Department of Elementary and Early Childhood Education

Master’s of Science in Reading Education Degree Program
(Traditional & Online Matriculation)

Application Information Packet

#1 in Accountability…#1 in Service…#1 in Teacher Preparation
Dear Prospective Master’s of Science in Reading Education Program Candidate:

Thank you for considering the Master’s of Science in Reading Education Program. Attached, please find detailed information and program requirements for the thirty (30) hour graduate program. Each applicant must initially apply to the Graduate School through the Division of Graduate Studies (http://www.jsums.edu/graduateschool/), selecting Reading Education as the preferred program of study. Please indicate your preference of traditional (hybrid format) or online matriculation. The admission requirements are listed below.

Admission Requirements:

• Complete a graduate application (website and instructions are listed below)
• A minimum undergraduate cumulative GPA of 2.5 for conditional admission
• Proof from ETS showing passing scores on both parts of PRAXIS II (Curriculum and Instruction and PLT)
• Proof of (1) a current Class A Educator’s License or (2) seeking renewal of the license through attaining college credit hours as deemed necessary by the Mississippi State Department of Education (Copy of Class A Educator’s License)
• Three recommendation forms from reading professionals, principals, school administrators, etc. (see attached form)
• Official transcripts from all colleges and universities attended

For questions and additional information please contact the advisors listed below or visit the Graduate School’s website @ http://www.jsums.edu/graduateschool/, click on Apply to Graduate School, create an account, and follow the instructions for completing your application.

For additional program information, please contact the program advisors, Dr. Linda Channell if your last name begins with the letters A-M or Dr. Tracy Harris if your last name begins with the letters N-Z.

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We look forward to working with you as you continue your education. Feel free to contact the Department of Elementary & Early Childhood Education at (601) 979-2341 if you have additional questions. Thank you for choosing Jackson State University.
Jackson State University
College of Education and Human Development
Department of Elementary & Early Childhood Education

Master of Science in Reading Education Degree
Curriculum Plan

A minimum of thirty (30) semester hours are required for the Master’s Degree in Reading Education. The curriculum is comprised of six (6) hours of reading research and foundations and twenty-four (24) hours of specialized reading content. The curriculum requirements (traditional and online) follow:

Program Advisors: Dr. Linda Channell (A-M) ______________________________ Dr. Tracy Harris (N-Z) ________________________________

Candidate: ___________________________________________ J#: __________________________ Date: ________________

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Additional Degree Requirements:

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<td>PRAXIS II (5301)</td>
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Graduate Degree Plan
Submit Graduate Degree Plan

Graduate Degree Candidacy
Apply for admission to Graduate Degree Candidacy

Please Note: Candidates are advised to matriculate in consultation with faculty advisors. Any candidate scoring below 460 on the PRAXIS II Reading Specialist (5301) Exam is required to complete an *additional course (see course listed below) the following semester. The PRAXIS II Reading Specialist Exam must be passed before the degree may be conferred.

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The Graduate School at Jackson State University
Recommendation Form

(Applicants must fill in the top portion of this form before giving it to the person from whom a letter of recommendation is requested).

Name of Applicant: _______________________________________________ Date: ___________________________

Last                                          First                          MI
e-mail address: ____________________________________________________________________________________________________________

Proposed Graduate Program: ______________________________                     Degree Sought: ______________________________

Under the provisions of the Family Education & Privacy Act of 1974, (check one):

(    )   I waive my right of access of this letter of recommendation.

(    )   I DO NOT waive my right of access to this letter of recommendation.

______________________________________
(Signature of Applicant)

Please fill out the reference form below and send it to, (check one).

(  ) Graduate Admissions Committee or (  ) Graduate Admissions Committee or (  ) School of Health Sciences
Department of ___________________________ Department of ___________________________ Jackson Medical Mall
P.O. Box ___________________________ 3825 Ridgewood Road 350 Woodrow Wilson Drive
1400 J.R. Lynch Street Jackson, MS 39211
Jackson State University Jackson Medical Mall
Jackson, MS 39217

Name of person from whom the recommendation is requested: ___________________________

To The REQUESTEE: Comments of the applicant’s character and ability to carry out advanced graduate research is requested. Compare the applicant to others you have known in this field. If you prefer, you may write a separate letter and attach it to this form.

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Comments: In the space below, please describe in detail the applicant’s ability, and comment on his/her potential as a graduate student. Please give views on such matters as previous accomplishments, intellectual independence, research interests, capacity for analytical thinking, ability to work with others, ability to organize and express ideas clearly (orally or in writing), drive, and motivation. If you prefer, you may write a separate letter and attach it to this form.

I have known the applicant for a period of _______ years and /or _____ months as (please check all that apply):

- an undergraduate student
- a graduate student
- research/academic advisor
- department chair
- a research assistant
- other (please specify)__________________________
- instructor in _______ class (es)
- other (please specify)

POTENTIAL FOR SUCCESS IN PROGRAM:

- Outstanding
- Above Average
- Average
- Questionable
- I recommend the applicant
- I recommend the applicant with reservations
- I do not recommend the applicant

Name: __________________________________________________ Signature: _____________________________________
(Please print or type)

Institution: ______________________________________________ Position: _______________________________________

Address: ________________________________________________________________________________________________________
(Street Address) (City/ State) (Zip Code)

Phone: ___________________________ E-mail: ______________________________
(Include Area Code)

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