

# Certificate in Dyslexia and Literacy

This program provides graduate level studies in literacy for educators who wish to:

1. Advance their knowledge and skills of teaching literacy in the classroom, and
2. Integrate literacy into all content areas.

It provides advanced study for teachers and educators seeking lead positions in buildings where literacy is a focus for federal legislation and state accreditation.

## Program Requirements

Given the diverse needs of students in classrooms, the certificate in dyslexia and literacy curriculum focuses on assessment, instruction, dyslexia and the science of reading. Upon completion, candidates may choose to take the Reading Specialist licensure exams and apply for the advanced endorsement through KSDE.

## Background Check

Upon admission and prior to their first semester, all applicants admitted to this program must clear a criminal background check. There are two reasons for this requirement. First, it is part of the university's due diligence before placing students in field settings. Second, the check may alert applicants or students to issues that may subsequently affect their ability to work in their chosen field. In instances when a person's criminal history raises reasonable concerns that should be cleared to engage in the field experiences and/or subsequently obtain licensure/endorsement, WSU may take a range of actions, including rescission of admission or dismissal from the program, depending on the nature of the concern.

For information regarding this requirement, visit: Advanced Programs (<https://wichita.edu/clesadvancedprograms/>)<sup>1</sup>.

## Curriculum

The required coursework (for both the WSU certificate and the KSDE approved Reading Specialist endorsement program) includes:

Course	Title	Hours
<b>Course Requirements</b>		
ISLE 714	Reading Instruction and Assessment	3
ISLE 734	Interventions for Dyslexia and Other Reading Related Disorders	3
ISLE 736	Dyslexia and the Brain: Serving as a Literacy Leader	2
ISLE 705	Science of Reading	2
ISLE 615	Learning and Reading Strategies	3
<b>Applied Learning/Practicum (Required)</b>		
ISLE 821	Dyslexia and Literacy Practicum	3
<b>Total Credit Hours</b>		<b>16</b>

In addition to these requirements, students must meet the Graduate School's requirements (<http://catalog.wichita.edu/graduate/academic-information/types-programs-courses/certificates-graduate-programs/>) in order to earn this certificate.

For more information, please visit the certificate in dyslexia and literacy webpage (<https://wichita.edu/literacy/>)<sup>1</sup>.

<sup>1</sup> Link opens new window.