**Proposed Changes to COEPD Graduate Committee**

**Existing Catalogue Language with Strikethroughs (p.119-121)**

**LITERACY EDUCATION, M.A.**

**Program Description**

The Master of Arts in Literacy Education consists of six foundation courses, four advanced courses, two of which are practicum experiences, and two elective courses for a total of 36 credit hours.

**Admission Requirements**

Applicants should follow the admissions process described in this catalog or at the Graduate Admissions website at www. marshall.edu/graduate/admissions/how-to-apply-for-admission. In addition, applicants must have:

• An undergraduate Grade Point Average (GPA) of 2.7 or higher on a 4.0 scale ~~for all previously completed undergraduate university work~~

• A valid WV teaching certificate

**ADDITIONAL LITERACY ENDORSEMENTS AND CERTIFICATES FOR TEACHERS (p. 121)**

Teachers who want to add another teaching endorsement may do so by completing the course requirements and performance assessments, ~~and the appropriate PRAXIS II test~~.

The program offers two certificate programs that support literacy education.

Programs marked with an asterisk (\*) may be used as endorsements for teaching reading. Programs marked with a plus sign (+) may be used as graduate certificates.

**Certificate Program Admission Requirements**

Applicants should follow the admissions process described in this catalog or at the Graduate Admissions website at www. marshall.edu/graduate/admissions/how-to-apply-for-admission In addition, applicants must have:

• An undergraduate degree in education from an a regionally accredited college or university and

• A valid WV teaching certificate

**\* Literacy Specialist (24 hours)**

Admission to the program is suspended

**\*Literacy Education (18 hours)**

The Literacy Education Certificate is intended for educators who hold an initial teaching license and wish to become highly qualified literacy educators. It consists of six courses, with embedded field-experiences, and leads to a reading endorsement at either the elementary of secondary level.

**Admission Requirements**

1. An initial undergraduate degree in education from a regionally accredited college or university; and

2. A valid teaching license

+ **Family Literacy (12 hours)**

The Family Literacy Certificate is intended for professionals working in the field of family literacy.

**Admission Requirements**

A relevant undergraduate degree, as determined by the Literacy Education program, from a regionally accredited college or university is needed for admission to the program.

**Proposed Changes Highlighted**

**Program Description**

The Master of Arts in Literacy Education consists of six foundation courses, four advanced courses, two elective courses, and several cross-program assessments for a total of 36 credit hours. Graduates from the MA in Literacy Education can apply to the West Virginia Department of Education for an endorsement as a reading specialist.

**Admission Requirements**

Applicants should follow the admissions process described in this catalog or at the Graduate Admissions website at www. marshall.edu/graduate/admissions/how-to-apply-for-admission In addition, applicants must have:

• An undergraduate degree in education from an accepted regionally accredited college or university with a Grade Point Average (GPA) of 2.7 or higher on a 4.0 scale.

• A valid WV teaching certificate

**Conditional Admission**

The MA in Literacy Education Program does not admit applicants on a conditional basis.

**Provisional Admission**

The MA in Literacy Education Program may admit applicants provisionally, on a limited basis, at the discretion of the program.

**ADDITIONAL LITERACY CERTIFICATES**

Teachers who want to add another teaching endorsement may do so by completing the certificate requirements and applying for the appropriate state endorsement. The program offers two certificate programs that support literacy education. Programs marked with an asterisk (\*) may be used as endorsements for teaching reading. Programs marked with a plus sign (+) may be used as graduate certificates.

Prospective certificate students should apply for admission to Marshall University as a Certificate/Professional Development and indicate the certificate they wish to pursue.

**\* Literacy Specialist (24 hours)**

Admission to the program is suspended

**\*Literacy Education (18 hours)**

The Literacy Education Certificate is intended for educators who hold an initial teaching license and wish to become highly qualified literacy educators. It consists of six courses, with embedded field-experiences. Program completers may apply for the reading endorsement at either the elementary or secondary level from the West Virginia Department of Education.

