The Literacy Leadership postbaccalaureate certificate program is offered by the Teacher Education unit in the School of Behavioral Sciences and Education at Penn State Harrisburg. The primary goal of the program is to prepare K-12 educators (teachers, specialists, and/or administrators) to serve in literacy leadership roles in K-12 educational contexts. The 12-credit curriculum integrates core principles of literacy education that address:

- curricular content,
- curriculum initiative planning,
- diverse K-12 students' needs, and
- leadership development consistent with standards-based professional development and candidate preparation guidelines.

Students will complete four courses targeted to develop critical perspectives, reading, and writing associated with professional literacy initiatives and leadership skills. Students will complete three required courses and select the fourth course from a menu according to individual professional needs. The certificate is designed for educators who need to develop understandings of complexities involving literacy goals among K-12 students and adult educators.

Effective Semester: Summer 2019
Expiration Semester: Summer 2024

Admission Requirements

Applicants apply for admission to the program via the Graduate School application for admission (https://gradschool.psu.edu/graduate-admissions/how-to-apply/). Requirements listed here are in addition to Graduate Council policies listed under GCAC-300 Admissions Policies (https://gradschool.psu.edu/graduate-education-policies/). International applicants may be required to satisfy an English proficiency requirement; see GCAC-305 Admission Requirements for International Students (https://gradschool.psu.edu/graduate-education-policies/gcac/gcac-300/gcac-305-admission-requirements-international-students/) for more information.

To be considered for admission into the certificate program, applicants must have a 3.0 grade-point average in the last two years of undergraduate work (or graduate work if applying with a master's degree).

Certificate Requirements

Requirements listed here are in addition to requirements listed in Graduate Council policy GCAC-212 Postbaccalaureate Credit Certificate Programs (https://gradschool.psu.edu/graduate-education-policies/gcac/gcac-200/gcac-212-postbaccalaureate-credit-certificate-programs/).