

CERTIFICATE in READING SPECIALIST

2025-2026

B.A. or B.F.A.

In: _____

From: _____

Student's Name: _____

ID Number: _____

MAJOR REQUIREMENTS 24

EDUC	515	Foundations of Literacy and Writing	3
EDUC	516	Reading & Writing in Content Areas	3
EDUC	517	Literature and Literacy K-12	3
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EDUC	519	Roles of the Reading Specialist	3
EDUC	536	Research Methods	3
EDUC	560	Content Area Design for Structured Literacy	3
EDUC	569	Reading Specialist Practicum	3

TESTS FOR CERTIFICATION: Check PDE Test Requirements:

<https://www.pa.gov/agencies/education/programs-and-services/educators/certification/certification-testing.html>

Program Objectives

Certificate in Reading Specialist

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.