 Hours)

*REA 612	Foundations of Literacy	3 _____
*REA 628	Literacy Assessment	3 _____
*REA 638	Assessment and Instruction of Children w/Reading Difficulties	3 _____
*REA 639	Supervised Practicum in Reading	3 _____
REA 698	Thesis	3 _____

***LIMITED WRITING ELECTIVES ~ (3 Hours)** [Program must include at least one of the following: ELE 602, ENG 601, ENG 604/ENG 605.]

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LIMITED READING/WRITING ELECTIVES ~ (6 Hours) [Examples of, but not limited to, the following reading/writing courses: REA 527, REA 618, REA 623, REA 624, REA 639*, REA 698, LIB 601, LIB 617, ELE 615, ELE 616, ELE 602, ENG 531, ENG 601, ENG 602, ENG 603, ENG 604/ENG 605.]

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TOTAL SEMESTER HOURS FOR THE PROGRAM

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

*Courses leading to Reading and Writing Endorsement.

Student Signature

Advisor Signature