Learning more about theorists and their models have positively influenced my teaching practices and philosophies. I have applied several of the concepts that I've learned into my classroom management plan and the classroom culture.

- Neethu Paul

MASTER OF ARTS IN READING AND LITERACY
COLLEGE OF EDUCATION & HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

PURPOSE OF PROGRAM
The Master of Arts in Reading and Literacy provides theory, research, knowledge and field experiences for students planning to teach literacy. Reading and writing are presented as linguistic, cognitive and socio-cultural processes in relation to other language arts. This program organizes the student experience around a cohort model. Students work with their cohort director (academic advisor) to select their coursework and its sequence according to their professional needs and the degree requirements.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES
Students completing this degree are qualified to work in a variety of settings as reading specialists, literacy coaches, adjunct college instructors, and adult literacy teachers. Career options also include administrative positions in libraries and in private and community reading centers. K-12 teachers in this concentration learn to enhance their literacy instruction with research-based transformative practices and may qualify for advance certification by the state of Texas. The average salary for students completing this degree is $49,000-$55,000.

PROGRAM OPTIONS
Students select from the following program options:

General (Thesis Option) - 33 credit hours
General (Non-Thesis Option) - 36 credit hours
Reading Specialist Certification (Non-Thesis Option) - 36 credit hours

Students planning to pursue the Reading Specialist Certification must meet additional requirements and be accepted into the certification program. Select coursework will lead to completion of the requirements for State Board for Educator Certification as a Reading Specialist.

Students who attend part-time (6 hours each semester) complete the program in 2-3 years on average.
ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS

- Hold a baccalaureate degree from a regionally accredited college or university
- A minimum Grade Point Average (GPA) of 3.0 in from an awarded master's or bachelor's degree
- Be in good academic standing at the last institution attended
- Completion of 18 undergraduate credit hours in education or related field (including 12 upper-division level hours)**

* Students who do not meet the minimum admission requirements should contact the program’s Student Development Specialist and consult the Graduate School Catalog for more information, special, or conditional admissions

HOW TO APPLY

Apply through the UTSA Graduate School:
> graduateschool.utsa.edu

Send all USPS mail (transcripts, etc.) to:
The University of Texas at San Antonio
Attn: The Graduate School
One UTSA Circle
San Antonio, TX 78249

Send electronic transcripts to:
• graduate.documents@utsa.edu

FINANCIAL AID & SCHOLARSHIPS

To apply, complete the Free Application for Federal Student Assistance (FAFSA):
> studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa

Graduate assistantship positions available within the college (average of 19 hours per week)

Additional graduate student scholarship information:
> graduateschool.utsa.edu/tuition-funding/
> future.utsa.edu/scholarships/
> education.utsa.edu/current_students/scholarships

Cost of Tuition:
> utsa.edu/fiscalservices/ tuition.cfm