



## MASTER OF SCIENCE IN LITERACY EDUCATION: ALL GRADES

— Online Program Format —

### PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The M.S. in Literacy Education program at St. John Fisher University prepares you for today's classroom and communities, and is designed for general and special education teachers.

As a graduate of our program, you will have the tools to make a tangible difference in the lives of your students. Your expertise in literacy instruction will contribute to improved reading and writing skills, boosting academic achievement. Our expert faculty bring years of experience to the classroom and they are passionate educators and literacy experts who are dedicated to nurturing your growth as a literacy specialist.

### ACCREDITATION

The Ralph C. Wilson, Jr. School of Education is accredited based on the Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation (CAEP) Standards through 2026.

Formerly the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE), CAEP is the sole nationally recognized accrediting body for educator preparation, and is recognized by the U.S. Secretary of Education and the Council for Higher Education Accreditation.



### PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- Fully online program with flexibility to accommodate your busy schedule;
- Small class sizes that foster a close-knit community where you thrive both academically and professionally;
- Ability to achieve program completion in just 12 months;
- Prepares you to be a culturally responsive literacy professional who works directly with students who experience difficulty in reading or writing, and provides support in literacy to classroom teachers and families;
- Relationships with expert faculty with years of experience who are passionate educators and literacy experts dedicated to nurturing your growth as a literacy specialist;
- Leads to professional certification as a literacy specialist for all grades; as a program graduate, you will also be eligible for the professional certification in your original initial teaching certification area.

### LIFE AFTER FISHER

School of Education teachers and administrators work in public, charter, and private schools throughout New York state and across the country.



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## PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

- GRDG 620 - Nature and Acquisition of Literacy and Language of All Children (3)
- GRDG 626 - Language, Literacy, and Diversity (3)
- GRDG 634 - Content Areas Culturally Responsive Practices (3)
- GRDG 635 - Literacy Assessment and Diagnosis of Diverse Students (3)
- GRDG 637 - Practicum in Literacy: Childhood (3)
- GRDG 638 - Practicum in Literacy: Middle School/Adolescent (3)
- GRDG 639 - Emergent Literacy Practices in Instruction and Assessment (3)
- GRDG 640 - Administration and Supervision of Reading and Writing Programs (3)
- GRDG 652 - Critical Literacy and Culturally Responsive Literature (3)
- GRDG 690 - Capstone Project: Action Research in Culturally Responsive Literacy (3)

## APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

- Completed online application
- Baccalaureate degree from an accredited college or university
- Official transcripts of all undergraduate and graduate work (if applicable)
- Two recommendation forms (submitted online)
- Current résumé
- Personal goals statement to include an introduction to applicant's clinical and professional background that supports intended program of study and has prepared applicant to be successful in graduate studies; the statement should articulate purpose and objectives for obtaining an advanced degree in intended specialty, including professional goals
- Results of the TOEFL (if native language is not English)
- Applicants must have earned a minimum cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 3.0 for baccalaureate degrees from approved postsecondary institutions.
- A copy of New York state teaching certification OR proof of pending certification is required for students just completing their undergraduate studies.



## ABOUT THE RALPH C. WILSON, JR. SCHOOL OF EDUCATION

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If you have questions regarding the program or the application process, please contact the Office of Admissions at (585) 385-8064 or email [grad@sjf.edu](mailto:grad@sjf.edu).



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