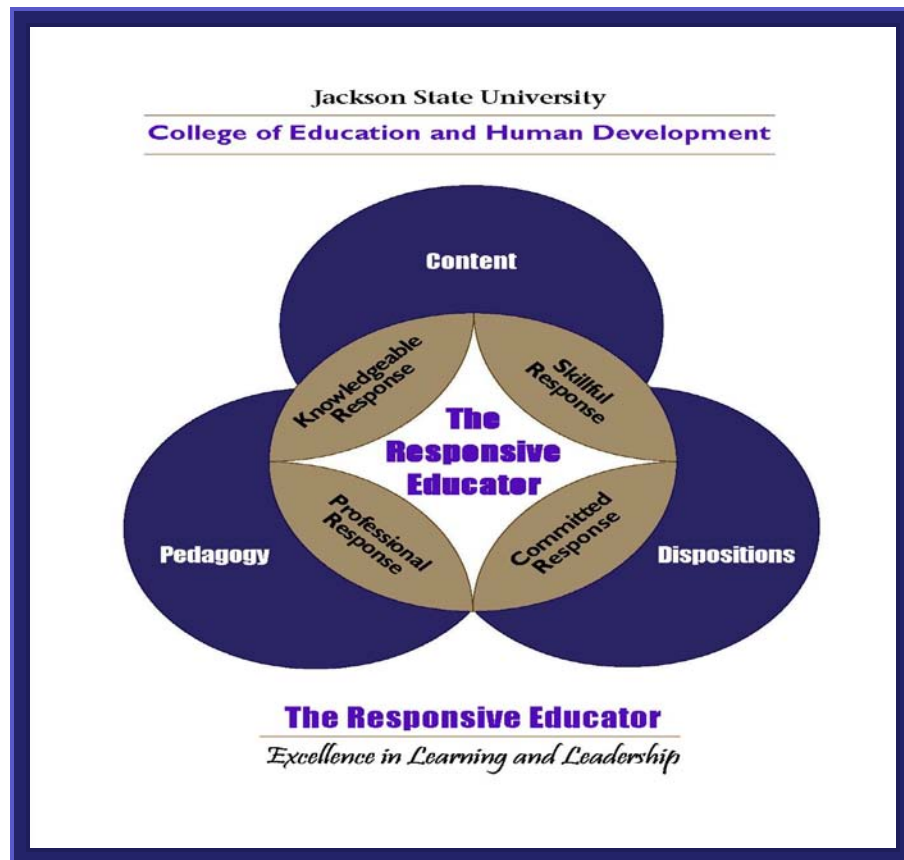




Department of Elementary and Early Childhood Education

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

Application Information Packet



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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.



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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:** _____

Courses	Course Titles	Credit Hours	Grades	Semester
RE 503 (Hybrid)	Research Methods and Theory in Reading Instruction	3.0	_____	_____
RE 506 (Hybrid)	Foundations of Literacy	3.0	_____	_____
Advisement Notes: _____				
RE 502 (Hybrid)	Workshop: Current Problems/Issues in Reading Instruction	3.0	_____	_____
RE 510 (Hybrid)	Reading in the Content Area	3.0	_____	_____
RE 512 (Hybrid)	Using Literature to Teach Reading Skills	3.0	_____	_____
RE 550 (Hybrid)	Psychology of Reading	3.0	_____	_____
RE 552 (Hybrid)	Methods and Materials for Teaching Elementary Reading	3.0	_____	_____
RE 556 (Hybrid)	Supervised Practicum in Reading I	3.0	_____	_____
RE 557 (Hybrid)	Supervised Practicum in Reading II	3.0	_____	_____
RE 559 (Hybrid)	Leadership in Literacy	<u>3.0</u> 30.0 hrs	_____	_____

Advisement Notes: _____

Additional Degree Requirements:

			<u>Grades</u>	<u>Semester</u>
ENG 599	Graduate English Competency Examination	Pass/Fail	_____	_____
PRAXIS II (5301)	PRAXIS II Reading Specialist Exam (460 pts. required)	Pass/Fail	_____	_____
GACE	Graduate Area Comprehensive Examination (after 24 hrs. earned)	Pass/Fail	_____	_____
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.

			<u>Grade</u>	<u>Semester</u>
*EDCI 565	Integrative Studies for the Elementary School	3.0	_____	_____

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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
Department of _____
P.O. Box _____
1400 J.R. Lynch Street
Jackson State University
Jackson, MS 39217

or ☐
Graduate Admissions Committee
Department of _____
3825 Ridgewood Road
Box 23
Jackson, MS 39211

or ☐
School of Health Sciences
Jackson Medical Mall
350 Woodrow Wilson Drive
Jackson, MS 39213

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.

CHARACTERISTICS	EXCEPTIONAL	ABOVE AVERAGE	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	NO BASIS FOR JUDGEMENT
Writing ability					
Oral expressions					
Emotional maturity					
Potential for professional growth					
Potential for graduate research					
Analytical skills					
Perseverance					
Ability to work with professional colleagues					
Ability to work independently					
Ability to accept constructive criticism					

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: _____
(Please print or type)

Signature: _____

Institution: _____

Position: _____

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

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____
(Include Area Code)

Department /Program: Department of Elementary & Early Childhood Education/Master of Science in Reading Education Degree Program.

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