

# LITERACY AND THE TEACHING OF WRITING (MED)

## Education, Democracy, and Social Change

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PSU's Master of Education (MEd) in Literacy and the Teaching of Writing is designed to meet a wide variety of students' needs and interests. Student in this program work closely with faculty members who have extensive experience and expertise in the field.

Students may complete the program with no concentration or choose from the two following concentrations: National Writing Project Teacher Consultant, or Teaching Writing. Students in each option take a Masters Core Component, Specialization Component, Elective Component, and a Capstone Experience to complete their degree.

In addition, the MEd in Literacy and the Teaching of Writing is available to undergraduates who wish to pursue a 5th year master's degree in Literacy and the Teaching of Writing.

## Degree Requirements Literacy and the Teaching of Writing

Those who do not elect a concentration can select from a wide range of courses to create a broad master's program with a high degree of flexibility to pursue their own field of interests.

### Curriculum Requirements

Course	Title	Credits
<b>Master's Core Component</b>		
ED 5000	Social Behavior in a Diverse Society	3
RL 5110	Research in Reading/Writing	3
EN 5000	Teacher Action Research	3
<b>Elective Component</b>		
Complete 21 credits determined with advisor		21
<b>Capstone Experience</b>		
ED 5580 or ED 6900	Individual Research in Education Graduate Capstone Project	3
Total Credits		33

## Optional Concentrations in this Major Literacy and the Teaching of Writing, National Writing Project Teacher Consultant

The National Writing Project Teacher Consultant concentration builds on the NWPNH summer institutes to prepare teacher leaders in the area of writing instruction who will act as teacher consultants for the NWPNH.

### Curriculum Requirements

Course	Title	Credits
<b>Master's Core Component</b>		
ED 5000	Social Behavior in a Diverse Society	3
RL 5110	Research in Reading/Writing	3
EN 5000	Teacher Action Research	3
<b>Writing Pedagogy Component</b>		

EN 5050	Theory and Practice in the Teaching of Writing	6-9
EN 5450	Leadership in Writing	6
<b>National Writing Project Electives</b>		
Complete nine to 12 credits determined with advisor		9-12
<b>Capstone Experience</b>		
EN 5330	Writing Project Practicum	3
Total Credits		33

## Literacy and the Teaching of Writing, Teaching Writing

The Teaching Writing concentration is designed for students who want to enhance their own writing in various genres and becoming writing specialists in various settings at all levels of education and in the community or to prepare for further graduate study in writing-related fields.

### Curriculum Requirements

Course	Title	Credits
<b>Master's Core Component</b>		
ED 5000	Social Behavior in a Diverse Society	3
RL 5110	Research in Reading/Writing	3
EN 5000	Teacher Action Research	3
<b>Writing Pedagogy Component</b>		
Complete three to nine credits of the following:		3-9
EN 5050	Theory and Practice in the Teaching of Writing	
EN 5645	Teaching Writing: Knowledge & Experience	
EN 5380	Open Institute for Teachers of Writing	
<b>Reading and Writing Electives</b>		
Complete 12-18 credits determined with advisor		12-18
<b>Capstone Experience</b>		
ED 5580 or ED 6900	Individual Research in Education Graduate Capstone Project	3
Total Credits		33

## Graduate Certificates

### National Writing Project Teacher Consultant Certificate

This certificate program is designed for writing project fellows. It provides an extensive background in pedagogy, research and theory in the teaching of writing, as well as in facilitation of professional development programming and the mentoring of other teachers.

### Curriculum Requirements

Course	Title	Credits
EN 5050	Theory and Practice in the Teaching of Writing	6-9
EN 5330	Writing Project Practicum	3
EN 5450	Leadership in Writing	6
Total Credits		15-18

### Reading and Writing Certificate

This certificate program is designed for those who may be interested in professional development in the field of reading and writing or in obtaining a Reading and Writing Certificate. The 15-credit program consists of five Reading and Writing (RL) courses.

**Curriculum Requirements**

<b>Course</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Credits</b>
RL 5110	Research in Reading/Writing	3
RL 5770	Developing Language & Literacy for Diverse Learners	3
RL 5170	Content Area Literacy	3
RL 5014	Reading, Writing, & Literature	3
RL 5710	Advanced Diagnostic Testing and the Improvement of Reading and Writing	3
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Total Credits		15