

Use the science of reading to improve lives.

The online Master's in Reading Education

The KU School of Education and Human Sciences offers both a reading specialist licensure track and a non-licensure track for the [online Master of Science in Education \(M.S.E.\)](#) in curriculum and instruction with an emphasis in reading education. Based on the science of reading, a body of research and theories explaining effective literacy instruction, these programs help teach literacy at all age levels. Explore the intersection of diversity and literacy in the KU online master's in reading education program and learn to support populations with different reading challenges, including dyslexia.

Program Structure

- 8 weeks per course
- **Reading specialist licensure track:**
 - 11 courses
 - 33 credit hours
- **Non-licensure track:**
 - 10 courses
 - 30 credit hours

Admissions Requirements

- Completed [online application form](#)
- Professional resume or CV
- Completed bachelor's degree from accredited college or university
- Official transcripts from all colleges or universities attended
- Personal statement that indicates your specific interest in the program and how it relates to your career goals
- Three letters of recommendation from professional or academic references
- Application fee: \$65 for U.S. residents, \$85 for international applicants
- IELTS or TOEFL scores (for non-native English-speaking applicants)

Program Benefits

- Learn from renowned faculty with extensively published research and diverse real-world experience
- Curriculum based on the Standards for Reading Professionals of the International Literacy Association
- Create a working instructional portfolio that can be directly applied in your own classroom
- Complete your coursework anytime, anywhere, through our [innovative online format](#)
- Track your research and share with classmates in the online Reading Room
- Learn effective, science-based approaches to teaching reading, writing, and spelling
- No GRE required for admission
- Accredited under NCATE standards through CAEP

The Curriculum

Reading Specialist Licensure Track

C&T 709: Foundations of Curriculum and Instruction

C&T 740: Foundations of Reading: Process, Theory, and Instruction

EPSY 715: Understanding Research in Education

C&T 741: Comprehension and Study Strategies for Use With Multiple Texts

C&T 807: Multicultural Education

C&T 840: Emergent Literacy and Beginning Reading

C&T 841: Early Intervention in Reading Practicum

C&T 842: Supporting Striving Readers: Adolescent Through Adult

C&T 843: Supporting Striving Readers: Practicum

C&T 844: The Reading Program Coordination and Supervision

C&T 898: Master's Project

Non-Licensure Track

C&T 709: Foundations of Curriculum and Instruction

C&T 740: Foundations of Reading: Process, Theory, and Instruction

EPSY 715: Understanding Research in Education

C&T 741: Comprehension and Study Strategies for Use With Multiple Texts

C&T 807: Multicultural Education

C&T 840: Emergent Literacy and Beginning Reading

C&T 842: Supporting Striving Readers: Adolescent Through Adult

C&T 743: Writing and Spelling Development and Instruction

C&T 745: Reading and the English Language Learner

C&T 898: Master's Project

What You'll Learn

In the online master's in reading education, you will build a robust, science-based understanding of the foundations of literacy. You'll explore ways to address linguistic and cultural diversity in literacy teaching. You'll also learn how to connect with striving readers through assessment and effective instruction from pre-kindergarten through adults, including adults with reading disabilities. By the program's end, you will achieve mastery of each of its four key outcomes: Teaching All Students, Knowing and Using Research, Pedagogical Content Knowledge, and Foundational Knowledge.

Career Outcomes

The online master's in reading education can prepare educators for reading specialist roles at the elementary, middle, or high school level. This program can also lead to potential career paths that include PK-12 literacy coach, adult literacy teacher, consultant for a publisher of reading textbooks, or a reading education-focused role in higher education.