



Reading Specialist Certification Requirements

The Reading Specialist program provides course preparation in education. The program leads to a Reading Specialist certification. The program includes a passing score on the PDE Reading Specialist PK-12 exam.

Note that all students must achieve 27 graduate credits and a minimum 3.0 overall GPA to receive their certification. 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)

Pennsylvania Department of Education Requirements – 6 credits

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: TCG_RESP

Effective Semester: Fall 2020