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 more than 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.
Overview
The Department of Early Childhood, Elementary, and Literacy Education offers master’s degree, certification, and certificate 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 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 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 Graduate Certificate in New Literacies, Digital Technologies, and Learning focuses on developing educators who are able to use a range of digital technologies as a seamless part of literacy instruction. It focuses on literary practices that are mediated by digital technologies (i.e. blogging, gaming, social networking) or that are newly recognized as literacies (i.e. fanfiction writing, narrative video making). This 15-credit program will qualify individuals as experts in K-12 new literacies and digital technologies.

Admission Requirements

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

Reading Specialist Certification (30 credits): Minimum requirements include an initial teaching certification, a master's degree in any field, and two years of full-time teaching experience by the time the program is completed.

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For the New Literacies Certificate program, please contact Graduate Program Coordinator Dana Wilber at wilberd@mail.montclair.edu.