

**LEHMAN COLLEGE
OF THE
CITY UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK**

**DEPARTMENT OF COUNSELING, LEADERSHIP, LITERACY,
AND SPECIAL EDUCATION**

CURRICULUM CHANGE

Name of Program and Degree Award: M.S.Ed., Literacy Education (All Grades)

Hegis Number: 0830.00

Program Code: 25806

Effective Term: Fall 2026

1. **Type of Change**: Addition of distance education format

2. **From**:

Literacy Education (All Grades)

The 33-credit Program in Literacy Education, registered in New York State, leads to a Master of Science in Education degree and a professional certification in Literacy Education (All Grades). The program provides a bridge between communities, families, and schools prepares students for professional engagement as practitioners in a culturally diverse educational system. Teachers develop a combined mastery of research, theory, and instructional practices, and articulate working visions of the future of literacy education.

Master's Requirements – Admission Requirements

Earn a minimum Grade of B

- A bachelor's degree or equivalent from an accredited college or university.
- Demonstrated ability to pursue graduate study successfully, that is, a minimum grade average of B in the undergraduate records as a whole.

Certification

- An initial teaching certificate or qualify for initial certification within three semesters (This requirement may be waived in some circumstances at the discretion of the program coordinator).

Recommendation, Essay & Interview

- An essay outlining career goals.
- Two letters of recommendation.
- An individual interview.

Master's Requirements – Master of Science in Education

Completion requirement

Earn a minimum GPA of 3.0

- Candidates must complete the required graduate credits of study pertaining to their program. Candidates must earn a minimum overall GPA of 3.0 in their course work to be recommended by the College for certification.

Earn at least 33 credits**Master's Requirements – Professional Certification in Literacy Education (All Grades)**

Complete ALL of the following Courses:

- EDR 701 - Language and Literacy Acquisition and Development Across the Lifespan
- EDR 711 - Instructional Approaches for Language and Literacy Development Across the Lifespan
- EDR 721 - Assessing and Evaluating Language and Literacy Development Across the Lifespan
- EDR 765 - Literacy in the Content Areas
- EDR 743 - Practicum in Literacy Assessment, Teaching, and Learning
- EDR 767 - Project Seminar: Research on Literacy I and II
- EDR 751 - Developing Literacy through Literature
- EDR 768 - Project Seminar: Research on Literacy I and II
- EDR 529 - Language, Literacy, and Educational Technology
- EDR 605 - Professional Writing for Educators

3. To:**Literacy Education (All Grades)**

The 33-credit Program in Literacy Education, offered in a hybrid or online format, is registered in New York State and leads to a Master of Science in Education degree and a professional certification in Literacy Education (All Grades). The program provides a bridge between communities, families, and schools and prepares students for professional engagement as practitioners in a culturally diverse educational system. Teachers develop a combined mastery of research, theory, and instructional practices, and articulate working visions of the future of literacy education.

Students wishing to do so may complete the degree program entirely online. Please see Options One and Two listed below. The fully online option provides greater flexibility for candidates while maintaining the same rigorous academic standards as our hybrid/campus-based program.

OPTION ONE: Hybrid/Campus Program**Master's Requirements – Admission Requirements**

Earn a minimum Grade of B

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Master's Requirements – Master of Science in Education

Completion requirement

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Earn at least 33 credits

Master's Requirements – Professional Certification in Literacy Education (All Grades)

Complete ALL of the following Courses:

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EDR 711 - Instructional Approaches for Language and Literacy Development Across the Lifespan

EDR 721 - Assessing and Evaluating Language and Literacy Development Across the Lifespan

EDR 765 - Literacy in the Content Areas

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EDR 768 - Project Seminar: Research on Literacy I and II

EDR 529 - Language, Literacy, and Educational Technology

EDR 605 - Professional Writing for Educators

OPTION TWO: Online Program (Courses offered in asynchronous and synchronous formats.)

Master's Requirements – Admission Requirements

Earn a minimum Grade of B

- A bachelor's degree or equivalent from an accredited college or university.

- Demonstrated ability to pursue graduate study successfully, that is, a minimum grade average of B in the undergraduate records as a whole.

Certification

- An initial teaching certificate or qualify for initial certification within three semesters (This requirement may be waived in some circumstances at the discretion of the program coordinator).

Recommendation, Essay & Interview

- An essay outlining career goals.
- Two letters of recommendation.
- An individual interview.

Master's Requirements – Master of Science in Education

Completion requirement

Earn a minimum GPA of 3.0

- Candidates must complete the required graduate credits of study pertaining to their program. Candidates must earn a minimum overall GPA of 3.0 in their course work to be recommended by the College for certification.

Earn at least 33 credits

Master's Requirements – Professional Certification in Literacy Education (All Grades)

Complete ALL of the following Courses:

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4. Rationale:

The Master of Science in Education in Literacy Education program (Option Two – online format) provides greater flexibility for our students. Our online candidates are expected to adhere to the same academic standards and requirements as our campus-based candidates. Option One and Option Two programs have the same course descriptions, credits and hour requirements, learning objectives, pre-requisites and all other curricular requirements. This consistency ensures that our online program meets the same

rigorous academic standards as our on-campus one, with only the mode of delivery being different.

5. Date of Department Approval: August 27, 2025