MASTER OF SCIENCE IN EDUCATION IN LITERACY EDUCATION : ( 5-12 ) (030B)

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The School of Education at the State University of New York at New Paltz offers students holding a baccalaureate degree the opportunity to earn a master’s degree and initial certification as a teacher of Literacy Grades 5-12. Teachers may apply if they are certified in any area of Secondary Education (Grades 7-12 or Adolescence/Middle Grades Education, all subjects), or in Special Education, Speech and Hearing Handicapped, Physical Education, Music Education, or Art Education. Two years of teaching experience as a certified literacy teacher are required for professional certification.

Admission Requirements
Candidates for admission are required to submit the following documents/information to the Office of the Graduate School, HAB 804:

- Complete an admission application available at [http://www.newpaltz.edu/graduate/online_directions.html](http://www.newpaltz.edu/graduate/online_directions.html);
- Provide one official copy of all transcripts of all previous college/university course work from regionally accredited institutions with an undergraduate grade point average (GPA) of 3.0 or higher;
- Provide a copy of a initial/provisional or professional/permanent teaching certificate in Secondary Education (Grades 7-12 or Adolescence/Middle Grades Education, all subjects), or in Special Education, Speech and Hearing Handicapped, Physical Education, Music Education, or Art Education;
- Submit three recent (within two years), appropriate letters of recommendation on professional letterhead supporting the applicant’s potential to undertake graduate study;
Program Requirements
Candidates are required to:

- Develop a plan of study with an advisor upon matriculation;
- Complete no more than 6 credits of course work toward the degree prior to matriculation;
- Complete prescribed course work and other requirements within five years of matriculation;
- Maintain a cumulative average of 3.0 or better, with no more than two grades below B-

Curriculum Requirements / 36 credits
All courses must be taken under advisement.

Foundations ........................................3 credits
  - EDI774 Theoretical Foundations of Reading

Diversity ..............................................3 credits
One course chosen with advisement

Content Core (Taken in sequence) ............15 credits
  - EED744 Workshop in Understanding Reading Problems
  - EED745 Workshop in the Diagnosis of Reading Difficulties
  - EED746 Workshop for the Remediation of Reading Difficulties
  - EED747 Clinical Practices in Reading
  - EDI775 Graduate Reading Seminar

Content Electives (Literature) .................6 credits
Two courses chosen with advisement

Special Education (if required) ...............3 credits
One course chosen with advisement

Literacy/Liberal Arts Electives ...............3-6 credits
One or two courses chosen with advisement

Research ...........................................3 credits
  - INT798 Principles of Research

Students who have previously taken a course in Special Education must take 6 credits in the Content Related Electives.

The 5 Content Core courses must be taken in sequence. Clinical Practices in Reading (EED474) and Graduate Reading Seminar (EDI775) are taken last.
During the Content Core courses, students will compile a professional portfolio that will be presented at the end of the program. This program has a comprehensive assessment (oral presentation of the written portfolio) that takes place at the end of the Graduate Reading Seminar (EDI775). Students must pass this assessment in order to receive the master’s degree and recommendation for certification in Literacy Education.

Application Procedures

Students may select to apply online or via paper application. Review of applications begins on March 15th for summer enrollment. Late applications may be considered; however, applicants should contact the graduate coordinator before submitting their application.

To apply, submit the following items to the Graduate School in one complete packet:

1. A signed application (paper applications) or a signature page (online applications)
2. All undergraduate transcripts, including schools with transfer credits in sealed envelopes
3. One essay stating intent and objective of your graduate studies
4. Three letters of recommendation in sealed envelopes
5. Satisfactory GRE scores
6. Evidence of a valid NYS teaching certificate

If you have questions about the application process or the programs offered, may contact the Graduate School at (845) 257-3947 or gradschool@newpaltz.edu.