

Loyola University Maryland
M.ED. in Literacy
Reading Specialist (39 credits)
Advising Sheet
2012-2013

Name: _____ ID #: _____

Address: _____

Phone: Home _____ Cell: _____ Work: _____

Preferred Email: _____ Advisor: _____

Employer: _____

Start Term: _____ Provisional: Yes _____ No _____

Expected completion date (maximum 5 years):

Expected semester(s)/year for Practicum (RE 756/757 or RE 758)

Candidates should complete each Block before proceeding to the next Block. Courses within a Block may be taken in any order unless otherwise stated.

BLOCK 1

____ RE 510 Foundations of Reading Instruction (3)

____ RE 523 Emergent Literacy Development (3)

____ RE 531 Youth and Adolescent Literacy (3)

BLOCK 2 (Prerequisite Block 1)

____ RE 601 Media Literacy Education (3)

____ RE 609 Content Area Literacy (3)

____ RE 603 Language, Literacy, and Culture (3)

____ RE 670 Teacher Research and Inquiry (3)

BLOCK 3 (Prerequisite Block 1 & Block 2)

____ RE 737 Literacy Assessments in Group Contexts (3)

____ RE 739 Literacy Assessments of Individuals (3)

____ RE 740 Role of the Reading Specialist (3)

____ RE 770 Literacy Education Seminar (3)

____ RE 758 Summer Practicum in Literacy (6) (*Prerequisites RE 737 & RE 739*)

OR

____ RE 756 & RE 757 School Year Practicum in Literacy I & II (6) (*Prerequisites RE 737 & RE 739*)

Additionally, candidates must pass the Praxis II: Reading Specialist exam prior to graduation. It is recommended that candidates take the exam after completing Literacy Assessments in Group Contexts (RE 737) and Literacy Assessments of Individuals (RE 739).

I have discussed my program plan with my advisor. I have also read and agree to comply with the Requirements and Expectations of the Graduate Program in Literacy.

Student signature _____ Date _____

Advisor signature _____ Date _____

Advancement of graduate credit upon acceptance (6 credits maximum) ____yes ____no

of credits ____ Institution _____ Loyola equivalency _____

Requirements and Expectations

I understand that the state of Maryland requires all candidates to have or be eligible for early childhood, elementary, or secondary certification and to have three years of full-time teaching to be certified as MD Reading Specialist.

I understand that to be certified as a reading specialist I must complete a 6 credit Practicum either during the summer or on Saturdays during the school year. I also understand that space is limited in the Practicum.

I understand that if I do not complete a course for three consecutive semesters I must reapply for admission to the program.

I understand that if I am admitted as a provisional student I must complete RE 510, RE 523, and RE 531 and earn a B or better in each course to continue in the program.

I understand that classes are offered at Timonium and Columbia Graduate Centers and Belvedere Center and I may have to travel to any of those campuses to complete my program.

I understand that as a general rule of thumb, a 3-credit course requires approximately 6 to 9 hours of outside work per class session. While this will vary from class to class and from individual to individual, it is a general guide for planning the number of courses to which you can commit each semester.

I understand that I will be expected to use the Internet, Moodle and my Loyola email as learning tools and as a means to communicate with instructors and classmates. In addition, I understand that I will be required to purchase and use LiveText as part of my course requirements.

I agree to comply with all College policies regarding plagiarism and understand that any plagiarized work will lead to a grade of F for the course and dismissal from the College.

I agree to keep confidential all information about students, families or schools that may be used in case studies, shared in class discussions, or used in other instructional activities.

I understand that coursework is to be completed within the semester that a course is offered and that only under extenuating circumstances and at the discretion of the instructor will an Incomplete be given. I understand it is my responsibility to review and follow the College policies regarding an Incomplete.

I understand that it is **my responsibility to communicate with my advisor each semester** to discuss any changes to my program plan. I also understand that it is my responsibility to inform my advisor of any changes in my status including name, address, email, or telephone number changes. I understand that I am responsible for applying for graduation at the beginning of the semester in which I plan to graduate.

I have been informed that the Literacy Program Student Handbook is available online and agree to access it at my convenience.