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GRADUATE PROGRAM IN READING SPECIALIZATION

READING SPECIALIZATION, M.S.

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“My master’s degree allowed me to serve as a mentor to undergraduate teacher interns, provide valuable feedback to colleagues about effective instructional strategies and ultimately led to the transition into my current position as a reading interventionist.”

*Stephanie Santineli,
Reading Specialization, M.S.’20*

READING SPECIALIZATION AT A GLANCE

Reading achievement has become a crucial benchmark for schools across the nation. With an increased focus on literacy, reading specialists are extremely important to individual student success in and outside the classroom. Our program is open to certified teachers with at least three years of professional experience by the degree’s completion. Utilizing an applied approach, our faculty provides hands-on opportunities to work in both elementary and secondary reading clinics. At Hood College, you will receive a strong foundation in research-based pedagogy to become certified as a reading specialist in grades K-12.



UPGRADE YOUR EDUCATION

COMPREHENSIVE CURRICULUM

Coursework in literacy, leadership and learning, educational research, instruction and methodology, reading diagnosis and more.



SUPERVISED PRACTICUM

Candidates work directly in reading clinics alongside expert coaches.



ADVANCED CREDENTIALS

Our program satisfies International Literacy Association standards.



ELIGIBILITY FOR LICENSING

Completion of the degree fulfills the Maryland State Department of Education's requirements for licensure as a reading specialist.



ONLINE LEARNING

All courses are offered fully online, allowing you greater flexibility to work at your own pace and at your desired location.





CAREERS IN READING SPECIALIZATION

GROWING WORKFORCE

As schools place greater emphasis on literacy outcomes for students, reading specialists have become highly sought after in public and private education.

BROAD APPLICATION

Various career paths are open to teachers with a master's in reading specialization.

- Reading / Literacy Teacher
- Community Reading / Literacy Specialist
- Curriculum Development / Administration

LOCAL CONNECTION

Frederick County Public Schools, Montgomery County Public Schools and Washington County Public Schools are some of the region's top employers.

SPECIAL-ED FOCUS

Enhance your diversity-inclusion skillset by completing a weekly online workshop to earn credit towards your MSDE special education requirement.



THE HOOD EXPERIENCE

AFFORDABLE

- Our tuition rates are among the lowest in the region.
- We offer numerous funding plans, graduate assistantships and scholarships.
- You may qualify for an annual tuition discount of \$1,000 through our NeighborHOOD Partners Program.

EXPERT FACULTY

- Our distinguished professors are practitioner-based and maintain industry connections in their respective fields.
- Small class sizes and a low student-to-teacher ratio ensure our students receive personalized attention.

DIVERSE AND INCLUSIVE

Our graduate school population comprises more than 1,000 students from 19 states and 25 different countries. We welcome students from all backgrounds, regardless of race, gender or gender identity, age, nationality, socioeconomic status or other demographic factors.

THE GRADUATE SCHOOL AT HOOD COLLEGE

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APPLICATION DEADLINES

SPRING

December 1

SUMMER I SESSION

May 20

SUMMER II SESSION

June 30

FALL

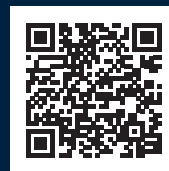
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