MASTER OF SCIENCE IN EDUCATION, LITERACY SPECIALIST
EARN YOUR INITIAL NEW YORK STATE LITERACY CERTIFICATION
[BIRTH TO GRADE 6 OR GRADES 6 TO 12]

Bachelor’s Degree Requirements: Candidates for the Literacy Specialist program must have a bachelor’s degree in education which has led to initial New York State teaching certification.

GPA Requirements: A minimum grade point average of 3.0 in the most recent 60 credit hours of undergraduate study is required for admission.

Start terms for the program include both Fall at SUNY Potsdam and Summer at SUNY Potsdam’s Watertown Extension site. Starting the program off-template may be possible on an individual basis. Applications for the program will be reviewed on a rolling basis.

- Completed online application [Visit www.potsdam.edu/graduateapplication]
- *Letter of intent-Expressing professional goals and how the program fits your professional goals. Specific attention must be given to program guidelines, and the document should be no greater than three pages.
- Three letters of recommendation-Professional/Academic references that address your readiness for graduate study and potential success as an educator. Personal references will not be accepted.
- Transcripts from all institutions previously attended-Unofficial transcripts will be accepted for the purpose of admissions decisions, however official copies must be received after commitment to enroll is received. Transcripts showing a conferred bachelor’s degree are required for full admission.
- *Curriculum vitae/resume
- Verification of a current teaching certificate [required within the first 18 credit hours of the program’s completion]
- International Students must visit [https://www.potsdam.edu/admissions/graduate/apply/international] for detailed instructions related to degree and language proficiency.

*May be uploaded along with the graduate application