Readying the next generation of educators to shape the future of literacy.

Literacy is an essential component of democracy and its proliferation protects and advances human rights. Bridgewater State University’s Master of Education in Reading ensures tomorrow’s teachers are equipped with the knowledge to diagnose, evaluate and bolster the literacy development of diverse learners across a breadth of academic domains – and in doing so shape a more inclusive, literate future.

Students interested in the MEd in Reading may pursue licensure as a Reading Specialist or enroll in our Language, Literacy, and Culture concentration, designed for experienced educators with an initial license who are interested in classroom teaching positions. Whichever track you choose, we will prepare you through a challenging curriculum that bridges theory and practice. You will explore how literacy has evolved to include digital media and multimodal texts, learn to evaluate and introduce educational material from a variety of cultures through a critical lens and complete intensive prepractica and practica opportunities. As you complete the program, you will collaborate closely with our diverse practitioner faculty and emerge with the skills needed to teach reading and writing in a range of settings.

The learning outcomes for graduate students in our program follow Standards 1-7 from the International Literacy Association for reading professionals.

FAST FACTS
- Our program complies with the recommendations of the Professional Standards and Ethics Committee and the Advisory Group to the National Council of Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE), as well as the Joint Task Force of the International Reading Association (IRA) Role 7, Reading/Literacy Supervisor and Consultant.
- Designed to accommodate your busy schedule: courses are offered in the evenings and taught in two formats: in-person or a hybrid of in-person and online.
- Small class sizes enable a highly-personalized learning experience that focuses on personal and professional growth.
- Affordable tuition means less debt after graduation, providing significant value and ensuring a return on your investment.
- We teach offsite cohorts for local students and districts.

CURRICULUM AND PRACTICUM
For students pursuing licensure as a Reading Specialist, the MEd in Reading is a 30-credit program that bridges theory and practice, fosters values of diversity and advances professionalism and ethical behavior. Your coursework is supplemented with 200 hours of practicum, which provides opportunities for you to gain valuable, hands-on experience working in a classroom in the area and conducting action research. (Language, Literacy, and Culture students must already have one year of teaching experience in their area of licensure.)

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