MASTER’S IN SCIENCE IN READING
STUDENT HANDBOOK

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Welcome to the Master’s in Reading.

The Master's in Reading is a 100% online program. The Master’s of Reading allows the student to earn a master's degree with the option of applying coursework to two additional certifications: Reading Specialist and/or Master Reading Teacher. The program adheres to the International Literacy Association's Standards for Literacy Professionals.

To accommodate the working professional, the Master's in Reading is an online degree program. The Master of Science in Reading prepares graduates to:

- Have a deep knowledge of the reading and literacy processes
- Use theory, research, and current best practices to ensure and enhance their students’ learning
- Conduct research to analyze and evaluate potential changes to reading curriculum and practice
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Program Admission Requirements

**Application requirements**

**Complete Application Admission:**
- Apply for Admission via [Apply Texas Application](#)
- An applicant may defer admission to an earlier/later semester. Applications are valid for one year. One deferral is allowed per application.
- $50 for US citizen, $70 for International Students
  - Pay during application process
  - Pay fee online: [Pay Online](#)
  - Pay fee on campus to Business Office

**Application fee:**
Please Note: Applicants who wish to apply for a different program will be required to submit a new application. The application processing fee is required for each application submitted.

**Application requirements specific to this program:**
- Official transcripts from all undergraduate and graduate course work taken at any accredited college or University attended (Foreign College credits/transcripts require an official foreign evaluation.) TAMU-CC transcript is not required.
- Essay (Approximately 300-400 words in length which includes information about their reasons for pursuing graduate study and for choosing this specific graduate program)

*Please allow 3-5 business days to receive Student ID before submitting additional supporting documents.

Submit all supporting documents online.

**Application requirements for international applicants:**
- Copy of current Visa (if applicable)
- English Language Proficiency. TAMUCC currently accepts the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) or the International English Language Testing System (IELTS) within the last 2 years:
  - Official TOEFL score minimum paper-based score of 550 or internet-based score of 79-80
  - Official IELTS score minimum 6.5

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Program Admission Deadlines

**Domestic & International Students:**

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Admission Review Process/ Timeline
Complete application should be received for full admissions and funding consideration.

**SECTION IV. ACADEMIC PROGRESSION**

Program Degree Requirements

The requirements for the Reading master’s degree are 36 semester credit hours, including 24 semester hours in Reading and an additional 3-credit research course. The additional 9 semester hours needed to complete the Reading master’s degree depend on the choices a student makes regarding certification (i.e., Reading Specialist and/or Master Reading Teacher). The student choosing to receive a master’s degree in Reading with a cognate in another area of specialization should consult with appropriate department chairs for requirements of 9 semester hours. The student choosing to receive a Reading Specialist Certificate and/or Master Reading Teacher Certificate should consult with appropriate Reading faculty.

Graduate Advisory Committee
Students will be advised by the program coordinator.

Degree Plan

1. **Foundation Course (3 semester hours)**
   - EDFN 5301 - Introduction to Research 3 sem. hrs.

2. **Reading Requirements (24 semester hours)**
   - READ 5345 - Stages and Standards for Reading Development 3 sem. hrs.
   - READ 5350 - Multicultural Literacy 3 sem. hrs.
   - READ 5371 - Diagnosis and Correction of Reading Problems 3 sem. hrs.
   - READ 5392 - Psycho-sociolinguistics and Reading 3 sem. hrs.
   - ** READ 5395 - Leadership and Literacy 3 sem. hrs.
   - READ 5697 - Reading Practicum 6 sem. hrs.
   - READ 5396 - Literacy Research Seminar 3 sem. hrs.

3. **Electives (9 semester hours)**
Electives for Reading Specialist Certificate and Master Reading Teacher (9 semester hours)

- **READ 5381** - Exploring the Literature of Children and Adolescents 3 sem. hrs.
- **READ 5310** - Emergent Literacy 3 sem. hrs.
- **READ 5314** - College/Adult Literacy 3 sem. hrs.
- **READ 5346** - Trends and issues in Literacy 3 sem. hrs.
- **READ 5352** - Theoretical Models of Reading and Writing 3 sem. hrs.
- **READ 5355** - Teaching Literacy through Technology 3 sem. hrs.
- **READ 5369** - Content Area Reading 3 sem. hrs.
- **READ 5372** - Classroom Assessment and instruction 3 sem. hrs.
- **READ 5393** - Literacy Curriculum and Supervision 3 sem. hrs.
- **READ 5390** - Professional Seminar: Special Topics in Literacy 3 sem. hrs.

**Note:**

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**Reading Specialist Certificate**

The student must have a bachelor’s degree and a teacher certification. The student must have taught for two years and may come in non-degree seeking and take 21 hours of reading classes that will allow them to sit for the Reading Specialist Certification Exam.

- **READ 5345** - Stages and Standards for Reading Development 3 sem. hrs.
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The Master’s program in Reading is a state-approved program that fulfills the requirements in order to sit the certification exam as well.

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**Capstone Experience**

Culminating Event/Exit Requirements

All students will engage in a capstone experience within **READ 5396** - Literacy Research Seminar. Candidates for this degree must successfully present and defend a capstone project to a faculty panel.
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*Secondary
**Split between Secondary & Elementary

These courses must be taken your LAST semester before you graduate.

SECTION VI. PROGRAM SPECIFIC INFORMATION

**Student Organizations:** Student Reading Council
**Program/College Awards:** College of Graduate Studies, Outstanding Master’s Student Award
**Conferences to Attend:** Students are encouraged but not required to present/attend Texas Association of Literacy Educators (TALE) Conference.

SECTION VII. REQUIREMENTS THAT EXCEED THE COLLEGE OF GRADUATE STUDIES REQUIREMENTS OR EXAMPLES, E.G., THESIS ABSTRACTS

Not applicable