

COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

Literacy Studies

www.wmich.edu/coe/spls/literacy.htm

Resources for Career
Guidance and Exploration

Major Skills:

- Communication skills
- Discussion skills
- Embracing diverse population
- Evaluation skills
- Introspective/Reflective
- Lesson planning
- Motivation skills
- Patience
- Teaching skills
- Yearn for continuous professional, intellectual, and social growth.

Student and Professional Organizations:

Student Education Association
www.rso.wmich.edu/sea

Kappa Delta Pi
rso_kdp@wmich.edu

Michigan Education Association
www.mea.org

American Library Association
<http://www.ala.org/>

American Literacy Council
<http://americanliteracy.com>

International Reading Association
<http://www.reading.org/>

All-Purpose Career Resources:

BroncoJOBS.wmich.edu

VAULT
careerbuilder.com™

CareerJournal.com

College
Grad.com

Perfect™
INTERVIEW



Federal Internship Directory
Student Loan Repayment Program
www.makingthedifference.org



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Linking Majors to Occupations

What does the Master of Arts in Literacy Studies do for a teaching professional?

- Provides a comprehensive professional development program for continuous literacy instruction K-12 based on current theory, research, and best practices.
- Enhances knowledge and skills of reflective practitioners, as they become Reading Specialists, Literacy Coaches, more innovative teachers, researchers, and advocates.
- Makes connections between research, theory, policy, and practice to evaluate the teaching-learning process and inquire into how it can be improved.

Major Specific Career Resources:

American Literacy Directory

www.literacydirectory.org/

National Institute for Literacy

www.nifl.gov/

National Reading Panel

www.nationalreadingpanel.org

The National Center for Family Literacy

www.famlit.org

K-12 Jobs.com

www.k12jobs.com/

The Teacher's Employment Network

www.teachingjobs.com/

Teachers At Work

www.teachersatwork.com/

Teachers-Teachers.com

www.teachers-teachers.com/index2.cfm

Sample Job Titles:

- Curriculum Specialist
- Professor, College/University
- Librarian
- Lobbyist
- Research Assistant
- Educational Advocate
- Student Teacher Advisor
- Special Needs Teacher
- Teacher - Adult Education

Employers of Literacy Studies Graduates Include:

- Boards of Education
- Child Care Facilities
- K-12/Colleges/Universities
- Federal Government Agencies
- Libraries

Federal Government Agencies

(Top Agencies for Education Majors include: Department of Defense, Interior, Justice, Veterans Affairs, Homeland Security, Education, Agriculture, Health and Human Services)

For Further Information:

- **O-NET Dictionary of Occupational Titles:** online.onetcenter.org
- **Partnership for Public Service:** www.ourpublicservice.org/workforusa
- **Occupational Outlook Handbook:** www.bls.gov