



Ed.M. Childhood Education: LITERACY EMPHASIS

For those who hold a NYS Initial Teacher Certificate in Childhood Education (grades 1-6) as a prerequisite for admission. This program does NOT lead to certification as a reading teacher/literacy specialist. LAI offers the Ed.M. Literacy Specialist that is designed for teachers who desire to add a literacy certification.

Name: _____

Person Number: _____

Professional Certification/ Ed.M. (Grades 1-6)

| | Date* | Credit | Grade |
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| MAJOR AREA REQUIREMENTS | | 21 | |
| LAI 549 Child Development & Learning (FALL ONLY) | | 3 | |
| LAI 550 Literacy Acquisition & Instruction Pre-K/2 | | 3 | |
| LAI 551 Childhood Literacy Methods | | 3 | |
| LAI 560 Improving Instruction in Elementary Language Arts | | 3 | |
| LAI 563 Language, Literacy, and Culture | | 3 | |
| LAI 662 Elementary Education Research (SPRING ONLY) | | 3 | |
| LAI 574 Teaching Exceptional Learners in the Regular Education Classroom | | 3 | |
| Take the following. Note prerequisites. | | 3 | |
| LAI 556 Classroom Literacy Assessment & Instruction (Prerequisites: LAI 550 and LAI 551) | | 3 | |
| LITERACY ELECTIVES: Consult with advisor to select 2 (See attached list for descriptions & prerequisites). | | 6 | |
| LAI 539 Strategic teaching strategic reading processes | | 3 | |
| LAI 544 Selected Topics | | 3 | |
| LAI 552 Middle Childhood/Adolescent Literacy Methods | | 3 | |
| LAI 565 Literature for Children & Young People | | 3 | |
| LAI 576 Literacy and Technology | | 3 | |
| LAI 580 Literature for Young Adults | | 3 | |
| LAI 651 Research Seminar in Reading | | 3 | |
| LAI 653 Special Problems in Literacy | | 3 | |
| LAI 685 Selected Topics | | 3 | |
| CHILDHOOD ELECTIVE – any 1 course approved by advisor | | 3 | |
| ELECTIVE | | 3 | |
| CAPSTONE EVENT | | 0-3 | |
| Comprehensive Exam (0 credits) or LAI 700 Project OR LAI 701 Thesis (1-3) | | 0-3 | |
| Total credits (minimum) | | 33-36 | |

Special Notes Ed.M. Childhood Education: Literacy Emphasis

1. Students who successfully complete the program will be awarded an Ed.M. degree from the University at Buffalo. Successful completion includes individual program course grades of B- or higher and an overall GPA of at least 3.0. Additionally, successful completion includes any applicable conditions of admission and/or any applicable conditions of continued enrollment.
2. This program requires a Literacy Faculty advisor. Please contact your advisor upon acceptance to the program.
3. Contact your faculty advisor to discuss electives.

SUGGESTED LITERACY ELECTIVES

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| LAI 539 | STRATEGIC TEACHING STRATEGIC READING PROCESSES (prerequisite LAI 551). |
| LAI 552 | MIDDLE CHILDHOOD/ADOLESCENT LITERACY METHODS |
| LAI 565 | LITERATURE FOR CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE. |
| LAI 576 | LITERACY AND TECHNOLOGY (Prerequisite, ONE of the following: LAI 550, LAI 551, LAI 552, OR 560). |
| LAI 580 | LITERATURE FOR YOUNG ADULTS. |
| | EFFECTIVE ORAL LANGUAGE PRACTICE IN MAINSTREAM AND ELL CLASSROOM CONTEXTS |
| | OR OTHER COURSES *PRE-APPROVED* BY ADVISOR |

4. **GSE Application to Candidacy Form:**
Upon successful completion of 12 to 15 credits in the Ed.M. program, submit a completed GSE *Application to Candidacy* form to the LAI Office (505 Baldy Hall). The form must include your advisor's signature. The Application to Candidacy form can be found on the Graduate School of Education's website (www.gse.buffalo.edu). The form is also available in the wall pockets outside of 505 Baldy Hall.
5. **Apply for Graduation via the HUB Student Center:**
Notify the University of your expected conferral (graduation) date via the HUB Student Center. The "apply for graduation" link is on the "My Academics" tab. The deadlines listed below are firm. If you miss the deadline, you will need to apply for the next conferral (graduation) date.

| Final Semester | File your application via the HUB by: | Degree Conferral |
|----------------|---------------------------------------|------------------|
| Fall | October 15 | February 1 |
| Spring | February 22 | June 1 |
| Summer | July 15 | September 1 |

6. **Transfer Credits:**
No more than six hours may be transferred from another college or university. The student's advisor must approve all transfer credits.
7. **Master's Comprehensive Examination or Master's Project:**
After completing about 24 to 27 hours, consult with your advisor about the Master's Comprehensive Examination or Master's Project. If you opt to take the exam, then at the beginning of the semester that the exam will be taken, an *Application for Comprehensive Examination* form must be completed and submitted to the departmental office. Except for summer semester, students must be enrolled for at least 1 credit when they take their comprehensive exam. The project option requires prior consent and approval from student's advisor.
8. **Applying For Teacher Certification:**
Program completion does not automatically lead to a University at Buffalo recommendation for the issuance of a professional teacher certificate and a University at Buffalo recommendation does not automatically lead to the issuance of this certificate. To apply for a professional teacher certificate, you must meet the program requirements of the University at Buffalo (as specified within this document, as well as all applicable prerequisite distribution requirements and any other requirements specified at the point of admission or thereafter as a condition of continued enrollment) and the certification requirements of the New York State Education Department (such as the applicable New York State Teacher Certification Exams). For information about the certification application process, please contact the Teacher Education Institute (716-645-2461, <http://gse.buffalo.edu/tei>).