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COLLEGE OF EDUCATION
Reading Education Program Area
Department of Curriculum and Instruction

READING EDUCATION PROGRAM AREA DEPARTMENT OF CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION

Do you feel called to teach? Do you want a career you can be passionate about and proud of, a career that suits your abilities and gives you the opportunity to make a real difference? Do you want to help shape the lives of those with whom you work?

Come to East Carolina University.

The College of Education at ECU offers programs that prepare leaders in their fields. If you are interested in fulfilling your professional goals as an expert in literacy and literacy instruction, the reading program area in the Department of Curriculum and Instruction has the right choice for you.

Within the reading program area (READ) at East Carolina, you can choose from reading courses that are included within many programs (including the elementary education and special education programs). You also can take course work leading to North Carolina A-level and M-level reading licensure, as well as the MAEd in reading education degree (MAEd-READ).

Within READ courses, you and your classmates gain understanding about how to teach students to read. You have opportunities to apply your understandings as you work with students in multiple classroom settings. Districts throughout the state and nation report that the addition of reading licensure or an MAEd-READ degree increases your competitiveness as a job candidate no matter where you apply for employment.

See our Web site for additional information about our program at www.ecu.edu/cs-educ/ci/reading/Index.cfm.

GRADUATE DEGREE

The 39-hour MAEd-READ program generally takes candidates two years to complete. As a student in the program, you will complete a set of core courses (12 semester hours) required for all MAEd students. In addition, you will complete courses within a reading educational professional core, including a variety of practicum teaching experiences within school settings.

All courses are aligned with the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction's Master's-Level Reading Standards, as well as International Reading Association Standards for Reading Specialists and Literacy Coaches. MAEd-READ courses are offered in both face-to-face mode and in online formats, depending on the course and the semester of offering. A check sheet detailing required courses is available on the reading education Web page at www.ecu.edu/cs-educ/ci/reading/Index.cfm. Dr. Patricia Anderson, graduate coordinator for the department, can be contacted for additional information about the graduate program at andersonp@ecu.edu.

READING LICENSURE

If you are a student with a degree from an accredited four-year university, you are eligible to enroll in the licensure-only programs. Many classes are offered online and late in the day, enabling you to take classes at your own pace and from off-campus sites. For a complete overview of our licensure programs, please see our Web site at www.ecu.edu/cs-educ/ci/reading/Index.cfm. If you are seeking licensure only, you may apply to the ECU Graduate School as a nondegree student. Application information may be found at www.ecu.edu/gradschool.

READING CEU MODULE PROJECT

North Carolina teachers in grades K–8 must complete three CEUs in reading methodology in order to be certified. Teachers may register individually, or school systems/individual schools may reserve entire modules allowing teachers to work collaboratively on the strategies and tasks involved. Each module was developed by a team of one ECU faculty member and one master public school teacher. Each module requires about ten hours of work to earn one CEU credit toward license renewal.

The modules address various topics and are delivered completely online through ECU's online course management system, Blackboard. Before registering for a module, check with your LEA's licensure specialist or building administrator for prior approval of CEU course work.

Additional modules continue to be developed. For more about the ECU reading modules, visit online at www.ecu.edu/cs-educ/ci/modules/Index.cfm.

ADVISING CENTER

The College of Education Advising Center provides information and guidance to students in all program areas in the Department of Curriculum and Instruction, from orientation to graduation. For more information about the advising center, visit www.ecu.edu/cs-educ/ci/advising/Index.cfm.

THE COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

The ECU College of Education is the largest professional school for teacher education in the region. East Carolina University began as a teacher training school and has a proud heritage shared by faculty, staff, and administration. We continue to be innovative in preparing teachers for today's classrooms. See more of the many programs and scholarships we offer at www.ecu.edu/cs-educ/.

JOURNAL OF CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION

The Department of Curriculum and Instruction houses an exciting new peer-reviewed electronic journal that provides a forum for the dissemination of articles focused on research, practice, and related issues relevant to teaching and learning in pre-K–12 environments. Visit www.ecu.edu/educ/JoCI for more information.

MARY LOIS STATON READING/LANGUAGE ARTS CONFERENCE

The Mary Lois Staton Reading/Language Arts Conference presents an excellent professional development opportunity for educators. This annual event and daylong conference features a keynote speaker, author's luncheon speaker, and concurrent sessions presented by teachers and university faculty members. Many topics are presented for educators in pre-K through high school. Please check the program area Web site for more information.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Program Area Web site: www.ecu.edu/cs-educ/ci/reading/Index.cfm

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