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M.S.E. Reading

The M.S.E. in Reading is a 30 credit hour online program designed to provide advanced knowledge and skills in the discipline of reading, while also meeting requirements for the Arkansas Reading Specialist License. The Reading program content equips reading specialists to be effective in today's educational settings, prepares professionals to meet the educational and social/emotional needs of students with dyslexia and other reading disabilities, and meets the standards of the International Literacy Association (ILA) and International Dyslexia Association (IDA). Graduates of the M.S.E. in Reading who hold an Arkansas teaching license will be eligible for both the Arkansas Reading Specialist License K-12 and the new Arkansas Dyslexia Endorsement K-12.

- ELSE 6314 Diagnosis and Intervention of Reading Difficulties
- ELSE 6341 Literacy Strategies for the Emergent and Early Reader
- ELSE 6343 Clinical Practicum in Reading
- ELSE 6345 Leadership, Supervision, and Professional Development in Literacy
- ELSE 6346 Literacy Strategies for Advanced Readers
- ELSE 6347 Foundations of Dyslexia and the Language
- ELSE 6348 Multisensory Approach to Language I
- ELSE 6349 Multisensory Approach to Language II
- ELSE 6379 Multicultural Literacies and Diverse Texts
- LEAD 6321 Research Methods

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M.S.E. Special Education

The M.S.E. in Special Education is a 30 credit hour online program designed to prepare candidates in the development of knowledge, skills, and strategies needed to impact services and supports to students with exceptional learning needs. The program offers a broad range of opportunities for candidates to learn about special education litigation and legislation, assessment, behavior guidance, instructional strategies, and best practices in servicing persons with disabilities and their families. For teachers holding an Arkansas teaching license, the requirements for a K-12 Special Education Endorsement License can be met with the M.S.E.

- ASTL 6380 Research Methods
- ELSE 6300 SPED 101: Philosophical, Historical & Legal Aspects of Special Education
- ELSE 6304 Behavior Management and Analysis in Special Education
- ELSE 6308 Educational Assessment in Special Education
- ELSE 6333 Math and Science for Diverse Learners
- ELSE 6347 Foundations of Dyslexia and the Language
- ELSE 6348 Multisensory Approach to Language I
- ELSE 6349 Multisensory Approach to Language II
- ELSE 6366 Educational Programming for Students with Mild Disabilities K-12 (Fall, Spring)
- ELSE 6367 Educational Programming for Students with Significant Disabilities K-12

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M.A.T. Special Education

The M.A.T. program is designed for individuals without teaching credentials but who have successfully completed a baccalaureate degree and wish to become a Special Educator. The M.A.T. prepares collaborative special education teachers skilled in providing quality instruction to students representing a broad scope of abilities. Candidates in the program excel in the following competencies: learner development and individual learning differences, learning environments, curricular content knowledge, assessment, instructional planning and strategies, professional learning and ethical practice, and collaboration. Graduates of the M.A.T. will be eligible to pursue an Arkansas standard teaching license in Special Education K-12.

- ELSE 6300 SPED 101: Philosophical, Historical & Legal Aspects of Special Education
- ELSE 6304 Behavior Management and Analysis in Special Education
- ELSE 6308 Educational Assessment in Special Education
- ELSE 6333 Math and Science for Diverse Learners
- ELSE 6347 Foundations of Dyslexia and the Language
- ELSE 6348 Multisensory Approach to Language I
- ELSE 6349 Multisensory Approach to Language II
- ELSE 6366 Educational Programming for Students with Mild Disabilities K-12
- ELSE 6367 Educational Programming for Students with Significant Disabilities K-12
- ELSE 6375 The Practice and Teaching of Diverse Learners
- ELSE 6600 Special Education M.A.T. Internship
- ASTL 6380 Research Methods

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State Teacher Education Program (STEP)

STEP is a loan reduction program that offers yearly loan repayment grants (up to \$4,000 per year) to current educators teaching in a subject or geographic shortage area in an Arkansas public school. Teachers must reapply each year and are eligible for up to three years.

Teacher Opportunity Program (TOP)

TOP offers reimbursement grants to current Arkansas teachers and administrators seeking to further their education. Teachers and administrators may apply for reimbursement for out-of-pocket expenses paid for up to six (6) college credit hours completed for an academic year, not to exceed \$3,000.

Federal TEACH Grant

The Federal TEACH Grant is a grant program (no more than \$4,000 per year) designed to recruit and retain qualified teachers into high need subject areas in low-income schools or educational service agencies.

Public Service Loan Forgiveness Program

The PSLF Program forgives the remaining balance on your Direct Loans after you have made 120 qualifying monthly payments under a qualifying income-based repayment plan while working as a full-time educator for a school district.

