New University. Same Great Education.

While our name has changed to Mount St. Joseph University (formerly College of Mount St. Joseph), our commitment to students remains as strong as ever. As a university, the Mount reflects a breadth of academic programming and services to prepare graduates who are career-ready and leadership-focused.

Our hallmark as a private university of academic excellence has always been the personalized attention to our undergraduate, graduate and doctoral students with a clear focus on developing the whole person.

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About Mayerson Academy

Mayerson Academy is committed to advancing the knowledge and skills of teachers, school leaders, and other education personnel to improve student achievement and organizational performance. Since its inception in 1992, the Academy’s work has grown to include regional, state, national and international clients. As a result of its comprehensive and needs-based approach to professional development, the Academy receives recognition at the state and national levels. Visit www.mayersonacademy.org for more information.

On the Web

Visit www.msj.edu/reading-science for more details about the programs in reading science.

Visit www.msj.edu/catalogs for the most current course requirements and descriptions.

Visit www.msj.edu/financial-aid for the latest information on scholarships, grants and loans.

Apply online at www.msj.edu/apply

GRADUATE PROGRAMS IN READING SCIENCE

Master of Arts • Ohio Reading Endorsement • Dyslexia Certificate

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Available Online and Face-to-Face
A National Leader in Reading Education

Teachers who wish to enhance their skills in helping students read, spell and write effectively will find one of the nation’s strongest programs in reading science at Mount St. Joseph University. In partnership with the Mayerson Academy, the programs feature a curriculum based on the recommendations of the National Reading Panel.

Mount St. Joseph University’s Reading Science Program is one of the first in the nation to be accredited by the International Dyslexia Association. The Mount received this status after an objective, independent review of programs by an expert team of IDA reviewers who looked at each program’s development, performance and systematize their classroom teaching of reading. It includes the phonology, orthography, morphology, and history, syntax and semantics of the English language. Participants learn the fundamentals of the Orton-Gillingham approach to teaching reading, writing and spelling using an explicit, sequenced and structured language approach with multisensory methodology providing maximum opportunities for reinforcement and engagement.

Program Highlights

- Designed for the working professional, the Mount’s reading science programs are held at the Mayerson Academy at dates and times convenient to an educator’s schedule, available fully online or in a face-to-face, blended format.
- All three programs require the same core courses. Students can complete the reading endorsement in less than one year, then choose to continue studies to earn the dyslexia certificate and/or master’s degree.

Advances in Reading Science

The Mount’s programs use a scientifically based reading research model. Course work includes LETRS (Language Essentials in Teaching Reading and Spelling) and Orton-Gillingham Multisensory Reading.

Mayerson Academy is the only official LETRS affiliate training site in the Ohio-Kentucky-Indiana tri-state area. Developed by Dr. Louisa Moats, LETRS is a professional development program for teachers who wish to improve and systematize their classroom teaching of reading. It consists of modules that address every component of effective reading, spelling and writing instruction along with the fundamental concepts of language that link all the components. Educators also learn to recognize specific reading problems and how to address them.

Orton-Gillingham Multisensory Reading - The Mount’s issue this certificate after completion of the required core plus two additional, three-credit hour courses, an advanced reading practicum, and passage of the Ohio Assessments for Educators – Reading subtests.

Ohio Reading Endorsement

The endorsement can be attached to any current Ohio teaching license after completion of the required 18 credit hours and passage of the Ohio Assessments for Educators – Reading subtests. Adding the Reading Endorsement to an Ohio teaching license allows educators to teach reading across the grade levels (K-12) and to teach reading within one’s teaching licensure grade bands.

Reading Science Curriculum

Core Courses

All reading science programs require a core set of courses (15 credit hours) that address best practices in teaching reading and literacy.

For more information about program requirements, please consult the online graduate catalog at www.msj.edu/graduate-catalog.

Dyslexia Certificate

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Master of Arts Degree

The master’s degree requires a total of 34 credit hours. MA degree students will complete the dyslexia certificate and reading endorsement certificate course work and continue on to take 10 additional credit hours.

Admission Criteria

Applicants must submit:

- A completed graduate application at www.msj.edu/apply.
- A $50 non-refundable application fee.
- A copy of current teaching license (only required for the Ohio Reading Endorsement).
- A letter of intent.
- Resume.
- Contact information for two professional references.
- Official college transcripts showing a cumulative GPA of no less than 3.0, a GPA below 3.0 requires completion of the GRE.
- Acceptable criminal background check.

Northwest State Community College

"I was able to incorporate into my own classroom something from every single class I have taken so far in completing this reading endorsement program. I am a better teacher because of this program, and I tell everyone I can about how pleased I am."

– Gina, teacher, Guardian Angels School

"What I have learned from the Online Reading Science master’s program has been invaluable to my teaching career and the support I have received from Mount faculty and staff is second to none."

– Blythe, academic/behavior coach, Pickerington Local School District