



Graduate Certificate in Literacy

Graduate certificates are awarded to students who desire interdisciplinary course work to compliment their graduate degree program, or to students who, for academic, personal, or professional reasons, desire graduate-level education not leading to a graduate degree.

The Curriculum and Instruction department offers the graduate certificate in Literacy. The graduate certificate in Literacy provides graduate level studies in literacy for educators who wish to a) advance their knowledge and skills of teaching literacy in the classroom, and b) integrate literacy into all content areas. It provides advanced study for teachers and educators seeking lead positions in buildings where literacy is a focus for federal legislation and state accreditation. The certificate will allow those completing the Reading Specialist program to be eligible for the graduate certificate, however, it does not prepare a student for licensure in the area of reading or literacy. To complete the Reading Endorsement program, please review those requirements online at: <http://webs.wichita.edu/?u=CI&p=/Reading/Specialist/>

Certificate Requirements:

To meet the varied needs of elementary and secondary teachers, two strands are provided: (1) early childhood/elementary, and (2) middle level/secondary. In each strand, students must take 15 hours of coursework; 9 hours of required coursework and 6 hours of electives. No more than 5 hours can be included at are grades S/U.

Early Childhood/Elementary Strand:

Required courses (9 hours)

- CI 705 (3) Knowledge and Beliefs about Reading
- CI 714 (3) Reading Instruction and Assessment
- CI 734 (3) Literature-Based Reading Programs

Middle Level/Secondary Strand:

Required courses (9 hours)

- CI 705 (3) Knowledge and Beliefs about Reading
- CI 615 (3) Learning and Reading Strategies
- CI 714 (3) Reading Instruction and Assessment

Electives for both strands: (6 hours) to be chosen in consultation with program coordinator

Completion process:

1. Student must notify the program area in writing of intent to complete the certificate.

2. In the semester the certificate requirements are met students must:
 - Prepare (with graduate advisor) and submit (to the Graduate School) a Plan of Study (for the certificate).
 - Submit an Application for Graduate Certificate form, along with the \$15.00 filing fee, to the Graduate School no later than the 20th day of classes for the fall or spring semester or the 10th day of classes for the summer semester.

Admission Requirements:

Students seeking this graduate certificate program must be admitted to the Graduate School in either degree bound status, or non-degree Category A status. Students should contact the Graduate School to determine if they need to apply for admission to this status, or need to reactivate their enrollment file. Students who have not completed graduate coursework at Wichita State University will need to apply for admission to Category A status in Curriculum and Instruction, by submitting an application, and application fee to the Graduate School. Two official transcripts from all schools attended must be sent directly to the Graduate School from the institution issuing the transcript. Hand carried, issued to student, or faxed/scanned transcripts will not be accepted.

Degree Admission – The student must have earned a bachelor’s degree from a regionally accredited institution or a recognized institution in another country whose requirements for the bachelor’s degree are substantially equivalent to an American four-year bachelor’s degree in an education field. The student must also have a grade point average of at least 2.750 based upon the last 60 hours of course work (or nearest semester or term break to this), including any post-bachelor’s graduate work, and no more than 9 hours of background deficiencies in the desired field. Some programs may require a higher minimum grade point average.

Non-Degree, Category A – Students who already possess a graduate degree and who do not wish to pursue a second degree, should apply for non-degree, category A admission. The student must have earned a bachelor’s degree in an education field from a regionally accredited institution or a recognized institution in another country whose requirements for the bachelor’s degree are substantially equivalent to an American four-year bachelor’s degree. The student must also have a grade point average of at least 2.750 based upon the last 60 hours of course work (or nearest semester or term break to this), including any post-bachelor’s graduate work. Some programs may require a higher minimum grade point average.

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