

LITERACY EDUCATION

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Program Code	LEDUC
Campus(es)	Harrisburg (M.Ed.)
Degrees Conferred	Master of Education (M.Ed.)
The Graduate Faculty	View (https://secure.gradsch.psu.edu/gpms/?searchType=fac&prog=LEDUC)

The Master of Education in Literacy Education at Penn State Harrisburg is designed to provide full-time and part-time graduate students with a focused program of study in the field of literacy education. This advanced degree provides students with a comprehensive approach to literacy research, instructional practice, assessment, and leadership to meet the varied and diverse needs of PK-12 learners. Grounded in sociocultural and critical literacy approaches, the program affords literacy professionals:

1. specialized, in-depth knowledge about the teaching of literacy;
2. diagnostic and clinical skills necessary to support and plan instruction for a diverse range of learners;
3. the ability to interpret, evaluate, and use literacy research to inform practice;
4. opportunities to use both digital and traditional texts to teach literacy across the curriculum;
5. knowledge about the role of social context in supporting PK-12 learners' acquisition of language and literacy; and
6. the literacy leadership skills necessary to support and inform professional practice in PK-12 settings.

Students also participate in a final capstone course that provides the opportunity to work closely with PK-12 learners in a faculty-supervised, clinical, or on-site setting. Throughout the program, students work closely with faculty and cultivate strong peer support networks.

The Literacy Education program is recognized by the Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE) and the International Literacy Association (ILA). The M.Ed. in Literacy Education program is aligned with both state and national standards from the:

- Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE),
- International Literacy Association (ILA), and
- National Council of Teachers of English (NCTE).

Accreditation and Licensure

The Literacy Education program is recognized by the Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE) and the International Literacy Association (ILA). Following successful completion of the program and a passing score on the Praxis 5301 exam, program completers are eligible to receive their PK-12 Reading Specialist Certification in Pennsylvania. Out-of-state students are advised to check with their appropriate state licensing agency to obtain guidelines and to verify specific requirements.