MSED IN CHILDHOOD EDUCATION 1-6 - READING/LITERACY EDUCATION SPECIALIZATION

Reading/Literacy Education Specialization (13RL)
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Students enrolled in the Master of Science in Education Childhood Education 1-6 program may choose to specialize in Reading/Literacy. The planned outcome of the Reading/Literacy Education track is the enhanced ability to assist elementary children in developing essential skills in reading, writing, speaking, and listening. The NYS Common Core State Standards in ELA serve as a guide for course development and completion. This specialization will NOT lead to certification as a Literacy teacher. Students requiring certification as a Literacy teacher should enroll in either 030A: M.S. Ed. in Literacy Education, B-6, or 030B: M.S. Ed. in Literacy Education, Grades 5-12.

Admission Requirements
Candidates for admission to the program need to:

• Hold a current elementary or childhood teaching certificate from New York State. A copy of this certificate must be submitted as part of the application process. (Note: Students may be accepted into the program ”pending” receipt of their teaching certificate if the teaching certificate is being processed by NYSED or if the student is nearing completion of an approved teacher education program.)

• Have earned an undergraduate cumulative grade point average of 3.0 or higher;

• Complete an admission application available from The Graduate School and provide official transcripts of all college/university coursework: http://www.newpaltz.edu/graduate/forms.html

• Submit three letters of recommendation on professional letterhead from professionals addressing the competency of the candidate. At least one letter should come from a professor with whom the candidate has taken undergraduate course work;

• Earn a satisfactory score on the Graduate Record Examination (Note: all applicants who apply after August 20, 2015 will be required to take the GRE; prior to this date, the GRE was optional).

Code | Title | Credits
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Liberal Arts and Science Core (9 Credits)
Select 9 credits by advisement | | 9

Elementary Content Core (15 Credits)
EED550 | Advanced Child Development | 3
Select one of the following: | 3
EDS581 | Issues of Racism and Sexism in Education | 3
EDS537 | Issues in Multicultural Education | 3
SPE572 | Tchg. Learners of Culturally/Linguistically Diverse Backgrounds | 3
SED566 | Education Across Borders: International Ideas and Experience | 3

PEDAGOGICAL CORE (12-15 CREDITS)
The pedagogical core is developed from the student’s choice of a specialization track and additional graduate education elective(s).

Possible courses to be selected through advisement:
EED520 | Literacy and Reading Development - Birth - Kindergarten | 3
EED512 | Children’s and Young Adult Literature | 3
EED528 | Literacy and Language Learners | 3
EED526 | Creative Writing for Elementary School Teachers | 3
EED565 | Content Area Literacy, 1-6 | 3

Total Credits | 36-39

This is a continuation of undergraduate content and aligned with specialization tracks. Courses will be selected with advisement from respective departments from one of the following content areas:
• Science, Mathematics, Technology
• Social Studies
• Languages other than English
• English/Language Arts

Students may also choose, under advisement, to substitute graduate electives in Liberal Arts or Science and/or Fine and Performing Arts (up to 6 credits) to continue in their undergraduate academic major.

Course required for students who have not had a previous course to prepare them to work with students with special needs.

Requirements for Completion of the Degree
Candidates are required to:

• Develop a plan of study with an advisor after matriculating into the program;
• Complete prescribed course work and other requirements within three years of matriculation;
• Maintain a cumulative average of 3.0 or better, with no more than two grades below B-.
• Complete “Dignity for All Students Act” (DASA) Training;

A typical four-semester program for a full-time student would consist of two summer sessions, one fall semester, and one spring semester. There is some flexibility in planning sequences of courses, depending on course availability.