Masters Degree of Arts in Education and Certificate Only Programs

Reading Education

Through this program, you will learn the instructional strategies you need to become an effective K-12 reading specialist. We offer courses such as language development, language arts, literature, curriculum development and reading assessment, taught by renowned experts in literacy. This program is designed around the latest reading pedagogy and research.

This degree is offered 100% online.
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This program is designed to prepare students for reading leadership at the classroom, school, and district levels. The curriculum addresses the individual needs of a variety of learners to support reading and writing development and achievement. Curriculum includes courses geared toward working with dual language learners and addressing children with Dyslexia. There is also targeted coursework on the seminal research supporting best practices in literacy as well as exploring recent, most current research in the field of reading.

- The Alabama Reading Initiative (ARI) has created a greater need for Reading Specialists in Alabama schools
- The program is directed by Dr. Jennifer Summerlin, a member of the 2018 Children’s Literature Assembly of the National Council of Teachers of English.

Master of Arts

This program is designed for teachers with a minimum of two years of classroom teaching experience and Class B certification in an instructional or instructional support area who wish to earn a Class A certification in the Reading Specialist Program.

Certificate Only

The certificate only option program is intended for teachers with a master’s degree, Class A certification in an instructional or instructional support area, and a minimum of two years teaching experience who wish to add a Class A certification in the Reading Specialist Program.

Admissions

Candidates must have an undergraduate GPA of at least 2.75 and a degree in a teaching field; OR 3.25 on the most recently completed graduate degree in a teaching field or area of instructional support. MAT or GRE test score, along with letters of recommendation and a faculty interview are also required.

Application is made through the UAB Graduate School by form or on-line at uab.edu/graduate. Full admission requirements may also be found there.

The program accepts applications to begin study in the fall, spring, and summer terms.

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