

<b>ASTL Program FAQ's</b>	Yes - No - Varies	<b><u>For Literacy Sequence</u></b> (Va. Reading Specialist License [VRSL] Focus courses)	<b><u>For Other Concentrations</u></b> (No licensure/endorsement)	<b><u>For ASTL Ed. Core</u></b> (ASTL Masters Degree Sequence Requirement)
Can I get my masters degree in elementary or secondary education through ASTL?	Y	Masters is C&I; focus is Literacy (Reading Specialist and PK-12 Classrooms)	Masters is C&I; focus is chosen as a specific content specialization as applicable. This depends on your area of concentration.	Core relev. K-12; courses aligned with Nat. Board for Prof. Teaching Standards
Can I take more than one class at a time?	V	Not usually: Literacy courses must be taken in given sequence; interruption usually delays next class enrollment. See your advisor.	One course in each concentration is scheduled each semester, sometimes more; two/more often manageable	Core courses must be taken in given sequence; interruption usually delays next class enrollment.
Can I finish the graduate certificate program in less than two years?	V	No: Literacy courses must be taken in given sequence.	Concentrations vary; check posted schedules each term. Two to three years is the norm.	N/A
Can I finish the master's degree program in less than three years?	Y	Yes, sometimes. Literacy masters two year minimum; dual-enrollment not allowed in 1 <sup>st</sup> year.	Concentrations vary; check posted schedules each term; Core is minimum one year.	Core sequence takes minimum of one year, sometimes 1 ½ years; varies per cohort.
Can I apply any ASTL courses toward initial teacher licensure?	N	The ASTL program is advanced professional development. ASTL courses are restricted to program students who currently have a teaching license. It is not intended for initial licensure; consult teacher licensing specialist regarding specific considerations.		
I've just started teaching this year. Am I eligible to apply to ASTL?	V	Apply to <u>begin</u> Literacy courses concurrently with second year in classroom; continued teaching while in program makes up three years experience for VRSL.	Apply to begin courses concurrently with second year in classroom.	A minimum of one year classroom teaching experience required for Core participation.
May I change my concentration choice after being accepted to the program?	V	Additional document(s) or review may be requested.	Additional documents or review may be requested.	The Core classes are taken by all ASTL M.Ed. teachers.

<p>I want to apply for Reading K-12 Classroom. If I decide to change, down the road, to become a Reading Specialist, can I easily take the extra classes to earn that certificate?</p>	<p>V</p>	<p>For the PK-12 Classroom concentration, you need 6 EDRD courses plus 3 electives. If you decide to change to Reading Specialist, you would need to take 4 remaining EDRD courses.</p>	<p>NA</p>	<p>For the M.Ed in either program, you would need the one year of Core classes.</p>
<p>How can I be sure that my application is made for a certain cohort?</p>	<p>**</p>	<p>Include ASTL Departmental Form w/ application.</p>		
<p>Are GREs or PRAXIS scores required?</p>	<p>N</p>	<p>No; applicants are teachers, employment qualification criteria considered inherent.</p>		
<p>Can I apply any ASTL courses toward teacher license renewal?</p>	<p>V</p>	<p>Consult teacher licensing specialist regarding specific considerations. Joanne Bosik <a href="mailto:jbosik@gmu.edu">jbosik@gmu.edu</a> (703) 993-2094</p>		