



Department of Teaching and Learning

Master's Degree (M.Ed.) in Reading Education

Information Sheet

The **Master's Degree in Reading Education** program provides an opportunity for students to earn a 36-credit degree designed for already-certified (temporary or professional) teachers and experienced teachers who want to pursue an advanced degree and add reading certification upon passing the state examination. Please be advised that you can take no more than 1/3 of the credits in this program as a non-degree student before being officially admitted. If you have questions about any of the course work before being admitted, please contact the Department of Teaching and Learning at DeptTeachLearn@fau.edu.

Advisement: An advisor will be assigned upon acceptance to the program. The program of Study is to be done together with your advisor on the forms available through the Graduate College.

Required Reading Courses (18 credits):

The following courses must be taken in the sequence given below, and due to their prerequisite nature, cannot be taken concurrently:

- RED 6351 Developmental Reading
- RED 6546 Reading Diagnosis (RED 6351 is a prerequisite)
- RED 6548 Remedial Reading (RED 6351 and RED 6546 are prerequisites)
- RED 6836 Reading Practicum (RED 6351, RED 6546, and RED 6548 are prerequisites)

The following two courses have no prerequisite requirements and can be taken during any semester of your master's degree course of study:

- RED 6361 Teaching Reading in Secondary and Middle Schools
- RED 6656 Trends and Issues in Reading Education

Educational Elective Courses: 3 credits

Choose one:

- EDG 6253 Design Components of School Curriculum (*Dept. of Curriculum, Culture, and Ed. Inquiry*), or
- EDF 6432 Measurement **or** EDF 3430 Educational Measurement and Evaluation (or equivalent) required if course in measurement has not been taken previously (*Dept. of Educational Leadership*)

Research/Statistics Courses: 6 credits (*Department of Educational Leadership*)

Take both of the following:

- STA 6113 Educational Statistics (should be taken prior to or concurrently with EDF 6481)
- EDF 6481 Educational Research (prerequisite or co-requisite: STA 6113)

Elective Courses: 9 credits in the College of Education, College of Arts and Letters, and/or College of Science some recommendations include but are not limited to MHS 6421, RED 6303, RED 6356, LAE 6352, LAE 6415, EDG 6937 (related to reading, language arts, children's or adolescent literature)

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Admission to the **Master's Degree in Reading Education** program requires submission of the graduate application form. You will find information about the application process at <http://www.fau.edu/graduate/>. You must complete the actual graduate application online. In addition, in order to be considered for the Degree Program, you **must** submit all of the following documentation to Florida Atlantic University:

1. Official transcripts of all undergraduate coursework.
2. A bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited college or university.
3. Graduate Record Examination (GRE) scores.
4. Evidence of Professional Certification or eligibility for Temporary Certification.

The admission decision is based on one of the following:

- A grade point average (GPA) of 3.00 or better in all work attempted while registered as an upper division student working for a baccalaureate degree;
- Graduate Record Examination (GRE) test score of 154 (verbal) and 144 (quantitative). For GRE exams taken prior to August 1, 2011, a minimum combined score of 1000 (quantitative and verbal). GRE scores must not be more than 5 years old (unless age of score is waived by petition submitted with application),
- A graduate degree from a regionally accredited institution.

Both transcripts and GRE are required.

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

The Master of Education in Reading Education (M.ED.) degree, consisting of a minimum of 36 credits, is awarded to students who have:

1. Passed the FTCE (Florida Teacher Certification Examination) in Reading;
2. Completed at least 18 credits in courses open only to graduate students;
3. Completed an approved program of study as certified by the department chair;
4. Achieved a grade point average of at least 3.0 on all graduate work attempted;
5. Completed the research and statistics core satisfactorily;
6. Been recommended for the degree by the faculty of the College of Education.

*All College of Education Programs are approved by the Florida Department of Education and the National Council for the Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE). This State and NCATE approval represents the transferability of your teaching credentials from state-to-state. **Please keep and consult the Florida Atlantic University catalog from the semester that you were admitted to the program, for more details regarding your program.***

Once admitted into the master's degree program, you **must**:

- 1. Register for at least one course in the semester to which you are admitted, and**
- 2. Take and pass all four sections of the General Knowledge sections on the FTCE before the end of the first semester of your master's degree program. There are no exceptions or waivers to this General Knowledge test requirement.**

NOTICE: Copies of this publication can be obtained in an alternate format by contacting the College of Education/Department of Teaching and Learning at deptteachlearn@fau.edu or 561-297-6595. This publication is available in standard print, Braille, or electronically for people with disabilities. Please allow at least 10 days to process this request.