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Master of Arts *in Teaching* – Dyslexia Specialist



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About Us

The Colorado College MAT–Dyslexia Specialist is a graduate program administered by the CC Department of Education to prepare nationally recognized Certified Academic Language Therapists and dyslexia specialists. Our program is designed for educators seeking to learn the most effective, evidence-based strategies for reading instruction, and consists of two years of intensive coursework and supervised practicum. Nationally recognized and academically rigorous, the program prepares teachers to teach learners who struggle with reading, including those with dyslexia and related disorders.



Program Affiliations and Accreditations

- Academic Language Therapy Association
- The International Dyslexia Association
- International Multisensory Structured Language Education Council (in partnership with Colorado Literacy & Learning Center)
- Colorado Department of Education Reading Teacher and Reading Specialist Endorsements

What Sets Us Apart

- The MAT-Dyslexia Specialist is one of the few graduate programs in the country where teachers may earn a master's degree while becoming nationally certified in multisensory, structured language education.
- The program focus is on the science of reading and is based upon structured literacy and Orton-Gillingham principles.
- Most instruction takes place in summer to accommodate working teachers.
- The MAT-Dyslexia Specialist is the only teacher preparation program in Colorado with a focus on dyslexia.
- Coursework is available online.

Facts About Dyslexia

- Up to 15-20 percent of the population may show signs of dyslexia
- 80 percent of students who receive special education services are identified because of reading problems
- 70 percent of students nationwide never attain reading proficiency
- 36 percent of students with learning disabilities drop out of high school



About Our Students

MAT-Dyslexia Specialist graduates have been recognized in Colorado and nationally for excellence in reading instruction, including the following:

- Awards and scholarships for outstanding performance as reading teachers and dyslexia specialists
- Leadership roles in state and national professional organizations
- Speakers at local, state, and national conferences
- Leadership and instruction in Colorado's first public schools for students with dyslexia
- Reading specialists within schools bringing expertise to their buildings and districts
- Dyslexia specialists in hospitals, public and private schools, and private practice

Credentials Graduates May Earn

Upon completion of requirements, graduates of the program may earn the following:

YEAR 1

- Certified Academic Language Practitioner (CALP)
- IMSLEC Practitioner Level Certificate of Completion
- CDE Reading Teacher Endorsement (for licensed Colorado teachers only)

YEAR 2

- Certified Academic Language Therapist (CALT)
- IMSLEC Therapy Level Certificate of Completion
- CDE Reading Specialist Endorsement (for licensed Colorado teachers only)
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For More Information

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