



Literacy Education at Northeastern Illinois University

Informational Meeting

May 2, 2022



Tonight's agenda

- Brief introductions
- A relatively short PowerPoint about the program
- Explanation of the scholarship/reimbursement opportunities
- Lots of time for questions



Introductions!



Thank you for coming today!

(For those who are not here, thanks for watching this recording!)



The past two and a half years have been
hard on us all.




Especially the kids.



MANY students are:

- Still having trouble adjusting to school routines and expectations
- Less able to self-regulate
- Feeling anxious and depressed
- Restless, unmotivated, or reluctant
- Feeling confused and lost
- Far behind where we expect them to be in reading and writing



How can a
Reading Teacher Endorsement or
an MA in Literacy Education
help you?

Here is some of what you'll learn:

- How to teach literacy skills in grades lower than you've been teaching, so you can better meet the needs of students below grade level.
- Best practices for bringing students up to (or near) grade level in reading and writing.
- Ways to help students re-engage with reading and writing in school.
- How to find answers to your questions about teaching in the research and professional literature.
- Ways to feel less frustrated, more confident, and more empowered in your work as a teacher.

Why Northeastern?

- One of the best Literacy Education programs in the Chicagoland area, we are nationally recognized and accredited; we've been thriving for more than 40 years; and we have a partnership with your district!
- On a survey of recent graduates, 100% of alumni said they would recommend Northeastern's Literacy Education Program to other teachers.

Happy students and alumni!



How does this work?

You can earn your
Reading Teacher Endorsement
(now only SIX courses, instead of eight!)


OR

the full MA in Literacy Education, leading to the Reading
Specialist license
(11 courses).

You can finish the 6 courses required for the Reading
Teacher Endorsement, then decide to go for the full MA.

OR

You can take the additional MA courses alongside the
endorsement-only courses.



Both the Reading Teacher Endorsement and the Reading Specialist license cover pre-K through 12 (so all graduate students study reading development from early childhood through late adolescence).

Endorsement-Only Courses

LTCY 501	Foundations of Reading/Teaching Reading in the Elementary Grades
LTCY 502	Teaching Reading in the Secondary Grades/Disciplinary Literacy
LTCY 504	Literature for a Diverse Society/Multicultural Literature
LTCY 507	Literacy Assessment and Instructional Planning
LTCY 508/510	Clinical Practicum

Full MA/Reading Specialist

(Courses needed in addition to Endorsement-only courses)

LTCY 505 <i>OR</i> LTCY 506	Writing Instruction in the Elementary Grades (505) and in the Secondary Grades (506)
LTCY 503	Theoretical Foundations of Literacy Education/Introduction to Research
LTCY 511	Research Seminar/Teacher Research
LTCY 512	Leadership in Literacy Education
LTCY 513, <i>OR</i> LTCY 514, <i>OR</i> LTCY 515 (one elective)	Teaching Reading in Middle School <i>OR</i> Teaching Literacy to Culturally and Linguistically Diverse Students <i>OR</i> Technology for Literacy Instruction



Reading Teacher Endorsement

versus

MA in Literacy MA/Reading Specialist license

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The Evanston Cohort Schedule for Reading Teacher Endorsement only

Semester	Course	Mode/location
Fall 2022	LTCY 501	Hybrid, possibly with a few in-person sessions at ETHS
Spring 2023	LTCY 502	Remote/online
Summer 2023	LTCY 504 AND LTCY 507	Remote/online Hybrid, possibly with a few in-person sessions at ETHS
Fall 2023	LTCY 508/510: Clinical Practicum	In person at ETHS

The Evanston Cohort Possible Schedule for the full MA in Literacy Education/Reading Specialist

Semester	Courses		
Fall 2022	LTCY 501	LTCY 505 (or elective)	
Spring 2023	LTCY 502	LTCY 503 (or elective)	
Smmr 2023	LTCY 504	LTCY 507	Elective (OR 505 or 503)
Fall 2023	LTCY 508/510		
Spring 2024	LTCY 511	LTCY 512	

Our program is flexible!

- You can take classes at a pace that's comfortable for you. Take only one course per semester if you wish.
- Usually we're able to find an uninterrupted path through the MA program for you.
- You can sit out a semester if you need to. (If you need to do this, we'll try to get you back in sync with the cohort.)
- Most students finish the MA in 2 years, taking 3 classes in the summer, BUT
- You have as long as 6 years to finish an MA.

Hybrid, remote, online, in person?

- Most courses are remote/online, meaning they have some synchronous class meetings on zoom, alternating with asynchronous, online modules for you to complete.
- Some professors will survey the students in the class to see if some in-person class sessions would be possible.
- Some professors will schedule some in-person class sessions with a zoom-in option.
- A few courses are completely online and asynchronous.
- Our Clinical Practicum (one semester) is in person (which is best for the children being tutored); for the Evanston cohort, Clinic is held at ETHS.

Costs

- Tuition at Northeastern is \$441 per credit hour, with fees being additional.
- Each 3-credit-hour course would cost roughly \$1550 (fees included).
- Our program is the least expensive in the Chicago area.



Funding opportunities for Evanston teachers:

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Financial help for ETHS teachers:

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ETHS teachers:

Please join Dr. Brown in her break-out room.

(10 minutes—or come back when you're finished.)

D65 teachers:

Stay here, please.



Link to our Program Quick Guide for Prospective & Current Students

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1fczADKBR4CAYFGKoSn4bteF4XxU3tzG4tbOge1uM6TY/edit?usp=sharing>



Application Deadline

July 1st

is the application deadline to begin in fall semester
(starting the week of August 22nd).

Helpful Hints for Completing Your Application

As soon as you can:

- Ask two people to write letters of recommendation (supervisors or former professors, not peers) and have their emails to enter on your application.
- Fill out the online application.
<https://neiu.elluciancrmrecruit.com/Apply/Account/Login?ReturnUrl=/Apply> (Click NEIU APPLICATION PORTAL)
- Order transcripts from ALL postsecondary institutions at which you took classes (send to **Graduate** Admissions).

Then submit:

- A 200- to 250-word statement of goals (why you want to pursue an endorsement or MA in Literacy Education).
- Copy of PEL license (available from ISBE website)



Contact me anytime!

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Thank you! We hope to see
you all again in August!