Teaching and Learning (TCH)

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Programs Offered
M.S. in Teaching and Learning, M.S.Ed. in Reading, Ed.D. in Teaching and Learning, and Post-Baccalaureate Library Information Specialist Certificate

All master’s degree programs require a minimum of 50 percent of the non-thesis credit hours applied to the degree to be 400-level courses or above.

Program Requirements
M.S. in Teaching and Learning Program Requirements
The M.S. in Teaching and Learning requires either a thesis option or a culminating research experience option. This 30-hour program requires:
- 15 hours: TCH 407, 409, 411, 478; EAF 410
- 9 hours of an area of concentration designed with an advisor
- 6 hours of research experience: Either TCH 481 and TCH 482 or 6 hours TCH 499

M.S. Ed. in Reading Program Requirements
This 36-hour degree program requires:
- 27 hours: TCH 452, 462, 463, 464, 465, 466, 467, 471, 474
- 6 hours of professional research experience: TCH 468 and 469
- 3 hours of electives

Doctor of Education in Teaching and Learning (Ed.D.)
Program Requirements
This 66-hour degree requires:
- 15 hours: TCH 501, 562, 576, 407, 580
- 6 hours of educational foundations: courses selected to support the area of concentration
- 15 hours: of an area of concentration: courses selected with the assistance of an advisor based on student area of interest
- 3 hours of practicum: TCH 598
- 12 hours of research methods: Courses generally include TCH 575, 595 and other research methodology courses from TCH or from other departments on campus
- 15 hours of dissertation research
- A passed doctoral examination
- Other university requirements for Ph.D. degrees are listed elsewhere in this catalog.

Endorsing Teaching Certificates

Reading Teacher
The Illinois State Board of Education has identified six areas of study required of all teachers whose major teaching assignment is reading. All teachers assigned departmentalized responsibility in reading or language arts must meet this 24-semester hour requirement. The M.S.Ed. in Reading Program offers all coursework leading to the endorsement of a reading teacher.

Reading Specialist
Coursework leading to the Reading Specialist is offered in the M.S.Ed. in Reading Program. The program leading to the K-12 Reading Specialist Certificate requires the completion of 36 semester hours in reading and related educational areas. Students working on the Reading Specialist must first have a current teaching certificate. Other requirements, including any tests required for certification, can be found at the Teaching and Learning website.

Post-Baccalaureate Graduate Certificate in Library Information Specialist
The Post-Baccalaureate Library Information Specialist Certificate provides 24 hours of coursework that prepares teachers to work in school libraries. The program is available to certified teachers and to students who have completed the bachelor’s degree and are working on their initial certification. It is designed to help students receive endorsement as Library Information Specialist and to pass the Illinois content area examination. The course of study requires satisfactory completion of the following courses: TCH 414 (within the first two semesters of enrollment), 416, 440, 442, 444, 445, either 449 or 454, and three more elective credit hours in library science-related courses. Some of these courses may apply as electives to a degree program. Information on admission is available from the School of Teaching and Learning.

Teaching and Learning Courses:
coursefinder.illinoisstate.edu/directory/tch/
All Courses:
coursefinder.illinoisstate.edu/directory/