LITERACY AND THE TEACHING OF WRITING (MED)

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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.

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Elective Component

Complete 21 credits determined with advisor

Capstone Experience

ED 5580 or ED 6900: Individual Research in Education or Graduate Capstone Project

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.

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Writing Pedagogy Component

Complete three to nine credits of the following:

EN 5050 Theory and Practice in the Teaching of Writing
EN 5645 Teaching Writing: Knowledge & Experience
EN 5330 Open Institute for Teachers of Writing

Reading and Writing Electives

Complete 12-18 credits determined with advisor

Capstone Experience

ED 5580 Individual Research in Education

or ED 6900 Graduate Capstone Project

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.

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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.
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<td>RL 5170</td>
<td>Content Area Literacy</td>
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<td>RL 5014</td>
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