The Master’s program in Reading Specialization develops practical and professional knowledge that is essential for educators concerned with the improvement of literacy at all instructional levels. The Reading Specialization program prepares educators to teach students in classroom learning contexts, including reading in the content areas (grades K through adult) as well as teach students who have difficulties with reading (grades K through adult). Graduates are prepared for leadership and literacy teaching positions kindergarten through adulthood and/or for pursuing doctoral-level study. You earn a K-12 reading endorsement with this degree.

**Program Overview:** Courses focus on current research and practice in reading development with an emphasis on the nature of the reading process, the interrelationships between language, literature and literacy, the nature and needs of students who find reading difficult, and the role of research in reading. The M.Ed. program is 32 hours of coursework.

**Faculty Highlights:** Faculty are engaged in current research in a wide range of areas including: fluency, content area reading, multicultural literacy, children's and young adult literature, phonics, literacy coaching, writing as a process, diagnosis and remediation in reading, and teachers as literacy researchers. See a sample of our publications at [http://www.kent.edu/ehhs/le/faculty-publications.cfm](http://www.kent.edu/ehhs/le/faculty-publications.cfm)

**Recent Graduates hold positions such as the following with this degree:**

- Classroom Teacher
- Reading Specialist
- Literacy Coach

**Graduate Assistantship:** An appointment made by KSU to full-time graduates who display a high level of scholarship and academic excellence. The award is merit based, not need-based, and includes stipend and tuition.

**Admission Requirements:** Applicants should complete the Graduate School of Education application for admission to the Reading Specialization Program. Application should be completed two months before the beginning of coursework. Applications are available online at [http://www.kent.edu/ehhs/ogs/admissions.cfm](http://www.kent.edu/ehhs/ogs/admissions.cfm) (follow links for students, graduate students, application for graduate school, education, and Reading Specialization).

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