

# Master of Arts in Curriculum & Instruction: Literacy

## **COE Mission:**

We prepare teachers, leaders, and  
counselors who  
embrace equity, inquiry  
and innovation.

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## Information Packet

**Effective Fall 2012**

- Reading will no longer be one of the 9-hour “cognate” options within the general M.A. in Curriculum & Instruction.

**Effective Fall 2013**

- The Master of Arts in Reading will be discontinued.
- The certificate program in Early Literacy will be discontinued.

Instead, graduate coursework, degrees, and endorsements are available as follows:

| <b><u>Requirements</u></b>                            |   |
|---|---|
| <b>M.A. in Curriculum &amp; Instruction: Literacy</b> | Initial or professional teaching license<br>33 credit hours of coursework as described below  |
| <b>Reading Teacher endorsement</b>                    | Initial or professional teaching license<br>2+ years of teaching experience<br>M.A. in C&I: Literacy<br>6 additional credit hours of coursework as described below      |
| <b>Reading Specialist endorsement</b>                 | Initial or professional teacher license<br>3+ years of teaching experience<br>Reading Teacher Endorsement<br>9 additional credit hours of coursework as described below |

**Application Process**

1. Schedule an advising appointment with a College of Education faculty member by calling 719-255-4996.
2. Complete the Graduate Student Application available at <http://www.uccs.edu/~apply/> . This application will require you to submit transcripts, a career goals statement, and at least three professional references.
3. Schedule an interview with a Literacy faculty member.

**Course Schedule**

| <b>Course Number</b>                                  | <b>Course Name</b>  | <b>Credit Hours</b> |
|---|---|---------------------|
| <b>M.A. in CURRICULUM &amp; INSTRUCTION: LITERACY</b> |   |                     |
| <b>CORE CONTENT – 12 credits</b>                      |   |                     |
| CURR 5000   | Foundations: History & Research in Curriculum Studies<br>*Prerequisite for all coursework         | 3                   |
| CURR 5002   | Issues, Strategies, and Models of Curriculum Design<br>*Prerequisite for CURR 5090                | 3                   |
| LEAD 5700   | Introduction to Research and Statistics*<br>*Prerequisite for CURR 5090                           | 3                   |
| CURR 5090   | Research Project*<br>*Final course in program   | 3                   |
| <b>LITERACY CONTENT – 21 credits</b>                  |   |                     |
| CURR 5702   | Literacy for Diverse Learners   | 3                   |
| CURR 5411   | Foundations of Literacy: Theories and Models  | 3                   |
| CURR 5401   | Issues and Trends in Literacy   | 3                   |
| CURR 5414<br>or<br>CURR 5410                          | Literacy Assessment: Diagnosis and Evaluation K-12<br>Informal Diagnosis and Differentiation K-12 | 3                   |

| <b>Course Number</b> | <b>Course Name</b>                       | <b>Credit Hours</b> |
|----------------------|--|---------------------|
| CURR 5420            | Literature for Children and Adolescents  | 3                   |
| CURR 5415            | Strategies in Writing Instruction        | 3                   |
| CURR 5400            | Reading and Writing in the Content Areas | 3                   |

### **READING TEACHER ENDORSEMENT**

2 years teaching experience and M.A. in Reading/Literacy.  
 PLACE test for Reading Teacher required upon completion of coursework to add endorsement.

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|---------------------------|--|---|
| CURR 5432 OR<br>CURR 5433 | Field Based Practicum Elementary OR<br>Field Based Practicum Secondary | 3 |
| CURR 5430 OR<br>CURR 5431 | Reading Clinic Elementary OR<br>Reading Clinic Secondary               | 3 |

### **READING SPECIALIST ENDORSEMENT**

3 years teaching experience, M.A. in Reading/Literacy, and Reading Teacher Endorsement coursework.  
 PLACE test for Reading Specialist required upon completion of coursework to add endorsement.

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| CURR 5413                 | Supervision and Coaching Literacy  | 3 |
| CURR 5432 OR<br>CURR 5433 | Field Based Practicum Elementary OR<br>Field Based Practicum Secondary<br>(opposite level from Reading Teacher course) | 3 |
| CURR 5434                 | Capstone in Literacy Leadership  | 3 |

### **Applying for Your Endorsements**

Upon successful completion of the Reading Teacher and Reading Specialist phases, you will need to apply online for your endorsements. It is your responsibility to make sure that you complete program requirements and licensure procedures, including PLACE tests. Check the Colorado Department of Education website ([www.cde.state.co.us](http://www.cde.state.co.us)) for updated information that will affect your licensure process.

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