The Master of Arts Degree in Education with an Option in Creative Literacies and Literature in the Elementary Classroom is designed for candidates whose primary responsibility is or will be K-8 classroom teaching. The program emphasizes creative literacies, including the arts like storytelling, educational drama and literature, and the skills necessary to work cooperatively with other professionals to promote and enhance literacy learning. This option requires a minimum of 45 units.

**Required Core (12 units)**

- EDCI 560 Principles and Practices of Curriculum in Urban Schools (4)
- EDEL 589 Seminar: Elementary Education (4)
- EDFN 500 Evaluation of Educational Research (4) or EDFN 505 Qualitative Research in Education (4)

**Required Courses (16 units)**

- EDCI 521 Seminar: Research in Teaching Reading/Language Arts (4)
- EDCI 523 Principles and Practices of Teaching Writing in the Schools (4)
- EDCI 527 Issues and Trends in Use of Children’s Literature (4)
- EDEL 473 Storytelling for Teachers (4)

**Directed Electives (8-12 units) from the following:**

- EDEL 463 Language and Literacy in the Preschool Years (4)
- EDCI 535 Teaching for Cross-Cultural and Global Awareness (4)
- EDCI 549 Developing English Reading/Language Arts Skills in Bilingual/Crosscultural Individuals (4)
- EDEL 412 Emergent Literacy (4)
- EDEL 413 Children’s Reading Materials in Spanish (4)
- EDEL 421 Teaching Language Arts in Elementary School (4)
- EDEL 424 Methods of Using Educational Drama in the Classroom (4)
- EDEL 427 Using Multicultural Children’s Literature in the Classroom (4)
- EDEL 525 Reading/Language Arts Across the Curriculum (4)
- EDEL 594 Selected Studies in Elementary Education (4)

**Suggested Electives (5-8 units)**

Select courses from the Directed Electives section that were not selected, other electives with advisor approval, or from the following:

- EDCI 583 Application of Hypermedia in Instruction (4)
- EDCI 590 Creating a Healthy and Effective Classroom Climate (4)

**Culminating Experience (0-7 units)**

- EDEL 596 Comprehensive Examination (0) or EDCI 599A Thesis or Project Planning (3) and EDCI 599B Thesis or Project (2) and EDCI 599C Thesis or Project (2)

**Minimum Units** 45

(It is each student’s responsibility to check the Future Course Offerings in the Schedule of Classes for verification of quarter(s) in which courses will be offered.)

**Admission Requirements:**

- Admission to CSULA.
- A 2.75 grade point average in the last 90 quarter units attempted.
- Two (2) letters of recommendation.
- A valid teaching credential issued by California or any state is recommended by the end of the program.

For further information, contact the program coordinator at (323) 343-4350 or visit the Division of Curriculum and Instruction office in King Hall C2097.

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