

## About Montclair State University

Since its founding in 1908, Montclair State University has had a rich history of innovation, distinction, and growth. Montclair State, a vital educational force, is ranked as one of the top universities in the region. Graduates from Montclair State University are well equipped with the skills needed to respond to today's dynamic environment, as well as future challenges and opportunities.

## About the College of Education and Human Services

With a 100-year tradition of excellence and educational leadership, the College of Education and Human Services offers several advantages for those pursuing a graduate education:

- Outstanding and innovative graduate programs in the education and human services fields with nationally-recognized faculty and accreditation;
- Program faculty and staff dedicated to meeting the unique needs of our graduate population;
- Flexible study for both full-time students and working professionals, including weekend, accelerated, and Web-enhanced course options;
- Facilities that are on the cutting edge of learning and technology, including University Hall, the College's home, and the largest and most sophisticated building in the University's history.



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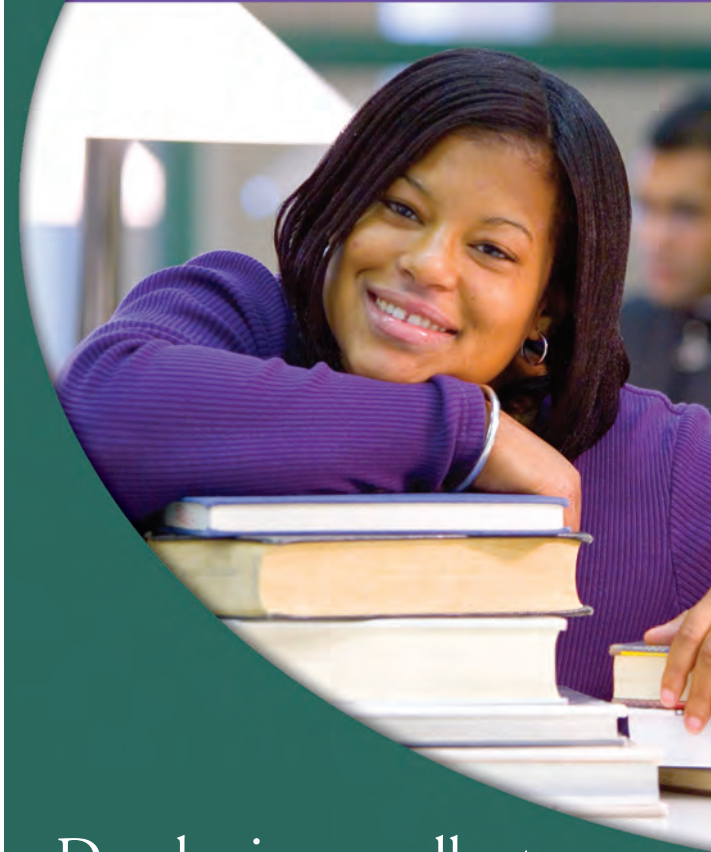
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Advanced Graduate Study  
in Literacy, Reading and  
Educational Media



Developing excellent  
literacy educators  
for a changing world.



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## Overview

The Department of Early Childhood, Elementary and Literacy Education offers a master's degree and certification programs that prepare educators to meet present and future demands as literacy specialists. Ever-increasing cultural and linguistic diversity, coupled with persistent disparities in student achievement outcomes, require educators to be able to meet the literacy learning needs of all students. Our graduate reading programs emphasize practice informed by current theory and research, and provide a range of learning experiences that enhance candidates' understanding of what it means to be an effective literacy educator within a range of social and political contexts.

## Programs

The Department offers a **Master of Arts in Reading** degree and a **Reading Specialist Certification** program. These programs are designed to provide literacy educators with theoretical understanding, content knowledge, and practical experiences that prepare them for specialist roles within a variety of institutional and policy contexts. The curriculum is designed to meet institutional, state, and national professional standards and emphasizes critical reflection and self-evaluation. Our advanced degree programs in Reading provide preparation for careers as:

- Reading specialists and teachers in P-12 schools and school district offices
- Reading specialists for non-profit groups and community centers
- Reading specialists in alternative education programs
- Reading diagnosticians and instructors in hospitals and clinics
- Reading consultants in business and industry
- Reading research/development specialists in government agencies

The **Associate School Library Media Specialist Certification** program is a 21-credit program designed to prepare and certify graduate students to work in school libraries and related P-12 educational settings. Through this program, students learn about and use a variety of new

technologies including wikis, blogs, digital storytelling, and Second Step. Students who complete the program may pursue careers as:

- School librarians in elementary, middle, and high school
- School technology teachers for all ages
- District media specialists

These programs prepare students for positions as certified educational services specialists. They do not provide teaching certifications.



## Admission Requirements

**Master of Arts in Reading (33 credits):** Minimum requirements include an initial teaching certificate or equivalent, and at least one year of teaching experience (or equivalent).

**Reading Specialist Certification (30 credits):** Minimum requirements include an initial teaching certificate, a master's degree in any field, and at least one year of teaching experience.

**Associate School Library Media Specialist (21 credits):** Minimum requirements include a bachelor's degree in a liberal arts field, and a standard NJ instructional certificate or certificate of eligibility with advanced standing.

## For Further Information

<http://cehs.montclair.edu/cehs/academic/ecele/programs/>

## Apply Online

[www.montclair.edu/graduate](http://www.montclair.edu/graduate)

## Tuition and Fees

Tuition and fees for the current academic year may be accessed at:

<http://www.montclair.edu/graduate/prospective/tuition.shtml>

Montclair State University offers financial aid, scholarships and graduate assistantships. To obtain financial aid information, contact the Office of Student Financial Aid at 973-655-4461.

Information regarding graduate assistantships and scholarships may be found at <http://www.montclair.edu/graduate>.

## Contact

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For the **Associate School Library Media Specialist** program, please contact Graduate Program Coordinator Dana Wilber at [wilberd@mail.montclair.edu](mailto:wilberd@mail.montclair.edu).

