

MASTER OF EDUCATION

MASTER OF EDUCATION IN K-12 LITERACY

This 36-hour Master in Education program will prepare K-12 Literacy Specialists to work with students and other professionals in continuously improving the literacy knowledge and skills of the students in the school/district and to serve as professional advocates in this area.

This program may be completed online.

Unconditional Admission

Students are eligible to apply for unconditional admission to the Master of Education degree program in K-12 Literacy if they meet the admission requirements for [Graduate College](#).

Conditional Admission

Applicants who fail to meet the minimum requirements for admission have the opportunity for conditional admission if applicant meets the minimum graduate admission standards and upon a successful appeal to the program director. Students admitted under a conditional status must earn a cumulative 3.0 GPA on the first twelve (12) graduate hours in the program.

[View All Program Requirements](#)

Degree Requirements

1. Candidates for the Master of Education degree in K-12 Literacy education must complete the 36 semester hour degree program.

Dyslexia Therapist, K-12 Licensure Endorsement Courses* (15 hours)

[DYS 5003 Dyslexia and Other Learning Disorders](#)

[DYS 5013 Foundation of Language and Literacy Development](#)

[DYS 5023 Interpreting and Administration of Assessments for Planning Instruction](#)

[DYS 5033 Professional Learning and Leadership](#)

[DYS 5043 Structured Language Teaching](#)

**These courses are required to meet the Dyslexia Therapist, Grades K-12 Licensure Endorsement in Arkansas.*

K-12 Literacy (21 hours)

[EDFD/MAT 6003 Educational Research](#)

[MAMS 5333 Teaching Literacy in the Content Areas](#), [ELED 5333 Teaching Reading and Study Strategies in the Content Area](#), or [SEED 5333 Teaching Reading and Study Strategies in the Content Area](#) depending on content area

[RDNG 5023 Literacy Curriculum Design and Analysis](#)

[RDNG 5053 Literacy, Technology, and the Reading Environment](#)

[RDNG 6043 Multicultural Literacy, Language, and Culture](#)

[RDNG 6086 Reading Practicum](#)

2. A cumulative grade point average of a 3.00 or better must be achieved in all graduate work attempted at Arkansas Tech University, with a maximum of six (6) hours of "C" grades. A student receiving more than six (6) hours of "C" or grades lower than "C" should refer to the section of the catalog on [Academic Probation and Dismissal](#).
3. A minimum of 27 semester hours of graduate course work completed at Arkansas Tech University.
4. Completion of all degree requirements within six (6) years from the time of unconditional or conditional admission into the program.

Degree Works

Degree Works is a software tool utilized by Arkansas Tech University designed to detail academic progression. It allows both students and advisors to monitor course progress towards degree completion and clearly indicates which course requirements have been met as well as how courses transfer into a program. Transfer courses must be approved through the use of a substitution/waiver form available via the Registrar for progress to display correctly within Degree Works.

Degree Works will display course progression based on the current program of study, but a "what-if" scenario can be generated for any program to see how progression looks with the courses currently completed and in progress. Note that if you have applied to and been admitted to a graduate program while still finishing your undergraduate program, Degree Works will show your new program of study in the graduate program and you would have to generate a "what-if" query to see your undergraduate degree progress.

Application for Graduation

In addition to satisfying all degree requirements, a candidate for a degree must file an [Application for Graduation](#) online or at the Graduate College. Students must apply for graduation upon completion of fifteen (15) graduate credit hours.

Special Conditions of Graduate Credit

Graduate Credit Taken Prior to Admission to Arkansas Tech University

A maximum of nine (9) semester hours of graduate credit with a grade point average of "B" or better may be transferred from an accredited graduate school if deemed appropriate to the graduate program by the head of the student's major department and the Graduate College Dean. Students must send a written request to the head of their major department to petition an acceptance of the transfer credit prior to requesting admission to candidacy to the graduate program. Graduate credit earned six (6) years prior to the completion date of all degree requirements may not be applied toward the degree without the approval of the appropriate program director and the Graduate College Dean. Credits earned by correspondence courses or for remedial purposes will not apply toward the graduate degree. No undergraduate course may be repeated for graduate credit.

Graduate Credit Taken After Admission to Arkansas Tech University

If after admission to graduate study, a student wishes to take a course at another institution to count toward degree requirements at Arkansas Tech University, the student must (in advance of enrollment) obtain written approval from the program director and the Graduate College Dean.