

Certificate in 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

To meet the varied needs of elementary and secondary teachers, two strands are provided:

1. Early childhood/elementary, and
2. Middle level/secondary.

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/>)¹.

Curriculum

In each strand, students must take 15 credit hours of coursework:

Course	Title	Hours
Required Courses Elementary (9 credit hours)		
CI 705	Knowledge and Beliefs About Reading (Elementary)	3
CI 714	Reading Instruction and Assessment (Elementary)	3
CI 734	Literature-Based Reading Programs (Elementary)	3
Electives selected in consultation with program coordinator (6 credit hours)		6
Total Credit Hours		15

Course	Title	Hours
Required Courses Secondary (9 credit hours)		
CI 705	Knowledge and Beliefs About Reading	3
CI 714	Reading Instruction and Assessment	3
CI 615	Learning and Reading Strategies	3
Electives selected in consultation with program coordinator (6 credit hours)		6
Total Credit Hours		15

No more than 5 credit hours can be included that are graded *S/U*. In addition to these requirements, students must meet the Graduate School's requirements (<http://catalog.wichita.edu/graduate/degree->

[certificate-completion/certificates-graduate-programs/](#)) in order to earn this certificate.

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

¹ Link opens new window.