

# DOCTOR OF EDUCATION IN LITERACY ADMISSIONS

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The Doctor of Education in Literacy program at Judson University graduates exemplary leaders who are prepared to make substantial contributions to the literacy profession as writers, speakers, teachers, and researchers. This doctoral program is designed for professionals seeking a deeper understanding of the powerful role literacy plays in the lives of all readers and writers. Throughout the course of study, doctoral candidates are immersed in a collaborative culture that is purposefully designed to enhance their scholarly abilities. Applicants to the program must have five years of acceptable professional experience and must hold and maintain current membership in the Illinois Reading Council throughout the course of study.

## Policy

Admission to the program is open to qualified applicants who successfully progress through a tiered enrollment process designed to identify the strongest candidates for doctoral study in literacy at Judson University.

### Tier I

Applicants submit a complete application packet. Upon a favorable review, applicants will advance to Tier II in the admissions process.

### Tier II

Applicants will be invited to interview with members of the Doctoral Admissions Committee and to provide a live writing sample. Upon a favorable recommendation from the committee, applicants will advance to Tier III in the admissions process.

### Tier III

Applicants will be invited to prepare and deliver a brief presentation on a literacy-related topic for members of the Doctoral Admissions Committee. Upon favorable recommendation from the committee, applicants will advance to Tier IV in the admission process.

### Tier IV

Applicants will be invited to participate in a group interview with other potential doctoral candidates. Following the group interview, the Doctoral Admissions Committee will meet to make their final recommendation for admission. Upon a favorable recommendation from the committee, applicants will receive a letter of acceptance and be invited to enroll in the Doctor of Education in Literacy program at Judson University.

## Procedure

Decisions regarding admission are determined by the Doctoral Admissions Committee in consultation with the program directors. A candidate's performance in all four Tiers of admission will be considered in the committee's final decision. Applicants will receive notification of their status once a complete application packet has been received. Questions regarding application status may be directed to the administrative assistant for Graduate Programs in Literacy Education by calling 874-628-1105. Note: Application packets that are not complete will not be reviewed.