



The **Developmental Literacy Certificate** at Texas Tech University is one of six such graduate certificates in the nation. The purpose of the certificate is to give teachers proven methods for closing the literacy “readiness gap” in educational settings such as alternative high schools, adult literacy, adult basic education, G.E.D. preparation, and developmental reading and writing programs. At a time when the number of students deemed to not be prepared for the literacy demands of college or entry level jobs is on the rise, the need for this credential is great.

The certificate consists of five classes based on the following goals of developmental literacy:

- Develop instruction based on theories of content area literacy, critical literacy, and methods for teaching English Language Learners
- Prepare students to engage in academic discourse (especially analytical reading and writing tasks)
- Teach literacy through experiences with whole, connected text
- Utilize writing process methods to teach a variety of written genres
- Develop reading comprehension strategies for understanding complex, discipline-specific, college-level texts
- Integrate writing as a tool for thinking to support learning in all disciplines
- Foster the development of positive and agentive literacy identities

## ***Developmental Literacy Certificate***

### **Purpose**

*The Developmental Literacy Certificate is designed for individuals who want to teach high school “remedial” reading, adult literacy, adult basic education, G.E.D. preparation, and developmental reading and writing in post-secondary settings.*

### **Application**

*It is not necessary to be admitted to a master’s degree program in order to work toward the Developmental Literacy Certificate. However, the hours completed in this certificate can serve as a minor and be applied to a master’s degree. Application materials are located on the TTU Graduate School Website at: <http://www.depts.ttu.edu/gradschool/programs/gradcert.php>.*

### **Advising**

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***\*\*All classes are offered online!***



# Close the Literacy Readiness Gap with the Developmental Literacy Certificate!

*The “readiness gap” is the gap between being fully credentialed and being fully prepared for college or entry-level jobs.*

**An increasing number of high school graduates are not prepared for the rigors of a college education or skills for entry-level jobs.**

- Three in ten high school seniors are “college ready”
- Four in ten high school graduates are “work ready”
- Nearly four out of five college “remedial” students had a high school GPA of 3.0 or higher
- A fourth of all first-year students at four-year colleges do not return for their second year
- 11.8% of developmental education students complete a degree/certificate in Texas

***The Developmental Literacy Graduate Certificate Consists of Five of the Following Courses:***

1. ***EDLL 5366, “Teaching Developmental Readers Adolescent to Adult”***
2. ***EDLL 5341, “Developing Academic Literacy in the Disciplines for Adolescents”***
3. ***EDLL 5342, “Classroom-based Literacy Assessment for Differentiated Instruction”***
4. ***EDLL 5356, “Trends and Issues in Adolescent Literacy”***
5. ***EDLL 6350, “Studies in Literacies” or EDLL 5355, “Creating Writing-Centered Classrooms”***



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