
Master of Education in Reading

School of Education and Allied Studies

The Master of Education in Reading program at Bridgewater State College is built on a foundation of growth for the professional educator.

The program prepares educators for new professional roles by helping them learn to bridge theory and practice, foster values of diversity, and advance professionalism and ethical behavior. The curriculum balances content and pedagogical knowledge, clarifying and enhancing the development of the learner through language and critical thinking and expanding programmatic uses of resources and technologies. Prepractica and practica experiences foster collegiality and collaboration among students from the many programs within the School of Education and Allied Studies, throughout the college community, in their own schools and communities, and in professional organizations.

Graduates of the program serve the region's schools in a variety of roles, including as early childhood and elementary classroom generalists with a specialty in reading/literacy, middle and secondary reading/literacy and English language arts teachers, reading/literacy specialists or clinicians (all levels), and school or district reading/literacy curriculum leaders. Some graduates choose to continue their studies in doctoral programs.

"Entering the Master's of Education in Reading program enabled me to realize my goal of returning to teaching after 10 years at home as a full-time mother. The courses were challenging and equipped me with the knowledge and skills necessary to assume the role of reading specialist. Teaching reading to children has become my passion, and this program was the vehicle that helped me realize the dream."

Diane Phillips, '97
Consulting Teacher of Reading (Title I)
Middleboro Public Schools

"One of the best things about the program was the quality of the instructors — a mixture of people teaching and doing research, as well as full-time professors from the college. It was a nice combination, blending the practical and theoretical. Now that I am teaching myself, I find that I really use everything I was taught."

Wendy Lucia, '95
Remedial Reading Specialist, elementary level
Bridgewater-Raynham Regional School System

Key Features

- offers institutional endorsement for Massachusetts licensure as Teacher of Reading for all levels
- meets recommendations of the Professional Standards and Ethics Committee and the Advisory Group to the National Council of Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE) Joint Task Force of the International Reading Association (IRA) Role 6, Reading/Literacy Specialist
- boasts a 50-year legacy of literacy leadership in Southeastern Massachusetts
- benefits from expertise available at an institution that has been training teachers for more than 150 years
- pairs affordable tuition with a challenging curriculum that meets the high standards of the profession

The Faculty *Recognized Scholars, Dedicated Teachers*

Full-time faculty members teaching in the MEd in Reading program hold doctorates in reading and literacy. They have extensive teaching experience and are involved in advancing the field through ongoing educational research, scholarly publications and involvement with professional organizations.

The Curriculum

The MEd in Reading program curriculum consists of 10 required reading courses, totaling 30 credits.

Required Reading Courses

- RD 550 Improving Literacy Instruction
- RD 551 Case Studies in Literacy Acquisition and Development
- RD 552 Literacy Assessment Principles and Techniques
- RD 553 Issues in Literacy Education
- RD 554 Research in Literacy Teaching and Learning
- RD 555 Supervision and Administration of Literacy Programs
- RD 556 Literacy Curriculum Development and Implementation
- RD 558 Practicum Experience for the Consulting Teacher of Reading I
- RD 559 Practicum Experience for the Consulting Teacher of Reading II
- RD 560 Literacy Research Seminar I

Additional Program Requirements

To fulfill the program's degree requirements, in addition to the courses listed above, students must meet the following conditions:

- successful completion of the Literacy Professional's Library
- an oral presentation or exhibit pertaining to a topic in literacy
- successful completion of two 200-hour practica
- successful completion of a literacy professional's portfolio
- support for the work of professional literacy organizations
- successful completion of a written comprehensive examination

POLICY OF NONDISCRIMINATION
Bridgewater State College does not discriminate in admission to or access to, or treatment or employment in, any of its educational programs or activities, including scholarships, loans and athletics, on the basis of race, creed, religion, color, gender, marital status, age, sexual orientation, national origin, veteran status or disability.

AFFIRMATIVE ACTION/EQUAL OPPORTUNITY
Bridgewater State College is an affirmative action/equal opportunity employer.

Admission Requirements

To be considered for admission into the MEd in Reading program, applicants must have the following prerequisites:

- bachelor's degree from an accredited, four-year institution
- composite score of 900 on the Graduate Record Examination (GRE) General Test
- undergraduate grade point average of at least 2.75
- rating of one on the three letters of recommendation
- possession of a professional teacher license with the Massachusetts State Department of Education
- OR
- possession of an initial teacher license with the Massachusetts State Department of Education and a passing score on the Communication and Literacy Skills subtest of the Massachusetts Test for Educator Licensure

To apply for admission, submit the following to the Graduate Admissions Office:

- completed application* and fee
- official copies of all undergraduate and graduate transcripts
- three letters of recommendation
- results of the GRE General Test

*Applications may be completed online at www.bridgew.edu

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For more information about the Master of Education in Reading program, contact:

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MASTER OF EDUCATION IN READING

SCHOOL OF EDUCATION AND ALLIED STUDIES

The Master of Education in Reading program offers a 50-year legacy of augmenting the professional development of practicing educators, providing them with a challenging curriculum with a specialty in reading/literacy. The program offers institutional endorsement for Massachusetts licensure as Reading Specialist and meets NCATE accreditation.



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