

DIVISION OF LITERACY AND LANGUAGE

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Graduate programs in the Division of Literacy and Language offer students the opportunity to develop advanced expertise in literacy and language theory and research while applying their knowledge in practical settings. At the doctoral level, students engage in specialized study spanning early childhood through adulthood, focusing on generating new knowledge through research in their chosen areas. Across all graduate programs, we emphasize leadership development and effective teaching practices for PK-12 schools and higher education. Our curriculum bridges theory and practice, encouraging students to integrate research with real-world application. Additionally, the division supports teachers, schools, parents, and communities through coursework, professional development, and expert consultation on teaching and learning.

Master-level courses taken at the post-baccalaureate level to satisfy the requirements leading to initial teacher certification (excluding student teaching) may be applied to a master's degree in the division, subject to approval. Professional-level certification and endorsements may be coordinated with most master's and doctoral degree plans in the School of Education, depending on advisory committee approval.

Graduate Degrees Offered

Master's Degree Programs

- M.Ed. in Literacy Education (<https://catalog.twu.edu/graduate/professional-education/literacy-learning/reading-education-med/>) - The Master of Education degree in Literacy Education prepares teachers to be literacy leaders in their schools. The degree may lead to certification as an All-Level Reading Specialist. Students seeking the M.Ed. degree complete a digital professional portfolio. The M.Ed. is a hybrid program.
- M.A. in Multilingual and Multicultural Studies (<https://catalog.twu.edu/graduate/professional-education/literacy-learning/multilingual-multicultural-studies-ma/>) - The Master of Arts degree in Multilingual and Multicultural Studies prepares educators and other professionals to work with multilingual populations across a variety of settings.

Doctoral Degree Programs

- Ph.D. in Literacy, Language, and Culture (<https://catalog.twu.edu/graduate/professional-education/literacy-learning/literacy-language-culture-phd/>) - The doctoral program in Literacy, Language, and Culture prepares educators and researchers for specialized work in literacy in diverse social contexts at all levels of education and outside of schools.

All-Level (K-12) Reading Specialist Certification

Master's degree coursework in Literacy Education can lead to certification in the state of Texas as an All-Level (K-12) Reading Specialist. This certification requires initial teaching certification and, at the time of completion, a master's degree and two years of classroom teaching experience. In addition, students must successfully complete

the appropriate certification exam and related TEA requirements. This certification is awarded by the State Board for Educator Certification.