

READING & LANGUAGE ARTS LEADERSHIP WITH AN EMPHASIS ON LITERACY COACHING

A Reading & Language Arts Literacy Coach has the opportunity to make an enormous difference in the lives of students, teachers and parents. With the successful completion of a basic teaching credential, a Reading Certificate or Reading Specialist Credential with a Literacy Coaching Emphasis can be earned. After completing the credential, graduates may then go on to attain a Master's Degree.

Course of Study	Units
Reading Certificate	17
Reading Specialist Credential	29
M.Ed. with Reading Certificate (SMC credential grads only)	29
M.A. with Reading Specialist Credential	38

Admissions

Applications are accepted on a year-round basis. Once accepted, students may begin the program during the Fall semester, 5-week January term or the Spring semester.

All of the following are required for an application to be complete:

- An interview with a Reading Leadership faculty member.
- Application form and fee. (Students may apply online at: www.applyweb.com/apply/smcocsoe/).
- Personal Statement of professional goals, included with the application.
- A baccalaureate degree from an accredited institution.
- Three letters of recommendation from professionals who can evaluate a prospective student's potential to be a reading literacy coach.
- Two official copies of transcripts from all colleges attended.
- Successful completion of a teaching credential program.

Note: Three years of teaching experience must be completed before applying to the state for the certificate or credential.

"At SMC, you're not a number; you're recognized, heard and supported. There's a solid commitment to provide the best program possible and to truly meet your needs. Graduate studies at the School of Education require hard work, but it's definitely worth it. I've transformed from teacher to literacy training coordinator specialist. District personnel now thoroughly respect my recommendations regarding instructional practice and I'm much more effective at helping others achieve academic success."

- Edy O'Dell, Reading & Language Arts program graduate student

EDUCATION



Kalmanovitz School of Education at Saint Mary's College of California

INCLUSIVE, GLOBAL, TRANSFORMATIVE

Here at the Kalmanovitz School of Education at Saint Mary's, we are guided by the Lasallian tradition: "Enter to Learn, Leave to Serve." Our faculty is committed to the core principles of social justice, quality education and inclusive community, emphasizing the skills of critical thinking, precise communication and creative problem-solving. We offer challenging opportunities for students to experience professional practice.

Our students are:

- Challenged by a curriculum that integrates research-based practices with opportunities for experience in professional settings
- Guided by an interdisciplinary faculty that excels in teaching, scholarship and service
- Supported by a staff attuned to the unique needs of active professionals
- Networked with a cohort of peers who bring diverse perspectives to the exploration of real-world problems
- Transformed by learning experiences that emphasize inquiry, reflection, ethical values and social justice

The Kalmanovitz School of Education is fully accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges and offers well-respected credential programs approved by the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing (CTC) and the American Montessori Society. The Master of Arts Degree in Counseling with an emphasis in School Counseling (K-12) or School Psychology (3 yrs-12th grade) fulfills the requirements for the California Pupil Personnel Services (PPS) Credential. The College is a member of the California Council on the Education of Teachers and the American Association of Colleges for Teacher Education.

Financial Aid & Scholarships

The Financial Aid process begins by filing a free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) online at: www.fafsa.ed.gov (Saint Mary's College Title IV code is: #001302). Prospective students should also complete a Saint Mary's Financial Aid application, available on Saint Mary's website. To ensure maximum consideration for all programs, students are asked to contact the Financial Aid Office at: 925.631.4370, or the Kalmanovitz School of Education at: 925.631.4149 with any questions.

Twice a year, in the fall and spring, all Kalmanovitz School of Education students have the opportunity to apply for scholarships distributed by the school. Students are encouraged to research and apply for other scholarships that may be available through outside organizations or entities.

A loan forgiveness program (APLE), providing financial assistance for future teachers is offered by the State of California. Information on this program is available from the California Student Aid Commission at: www.csac.ca.gov.