

LITERACY AND LANGUAGE DEVELOPMENT FOR DIVERSE LEARNERS CERTIFICATE

Introduction

This online graduate certificate program offers K-12 teachers greater background in the development, assessment and instruction of literacy for diverse learners, including children and youth who speak dialects of English or are English language learners. This certificate was developed in response to public school districts' need to improve reading and writing achievement for diverse students. Teachers in K-12 grades, including content area teachers and those teaching special reading classes, as well as administrators have also found this program to help them best meet the needs of struggling learners.

All courses may be applied directly toward a full master's degree in Literacy while also fulfilling the requirements toward a Colorado Reading Specialist Endorsement. Additional courses and applications are required for the master's degree and/or endorsement. For additional information about the master's degree and/or endorsement, please contact academicservices@ucdenver.edu.

Certificate Structure

The fully online certificate totals 12 credit hours and consists of four graduate courses. All courses may be applied directly toward a full master's degree in Literacy while also fulfilling the requirements toward a Colorado Reading Specialist Endorsement. Additional courses and applications are required for the master's degree and/or endorsement. The certificate may be completed in four semesters. Students can begin in any term.

Note: Courses are subject to modification given changes in Colorado Department of Education standards.

| Code | Title | Hours |
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| LCRT 5810 | Oral & Written Language & Literacy | 3 |
| LCRT 5055 | Literacy Assessment & Informed Instruction | 3 |
| LCRT 5150 | Culturally Relevant & Responsive Pedagogies | 3 |
| Choose one: | | |
| LCRT 5770 | Effective Literacy Instruction for Diverse Learners | 3 |
| or LCRT 5020 | Reading Development, Instruction and Assessment | |
| Total Hours | | 12 |