

Concentrations in

# DYSLEXIA

Online Graduate Certificate Program or  
Master of Science Degree, Instructional Specialist

The Department of Elementary Education/Early Childhood/Special Education at Emporia State now offers a graduate dyslexia certificate and a dyslexia concentration within the Instructional Specialist master's degree.

In response to the increasing conversation surrounding dyslexia and the science of reading, the reading faculty at Emporia State has created a new program on dyslexia. This online program is designed following the International Dyslexia Association (IDA) Knowledge and Practice Standards.

## Program highlights

From theory to practice, teachers are empowered to provide evidence-based instruction and support for students at-risk or identified with dyslexia.

All courses are offered online and are designed to:

- Examine the role of language and neurobiological and cognitive processing required for reading and writing
- Apply structured literacy and multisensory instruction to support the development of strands of word recognition skills and language comprehension skills
- Synthesize the specialized body of knowledge from cognitive psychology, speech pathology, education, and neurobiology in understanding and addressing the specific needs of students at-risk or identified with dyslexia
- Apply the content through practicum experiences

[emporia.edu/dyslexia](http://emporia.edu/dyslexia)

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## Dyslexia Program Coursework

The graduate dyslexia certificate and the Instructional Specialist: Dyslexia Concentration master's degree consist of five graduate courses for 15 hours of credit. The courses focus on developing an understanding of dyslexia and effective ways to assess and instruct students with dyslexia tendencies. The courses are aligned with the International Dyslexia Association Knowledge and Practice Standards.

The dyslexia certificate and the dyslexia concentration within the Instructional Specialist master's degree do not lead to a change in teacher licensure.

<b>EL743</b> Meeting the Challenges of Dyslexia	3 credit hrs
<b>EL737</b> Science of Reading Foundations I	3 credit hrs
<b>EL739</b> Science of Reading Foundations II	3 credit hrs
<b>EL823</b> Analysis of Reading Assessment & Instruction <b>or</b> <b>SD803</b> Promoting Literacy for Students with High Incidence Disabilities (depending on concentration)	3 credit hrs
<b>EL827</b> Assessing & Instructing Learners: Literacy Practicum	3 credit hrs

## Admission Requirements

Courses are designed for

- Education graduate students or teachers who are eligible to hold a Kansas teaching license
- Emporia State University undergraduate education students who are eligible for Block 2, have at least 90 undergraduate hours, senior status, and working toward teacher licensure

## Reading Specialist

EL823 and EL827 are reciprocal courses with the Reading Specialist master's and licensure programs. More information about the Reading Specialist program can be found at [emporia.edu/readingspecialist](http://emporia.edu/readingspecialist).

## Special Education

Students can apply coursework from the high incidence special education master's program to the dyslexia certificate. Students can take two courses (six hours) from the dyslexia certificate coursework and use them for the electives (six hours) in the special education high incidence master's degree. Students can also apply SD803 in the dyslexia certificate program, effectively allowing them to use three out of the five dyslexia courses as part of their high incidence master's program.

For more information about ESU's High Incidence Special Education master's degree, go to [emporia.edu/highincidence](http://emporia.edu/highincidence)