

# LITERACY EDUCATION, MA

## Introduction

Prepares educators to work with diverse K - 12 students to develop reading, writing, and oral language skills. Graduates gain in-depth knowledge about building on students' languages, abilities, cultures, and real-world experiences to design highly effective and relevant teaching practices.

## Program Requirements

This degree plan does not include a license or an endorsement.

Code	Title	Hours
<b>Literacy Core Courses</b>		
LCRT 5810	Language and Literacy Use in Schools, Homes, and Communities	3
LCRT 5020	Equity and Joy in Reading Instruction	3
LCRT 5055	Literacy Assessment & Informed Instruction	3
LCRT 5720	Responsive Writing Instruction	3
LCRT 6915	Inquiry, Advocacy, and Teacher Research	3
<b>Thematic Course Categories (15 credits required)</b>		
In consultation with your faculty advisor, select 5 courses from the Thematic Course Categories to customize your learning: <a href="https://education.ucdenver.edu/academic-services/student-resources/thematic-course-categories">https://education.ucdenver.edu/academic-services/student-resources/thematic-course-categories</a> ( <a href="https://education.ucdenver.edu/academic-services/student-resources/thematic-course-categories/">https://education.ucdenver.edu/academic-services/student-resources/thematic-course-categories/</a> )		
Course 1		3
Course 2		3
Course 3		3
Course 4		3
Course 5		3
<b>Portfolio</b>		
Final MA Portfolio due approximately 6 weeks before graduation.		
<b>Total Hours</b>		<b>30</b>

## Cumulative Portfolio

The MA portfolio counts as the comprehensive exam for the master's degree. The portfolio is an accumulation of the performance based assessments completed during program courses and reflects on the student's development over the course of the degree program. The portfolio is due approximately 6 weeks before graduation.

## Program Requirements and Courses

To complete the Literacy Education program and earn a master's degree and/or endorsement, students must complete the appropriate course work as outlined. All courses require a grade of B- or better to count to the MA or endorsement and a 3.0 minimum GPA is required for graduation.

## Course Scheduling

The program is fully online with collaboration using online platforms. During the fall and spring semester, the courses are offered in 16-week sessions. In the summer semester, most courses include eight-week sessions.

## Planning

For practicing full-time teachers, we recommend taking one course each fall and spring semester, and up to two courses each summer. Plan carefully because some courses are only offered once a year.

## Active Status

Students must complete their programs within seven years, maintaining a GPA of 3.0. Students typically take four courses each calendar year. Failure to enroll over three contiguous semesters will result in a requirement to submit readmission materials.