**Admission Requirements**

1. An initial undergraduate degree in education from an accepted regionally accredited college or university with a Grade Point Average (GPA) of 2.7or higher on a 4.0 scale; and

2. A valid teaching license

**Conditional Admission**

The Certificate in Literacy Education Program does not admit applicants on a conditional basis.

**Provisional Admission**

The Certificate in Literacy Education Program may admit applicants provisionally, on a limited basis, at the discretion of the program.

+**Family Literacy (12 hours)**

The Family Literacy Certificate is intended for professionals working in the field of family literacy.

**Admission Requirements**

A relevant undergraduate degree, as determined by the Literacy Education program, from an accepted regionally accredited college or university with a Grade Point Average (GPA) of 2.7or higher on a 4.0 scale

**Conditional Admission**

The Certificate in Family Literacy Program does not admit applicants on a conditional basis.

**Provisional Admission**

The Certificate in Family Literacy Program may admit applicants provisionally, on a limited basis, at the discretion of the program.

**Program Requirements**

CIRG 653 Literacy Acquisition

CIRG 651 Principles of Family Literacy

CIRG 652 Implementing and Evaluating a Family Literacy Program

CI 634 Language and Cognition in Early Childhood

**Clean Copy of Catalogue Description**

**Program Description**

The Master of Arts in Literacy Education consists of six foundation courses, four advanced courses, two elective courses, and several cross-program assessments for a total of 36 credit hours. Graduates from the MA in Literacy Education can apply to the West Virginia Department of Education for an endorsement as a reading specialist.

**Admission Requirements**

Applicants should follow the admissions process described in this catalog or at the Graduate Admissions website at www. marshall.edu/graduate/admissions/how-to-apply-for-admission. In addition, applicants must have:

• An undergraduate degree in education from a regionally accredited college or university with a Grade Point Average (GPA) of 2.7 or higher on a 4.0 scale.

• A valid WV teaching certificate

**Conditional Admission**

The MA in Literacy Education Program does not admit applicants on a conditional basis.

**Provisional Admission**

The MA in Literacy Education Program may admit applicants provisionally, on a limited basis, at the discretion of the program.

**ADDITIONAL LITERACY CERTIFICATES**

Teachers who want to add another teaching endorsement may do so by completing the certificate requirements, and then applying for the appropriate state endorsement. The program offers two certificate programs that support literacy education. Programs marked with an asterisk (\*) may be used as endorsements for teaching reading. Programs marked with a plus sign (+) may be used as graduate certificates.

Prospective certificate students should apply for admission to Marshall University as a Certificate/Professional Development on the application form and indicate the certificate they wish to pursue.

**\*Literacy Education (18 hours)**

The Literacy Education Certificate is intended for educators who hold an initial teaching license and wish to become highly qualified literacy educators. It consists of six courses, with embedded field-experiences. Program completers can apply for the reading endorsement at either the elementary or secondary level from the West Virginia Department of Education.

**Admission Requirements**

1. An initial undergraduate degree in education from a regionally accredited college or university with a Grade Point Average (GPA) of 2.7or higher on a 4.0 scale; and

2. A valid teaching license

**Conditional Admission**

The Certificate in Literacy Education Program does not admit applicants on a conditional basis.

**Provisional Admission**

The Certificate in Literacy Education Program may admit applicants provisionally, on a limited basis, at the discretion of the program.

+**Family Literacy (12 hours)**

The Family Literacy Certificate is intended for professionals working in the field of family literacy.

**Admission Requirements**

A relevant undergraduate degree, as determined by the Literacy Education program, from a regionally accredited college or university with a Grade Point Average (GPA) of 2.7or higher on a 4.0 scale

**Conditional Admission**

The Certificate in Family Literacy Program does not admit applicants on a conditional basis.

**Provisional Admission**

The Certificate in Family Literacy Program may admit applicants provisionally, on a limited basis, at the discretion of the program.

**Program Requirements**

CIRG 653 Literacy Acquisition

CIRG 651 Principles of Family Literacy

CIRG 652 Implementing and Evaluating a Family Literacy Program

CI 634 Language and Cognition in Early Childhood