Master’s In Education (M.Ed.) Program in Reading Specialization
at
Kent State University

32 credit hour program

Please save this document, as it contains helpful information and links that you will need throughout your entire program.

K-12 Reading Endorsement
In this program, you can earn your K-12 Reading Endorsement as part of your coursework. This endorsement can be added to your teaching license once you have completed the required 13-16 hours of coursework, passed the required state test, and applied to have the endorsement added to your license in the Vacca Office of Student Services. (You must take 16 hours if you have not had a phonics class. If you have had a phonics class already, you will take 13 hours.)

\[13-16 \text{Hours of Coursework} + \text{TEST} + \text{APPLICATION} = \text{K-12 Reading Endorsement}\]

Who do I work with?
You will be assigned an advisor during your program. Your advisor is your “go-to” person related to your course of study. Your plan of study outlines your required and elective courses. You must correspond directly with your advisor as he or she is the only person who can approve your courses and help you make a decision. Don’t hesitate to email a second time if you have not heard back from your advisor after one week. While we make every attempt to respond in a timely manner, sometimes your email gets “lost” in the amount of email communication we receive daily. No professor will mind a follow up email if needed.

When are the courses offered?
Courses are offered in the evenings at 4:25, 5:30 and 7:20 to accommodate working teachers. In addition, several courses are offered during the summer.

In what order should I take the courses?
We often recommend that you complete the coursework for your reading endorsement first. Then you can take the test and apply to have the endorsement added to your license while you complete the rest of your coursework. (Information about test and application are below).
When are the courses offered? (For initial planning purposes only, may be subject to change.) Some courses are only offered in a specific semester. See also Schedule of Course Offerings for more specific information.

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What sequence should I take the courses?
Much of this depends on how many courses you can take each semester. Some courses are only offered during one semester per year so keep that in mind when you plan your schedule with your advisor. Please examine the also attached 1-2 year program plans.

How long do I have to complete my degree?
You have 6 years to complete your Master’s degree.

What to do after being accepted to the program
Email your advisor to discuss your plan of study. You must have a signed plan of study on file in room 418 of White Hall by your second semester of classes in order to register for a third semester.

Can I transfer hours from another university?
A maximum of 12 semester hours of credit may be accepted by transfer toward a master’s degree from accredited institutions offering the master’s degree. You must have earned an
A or B and be within 6 years of when you will complete your Master’s degree at Kent. Your advisor must approve your courses before they can be counted. You may need to provide your syllabus for the classes. In addition, there is a form to complete. You can get that form from room 418 or access it here “Transfer for Credit Form” Pdf https://www.kent.edu/ehhs/ogs/forms If the link does not work, search for “Transfer for Credit Form” Pdf on the graduate website or contact your advisor.

How do I start the process?
We need to ensure that you are eligible to begin your coursework. Please read below.

Please Note:

Transcript Evaluation IF you are not a recent graduate (Verification Form)
Ohio requires a certain number of pre-requisite hours in reading (9-12 depending on license) before one can begin the graduate K-12 endorsement coursework. Most recent education graduates in Ohio meet this 9-12 hour requirement. However, if you attended school in another state or graduated some time ago, you may not have the necessary hours in reading coursework. If you think this applies to you, please complete a verification form https://goo.gl/ngPpt8 and submit an unofficial copy of your transcript to Dr. Morgan at dmorgan2@kent.edu. This is not your formal Kent State graduate application.

Application to Graduate School
You must apply to the graduate school. There are two choices: M.Ed. (Master's in Reading Specialization and Graduate, non-degree, K-12 Reading Endorsement only). Consider applying for the M.Ed. (Masters of Education in Reading Specialization) rather than grad non-degree as you can only transfer 12 of your 14 hours into a Master’s Program should you later decide pursue your Master’s. We have rolling admissions so apply as soon as possible to ensure you can register for the necessary courses. Look for information about the Richard and Joanne Vacca Scholarship if admitted to the Master's Program.

How do I apply to the Graduate School?
Go to http://www.kent.edu/admissions/apply. Select the College and Graduate School of Education, Health, and Human Services. You are applying to be a Graduate Student in the College of Education, Health and Human Services.

Tuition & Financial Aid
For the most up to date information about tuition and financial aid, please visit Kent One Stop http://www.kent.edu/onestop
Graduate Assistantship (offered on a very limited basis)
Full time students in the Master's program may apply for a graduate assistantship that covers tuition and offers a small stipend in exchange for 10 or 20 hours of work a week. Please read more about this here under forms: Graduate Assistantship Application https://www.kent.edu/graduate-assistant-application

Kent State Literacy Website https://www.kent.edu/literacy
Please visit our comprehensive website for a detailed overview of the program. Please visit the FAQ page.

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1. Complete the required coursework.

2. Take the reading endorsement test: (typically taken after coursework is complete- but not required)

   OAE Reading (K-12) exam, subtest 1 (38) and 2 (39)

3. APPLICATION TO HAVE ENDORSEMENT ADDED TO YOUR TEACHING LICENSE
You must apply at the Vacca Office to have the endorsement added to your license when you have completed your coursework. There is a 12-month window to submit this information. Vacca Offices of Student Services, 304 White Hall, phone: 330.672.2862, email: oss@kent.edu

   Website: https://www.kent.edu/ehhs/voss/how-apply-educator-license
   Follow the directions under the “Add and endorsement or teaching field to an existing license” heading.

   Individual Investigation: You will need to contact Dr. Morgan to register for the online individual investigation (1 credit hour). She will send you the CRN number for the course.

   Clinical Practicum: Prior to enrolling in Clinical Practicum, your transcript must be checked to ensure you have the necessary pre-requisites. You need to email Sherry Ernsberger sernsber@kent.edu with your banner ID number. She will check your transcript and issue a permit to allow you to register for class. This may take up to 7 days so please be patient. You will have an automatic spot in the class if you meet the requirements so please do not worry about being closed out.