Central Connecticut State University  
Department of Literacy, Elementary, and Early Childhood Education

Master of Science Degree in Reading and Language Arts

Strand I: Reading Specialist/Literacy Coach  
(102 and 097 certification track)

Application Packet

Required Components:

• Application Form

• Teaching Certification and Experience
  • A current teaching certificate is required. A photocopy of the applicant’s teaching certificate must be included as part of the application.
  • A minimum of one year teaching experience preferred.

• Candidate Resume

• Recommendation Forms: Submit two recommendation forms that attest to the applicant’s competency as an educator and to his/her academic potential, dispositions, attributes, and other personal characteristics necessary to complete an advanced program of study. The recommendation forms must be completed by an educator or other professional who can attest to the applicant’s academic capabilities and teaching competencies.

• Checklist
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Address: ________________________________________________________________
(street) city state/zip

Phone: _______________ _______________  
(home) (work)

E-mail: _______________________________
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_____ Application for admission to School of Graduate Studies was submitted.

_____ Undergraduate and graduate transcripts from all universities attended were sent directly to the School of Graduate Studies.

_____ Application packet for admission to the Department of Literacy, Elementary, and Early Childhood Education was submitted with the following:

_____ A. Application Form

_____ B. Photocopy of current Teaching Certificate

_____ C. Candidate Resume

_____ D. Two Recommendation Forms

_____ 1. ________________________________

Name of individual submitting first recommendation

_____ 2. ________________________________

Name of individual submitting second recommendation

_____ Attending Admissions Interview on _________________________ (date)

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