

CERTIFICATE IN READING SPECIALIST

2023-2024 Degree Requirements

TOTAL CREDITS FOR CERTIFICATE: 15

MAJOR REQUIREMENTS: 24 cr.

EDUC 515 Foundations of Literacy (3)
EDUC 516 Reading&Writing in Content (3)
EDUC 517 Literature and Literacy (3)
EDUC 518 Literacy Assess/Diagnosis (3)
EDUC 519 Roles of Reading Specialist (3)
EDUC 524 Content Area Design (3)
EDUC 536 Research Methods (3)
EDUC 569 Practicum (3)

NOTE TO STUDENTS

Candidates must provide evidence of the following to be admitted into the program:

- Act 34 criminal experience
- Act 33/151 child abuse clearance
- FBI criminal background check
- Passing scores in Praxis Reading Specialist Exam #5301

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PROGRAM OBJECTIVES

This program will prepare students to obtain a Reading Specialist Certificate by:

1. Demonstrating knowledge of the theoretical, historical, and evidence based foundations of literacy and language.
2. Using foundational knowledge to analyze and implement literacy curricula to meet the needs of all learners.
3. Designing, implementing, and evaluating evidence based literacy instruction for all learners.
4. Understanding, selecting, and using reliable, fair, and appropriate assessment tools to screen, diagnose, and measure achievement in order to make informed instructional and intervention decisions.
5. Demonstrating essential concepts around diversity and equity.
6. Providing opportunities for understanding all forms of diversity central to student learning.
7. Meeting the needs of all learners by collaborating with all school personnel regarding materials, technology, and fostering an environment that supports a literacy rich learning environment.
8. Providing ongoing professional learning as part of career long leadership roles and responsibilities.