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 is required. The student’s progress will be continuously assessed throughout the program using established program checkpoints and portfolio entries addressing experienced teacher standards. A minimum grade point average of 3.0 is required for graduation.

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 ~ (12 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 ____

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

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LIMITED READING/Writing ELECTIVES ~ (9 Hours) [Examples of, but not limited to, the following reading/writing courses: REA 527, REA 618, REA 623, REA 624, REA 648, REA 698, LIB 601, LIB 617, ELE 615, ELE 616, ELE 602, ENG 531 ENG 601, ENG 602, ENG 603, ENG 604 or 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. Upon completion of nine (9) semester hours, an Application for Candidacy for the Master’s Degree form should be completed and submitted for approval.