

Master of Arts in Reading and Language

**Unlock the power of words
and transform lives.**

Designed for educators and professionals passionate about literacy, this program equips you with advanced skills to inspire and lead. Dive deep into innovative strategies, gain hands-on experience and become a catalyst for change. Embark on a journey where your passion for reading and language can make a profound impact.



A Master of Arts in

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This program equips professionals to put literacy theory into practice, to become confident decision makers and to develop the skills needed to be change agents in the field of literacy. An advanced degree will provide you with:

- ▶ **Specialized Expertise:** Acquire specialized skills to address diverse learning needs, including those of struggling readers and English-language learners.
- ▶ **Comprehensive Understanding:** Develop expertise in language development and literacy processes.
- ▶ **Innovative Teaching Strategies:** Learn the latest instructional methods and technologies to enhance literacy instruction.
- ▶ **Competitive Edge:** Stand out in the job market with specialized knowledge and skills that are highly valued by employers.
- ▶ **Career Advancement:** Open doors to leadership roles in education, such as literacy coach, reading specialist or curriculum coordinator.
- ▶ **Professional Network:** Connect with a community of educators and professionals dedicated to literacy and language education.
- ▶ **Skill Development:** Improve communication, critical thinking and problem-solving abilities.
- ▶ **Personal Growth:** Enhance your own critical thinking, communication and analytical skills, making you a more effective and reflective educator.
- ▶ **Impactful Change:** Make a significant difference in your community by promoting literacy and improving education.





Program Highlights

Unit Count of Program: 32

- ▶ Obtain a **Reading and Literacy Added Authorization** concurrently with your M.A. degree.
- ▶ Progress through **coursework in a cohort format**.
- ▶ **Direct and practical classroom application** of literacy concepts.
- ▶ Study under **experienced and highly rated university faculty**.
- ▶ A **summer residency program** allows teachers to finish at an accelerated rate.
- ▶ **On-site/blended format:** Meet for class face-to-face one to two nights per week with online component.
 - Offered at FPU's Fresno main campus
- ▶ **Enrolling for fall (August) start.**



Literacy Skills for Educators Ready to Make a Difference.

Our coursework focuses on the factors that influence the development of language and literacy skills with particular emphasis on understanding foundational and theoretical perspectives, improving instruction and understanding relevant research as a means of guiding literacy practice. It examines the reading/writing process, second language acquisition, literacy assessment techniques and the use of literature in the classroom.

Required Courses (32 units)

Course Prefix	Required Courses	Units
LLC 700	Reading Process and Practice	3
LLC 708	Issues in Literacy: Multilingual Learners	3
LLC 715	Writing Process and Practice	3
LLC 720	Language Assessment and Evaluation	3
LLC 728	Literacy Practicum I: Assisting Struggling Readers	3
LLC 730	Foundations in Early Literacy	3
LLC 760	Literacy Practicum II: Advanced Literacy	2
LLC 767	Current Trends in Language and Literacy	3
LLC 779	Values and Issues in Literacy Education	3
LLC 795	Research Methodology in Literacy	2
LLC 796A	Literacy Research Project I	2
LLC 796B	Literacy Research Project II	2

The courses listed above provide a sample overview of our program. Please meet with your academic advisor or visit fpu.edu/catalog to finalize your course registration and sequence.

Application and Admission Information

To be considered for admission to the M.A. in Reading and Language program, please submit the following items:

- ☐ **Completed Application for Admission:** fpu.edu/applygrad
- ☐ **Official college/university transcript(s)** verifying receipt of a bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited institution and any post-baccalaureate work.
 - If you are currently finishing up your degree, please submit current transcript.
 - A final transcript will need to be submitted before you may enroll in classes.
 - Transcripts can be sent electronically by your institution to trans.evaluator@fresno.edu or via mail in an envelope sealed by your institution to:

Fresno Pacific University
Office of the Registrar
1717 S. Chestnut Ave.
Fresno, CA 93702
- ☐ **If your cumulative GPA** for your bachelor's degree is below a 3.0 (4.0 scale), a letter of explanation is required.
- ☐ **Reference Form** – One reference is required for the M.A. in Reading and Language program. The reference should attest to your professional qualities and your academic qualifications, noting your ability to complete graduate-level work.
 - After you submit your application, your listed reference will be contacted via email with a link to provide their recommendation.
- ☐ **Statement of Intent** – Provide a written statement explaining your interest in the program, long-term goals and your experience in the field.
- ☐ **Proof of valid California Teaching Credential.**
- ☐ **International applicants** must submit additional documentation including English Proficiency Score (TOEFL=minimum of 550 PBT or 79 iBT, IELTS=6.5), copy of passport, visa information and a statement of financial support.

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