

MASTER OF EDUCATION IN LITERACY ADMISSIONS

academic records. The Registrar's Office will contact the student with additional information and registration instructions once all documents have been processed.

The Master of Education in Literacy program at Judson University offers the prospective graduate student the opportunity to examine and enhance his/her knowledge base and instructional repertoire with regard to effective research-based literacy practices that are grounded in time-tested, best practice methodology. The program is designed for the practicing classroom teacher who is motivated to become a more accomplished teacher of reading and writing. Applicants to the program who are not classroom teachers must have access to a classroom and the same group of students five days a week in order to become a degree candidate in this program. One full year of teaching experience is required prior to beginning course work.

Policy

Admission into the Master of Education in Literacy program at Judson University requires:

- Completed application
- Application fee of \$55, payable to Judson University
- Copy of official teaching certificate
- Official signed and sealed transcript(s) of all college work; a grade point average of 3.0 or higher on a 4.0 scale is preferred
- Two letters of reference: one letter should be provided by someone who can speak to the candidate's professional experience as an educator; the second letter should address the candidate's character and should be provided by someone other than a family member
- Typewritten double-spaced essay (not to exceed 500 words) describing an area of literacy instruction (reading, writing, or literature) in which the candidate would like to grow professionally and discussing why growth is needed in this area
- Completed survey: Am I Ready for the Master of Education in Literacy Program at Judson University?

The whole of the above will be considered regardless of any particular strengths or weaknesses within a single component.

Procedure

Admission to the program is open to the most qualified applicants. A prospective student is reviewed on the basis of the profile material submitted with the application and may then be invited to interview with the Program Director and to provide an impromptu writing sample. Admission is offered to the student whose overall profile, interview, and writing sample most closely reflect the ability to succeed in and the ability to contribute to this graduate degree program.

Decisions regarding admission are determined by the Director of the Master of Education in Literacy Program and the Chair of the Division of Education. Applicants will be notified by mail regarding their application status once the application and all ancillary materials are submitted and have been reviewed. Questions regarding application status may be directed to the administrative assistant for Graduate Programs in Literacy Education by calling 847-628-1105.

Once admitted to the program, it is the responsibility of the student to complete the New Student Commitment Form, located in MyJudson (<https://myjudson.judsonu.edu/ICS/Admissions.jnz>). This confirms the student's intent to enroll and begins the process of creating the student