Are you interested in learning more about teaching reading and writing? The College of Education at Murray State University now offers TWO MA programs for teachers interested in improving their skills and knowledge about teaching literacy:

- **The MA in Education: Reading & Writing Program**
- **The MA in Education: Elementary Teacher Leader Literacy Concentration**

**Which program is right for you?**

If you want to add a Literacy Specialist K-12 Endorsement to your existing certificate, the **MA in Education: Reading & Writing Program** is for you. Students in this program work with students and teachers at the elementary, middle school, and secondary levels as they learn to be literacy leaders and coaches. Successful completion of this program and a passing score on the Praxis Reading Specialist Exam will qualify you for the Literacy Specialist K-12 Endorsement from the state of Kentucky. Literacy Specialists may work as Literacy Coaches, Reading Specialists, or regular classroom teachers.

If you are not interested in the Literacy Specialist Endorsement, but want to become a better literacy teacher, you may want to choose the **MA in Education: Elementary Teacher Leader Literacy Concentration**. This program focuses on developing your expertise in teaching reading and writing and providing leadership to your colleagues.

**Program Co-coordinators:**

Dr. Channda Islam  
3213 Alexander Hall  
Murray, KY 42071  
Phone: 270-809-4257  
cislam@murraystate.edu

Dr. Sharon Gill  
3207 Alexander Hall  
Murray, KY 42071  
Phone: 270-809-2534  
sgill@murraystate.edu

*Photos of MA in Education Reading/Writing candidates working with students in the summer literacy program*
Program Requirements:

The MA in Education: Reading & Writing Program

Professional Education - Core Courses (9 credit hours)
EDU 639 Research to Improve Student Learning (3)
EDU 637 Instruction for Diverse Learners (3)
EDU 631 Classroom Management and Student Motivation (3)

Literacy Specialization - (15 Hours)
REA 612 Foundations of Literacy (3) (1 This course should be the first REA course taken.)
REA 626 Word Study: Phonics, Spelling, and Vocabulary
REA 628 Literacy Assessment (3)
REA 638 Assessment and Instruction of Children w/Reading Difficulties (3)
REA 6392 Supervised Practicum in Reading (3) (2REA 612, 626, 628, and 638 MUST be completed before enrolling in REA 639.)

Limited Reading/Writing Electives ~ (6 hours)
Electives must be approved in advance by the student’s education advisor. At least one course with a major emphasis on writing (e.g. REA 618, ENG 604/605, ELE 602) MUST be included.

Elective with emphasis on writing:
__________________________
__________________________

TOTAL SEMESTER HOURS FOR THE PROGRAM 30

Suggested Electives:
REA 618* Content Area Reading/Writing P-12 (3) (Highly recommended)
ELE 602 Integrating Language Arts (3)
REA 624 Kentucky Reading Project – by application only. See http://www.kentuckyliteracy.org/elementary/krp) (3)
ENG 604/605 Purchase Area Writing Project I & II – by application only. See http://campus.murraystate.edu/pawp/ (6)
ELE 616 Research in Children’s Literature (3)
LIB 617 Research in Young Adult Literature (3)

The MA in Education: Elementary Teacher Leader Literacy Concentration

Professional Education – Core Courses (15 Hours)
EDU 600 Introduction to Teacher Leadership 2 _____
EDU 631 Classroom Mgmt. and Student Motivation 3 _____
EDU 633 Curriculum Development 3 _____
EDU 637 Instruction for Diverse Learners 3 _____
EDU 639 Research to Improve Student Learning 3 _____
EDU 640 Exit Seminar in Teacher Leadership 1 _____

Literacy Concentration (15 Hours)
REA 612 Foundations of Literacy 3 _____
REA 626 Word Study: Phonics, Spelling and Vocabulary 3 _____
REA 618 Content Area Reading/Writing K-12 3 _____

Literacy electives: Choose six (6) credit hours from the following or other literacy electives approved by advisor:
ELE 602 Integrating Language Arts in the Curriculum 3 _____
REA 624 Kentucky Reading Project 3 _____
REA 624 Kentucky Reading Project (by application only. See http://www.kentuckyliteracy.org/elementary/krp) 3 _____
ENG 604 Purchase Area Writing Project I (by application only. See http://campus.murraystate.edu/pawp/) 3 _____
ENG 605 Purchase Area Writing Project II (by application only. See http://campus.murraystate.edu/pawp/) 3 _____
ELE 616 Research in Children’s Literature 3 _____
LIB 617 Research in Young Adult Literature 3 _____

TOTAL SEMESTER HOURS FOR THE PROGRAM 30

To find out more about applying for Graduate school, go to http://www.murraystate.edu/students/graduate.aspx