

Master of Education: Reading Specialist Requirements

The Master of Education Degree in Reading program provides course preparation in education. The program leads to a master's degree in Reading and a Reading Specialist certification. The program includes a passing score on the PDE Reading Specialist PK-12 exam.

Note that all students must achieve 36 graduate credits and a minimum 3.0 overall GPA to graduate. The final GPA requirement for Reading Specialist is 3.0.

Required Foundation Level Courses – 15 credits

EDRS 502 Seminar in Research Foundations Pertinent to Reading (3 Credits)

EDRS 504 Literacy Curriculum and Instruction: Pre-K—3 (3 Credits)

EDRS 506 Literacy Curriculum and Instruction: Grades 4-8 (3 Credits)

EDRS 513 Literacy Curriculum and Instruction: Adolescent – High School (3 Credits)

EDRS 514 The Reading Specialist and Intensified Literacy Instruction in a SAS (3 Credits) *Note that students must take two foundation level courses before taking EDRS 514.*

Required Application-Level Courses – 12 credits

EDRS 574 Assessment of Reading: Clinical Practicum in Reading Diagnosis in a SAS (3 Credits)

EDRS 577 Leadership for Reading Educators (3 Credits)

EDRS 578 School Based Practicum in Literacy Instruction: Struggling Readers and Writers (3 Credits)

EDRS 579 Practicum in Literacy Instruction: Struggling Readers and Writers (3 Credits)

Electives – 9 credits

Working with your advisor, a student should select three graduate level courses in EDUC, ELED, LLTC, or SPEE. However, if you have not taken the following courses for a previous earned certification, then two of your electives must be the following courses.

Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE) Requirement

SPEE 514 Effective Instructional Strategies for Students with Disabilities in Inclusive Settings (3 credits)

EDUC/MLST 434 Instructional Methods, Materials, & Assessments of ELL/ESL Populations (3 credits)

Certification Exam – Pass/Fail

Students are expected to take the Praxis Reading Specialist PK-12 exam. Students will work with their advisor to schedule the praxis exam.

Program Plan Code: MED_RESP

Effective Semester: Fall 2020