

Simmons College Language and Literacy Degree Program

Williamstown, MA • Starting Summer 2012

The Language and Literacy program has been carefully constructed with the assistance of the National Advisory Council and is a model for teacher preparation in reading.

The National Advisory Council, chaired by Barbara Wilson, includes Dr. Louisa Moats, Dr. Rebecca Felton and Dr. Sylvia Richardson. The program will be delivered with summer and weekend courses. This will allow participants to earn their degree in as little as two years.

The Program

The program for Language and Literacy is an innovative program designed to provide advanced training to an educator who wishes to specialize in meeting the needs of learners with language challenges. The program is research-based and incorporates methodologies, strategies and techniques developed using multi-sensory structured language principles. Courses address phonemic awareness, phonics, fluency, vocabulary, comprehension, writing, language development, assessment, reading research and technology to support literacy. The strategies employed and the skills mastered are of equal relevance and benefit to all learners. The goal is a significant reduction in the percentage of learners currently being identified with reading and writing skills below a basic level of achievement in general education settings.

The program is particularly responsive to the following national needs:

- shortage of teachers trained to identify learners with challenges that predict difficulty in learning to read and write;
- lack of available teacher training programs in methods to provide appropriate intervention for these learners;
- shortage of teachers trained to serve learners with language challenges.

The program focuses on the preparation of an educator who will have a sophisticated understanding of the underpinnings necessary for the development of mature fluent reading ability and theory, as well as methodology for remediation of those individuals who do not learn to read through methods generally practiced in the general education classroom.

Degree Options

There are two degree options that students may pursue - the Education Specialist (Ed.S.) degree or the Master of Science in Education (M.S.Ed.) degree. The Ed.S. degree program is an advanced graduate degree that provides a student who currently holds a master's degree with an area of educational specialization. The M.S. Ed. is designed for students with a bachelor's degree. Emphasis is placed upon the preparation of the master teacher in a specialized area and the development of leadership skills.

Licensure Option

Massachusetts Reading Specialist Licensure K-12

Program Cost

\$13,200.00 (11 courses at 4 credits each) only available at the Williamstown, MA location.

Financial Aid

Application for Federal Student Aid at www.fafsa.ed.gov

**Please join us on March 5 at 4:30 PM at The Reading Institute, 430 Main Street, Williamstown, MA 01267
To Reserve a space and for directions, contact us at 413-458-9995 or janet@TheReadingInstitute.net**



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Information Session

**March 5, 2012 • 4:30 pm
(Snow Date March 6)**

To register and for directions

Call 413-458-9995

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*“Having been involved in the Simmons Language and Literacy Degree Program,
I now feel prepared to take on a leadership role in the field of reading.”*

“There is no better program for teachers or administrators than the Simmons Language and Literacy Program.”

“This is the most comprehensive program. Every educator should be so fortunate to be taught so thoroughly.”