The online Reading specialist program will enable students to qualify them for certification as a reading specialist. This professional training is essential in diagnosing and helping children overcome reading disabilities, as well as promoting developmental reading practices in schools. Individuals seeking admission as degree students in this curriculum must comply with the general admission requirements for graduate studies at Edinboro University.

**Admission Requirements:** All admission materials should be sent to: School of Graduate Studies, 310 Scotland Road, Butterfield Hall, Edinboro, PA 16444 or via email gradstudies@edinboro.edu or fax 814-732-2611.

1. Complete the online graduate application (gradschool.edinboro.edu).
2. Application Fee: $30
3. An official transcript verifying an earned baccalaureate degree from an accredited institution.
4. Minimum 3.0 Overall GPA.
5. Copy of valid teaching certificate (not needed for PA certified teachers).

**Application Deadline:** This program has rolling admissions. There is no guarantee that the School of Graduate Studies can process an application for admission less than six weeks prior to the semester start date to which enrollment is sought.

**Curriculum**

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*The Reading Clinic requirement is to be completed at Edinboro University of Pennsylvania. Any student who is found to need additional clinic experience must take three additional hours of clinic (Clinic 111) in lieu of the Related Elective course.

**Note:** Certification procedures in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania require that the candidates must pass the Reading Specialist Exam required by the Pennsylvania Department of Education before certification will be granted. Candidates seeking certification in another state shall follow the corresponding procedures required by the given state. Only international students who hold immigrant status, and have submitted a form of intent to become a citizen, are eligible to apply for PDE teacher certification.

**Reading Clinic**

This is a community resource available to struggling readers in our region. Clients can be recommended through parents and school districts by filling out an Application for Reading Clinic and returning it to the Graduate Program Head for Reading at Edinboro University. Clients receive a full assessment battery and Case Study prior to involvement in the Reading Clinic remediation sessions. Clinicians are graduate students working on their Reading Degrees. There is no cost associated with this service. To access the Application for the Reading Clinic, go to the Edinboro Homepage, and then to Masters in Elementary Education, and then to Masters in Reading.

**Research Requirement.** The graduate student will demonstrate evidence of research competency by creating a viable research proposal which articulates a well-conceived design and methodology. The proposal must be submitted prior to graduation.

**Candidacy: Graduate Requirements in Progress [GRIP].** Admission to graduate study as a degree candidate does not
automatically mean that the student will meet all requirements and complete the Reading Certification program at Edinboro University. The academic record of each candidate is reviewed at the conclusion of the semester or summer session in which the candidate is enrolled for his or her 15th credit at the University. Students who have made satisfactory progress in the degree program will be approved for continuation. This approval includes the satisfactory completion of 15 hours of course work, a cumulative average of "B" or better, and appropriate Dispositions. After this approval, a student may be removed from the program based on the recommendations of the graduate faculty, Program Head with supporting evidence, and approved by the Dean of Education and the Dean of Graduate Studies and Research. It is the student’s responsibility to submit the GRIP Form to the Graduate Program Head of Reading.

**Comprehensive Exit Exam.** PRAXIS II exam(s), Reading Specialist and Fundamental Subjects (if not previously passed), are exit exam requirement(s) for all students. It is the student’s responsibility to register for the PRAXIS exam(s). Students who are completing the M.Ed. in Reading, but do not desire the Reading Specialist Certification and cannot provide evidence of a passing score on the Reading Specialist PRAXIS exam, must assume responsibility to schedule the Comprehensive Examination with the Graduate Program Head of Reading.

**Cumulative Grade Point Average.** Students must satisfactorily complete the course requirements of this program. To do so, the student must earn a cumulative average of "B" (3.00) or better. Students must not earn more than 6 semester hours of credit with a grade of "C".

**Exit Survey.** Each candidate will complete a survey prior to or shortly after graduation. This survey helps in providing constant review and evaluation of program requirements as an avenue of updating and improving the program on a consistent basis.

**For More Information:** If you have questions about the application process, please contact Edinboro University's School of Graduate Studies at gradstudies@edinboro.edu or at (814)732-2856 or toll-free (888) 845-2890. For questions specific to the master's degree in Reading program, please contact Dr. Kristin Webber at (814) 732-1350 (kwebber@edinboro.edu).

**Graduate Assistantships:** Graduate Assistantships are available for campus based students only. They are awarded on a competitive basis. Assistantships provide a partial waiver of tuition and a stipend, as well as an opportunity to gain experience in research and professional activities. Additional information about assistantships is available through the School of Graduate Studies and Research, (814)732-2856 or toll-free (888) 845-2890.

**Financial Aid Considerations:** An academic year consists of Fall, Spring, and Summer. Graduate students taking graduate level courses may receive up to $20,500 in the Direct Unsubsidized Stafford Loan Program. Most students will use their Stafford loans during the 9 month period (Fall and Spring). Students will want to be mindful of their financial aid to allow for funding for 12 months if planning on enrolling during the Summer term. Students will have an option to apply for Graduate Plus loan or private loans if other funding has been exhausted. For more specific information, please contact the Financial Aid Office at (814) 735-3500 or finaid@edinboro.edu

**Employer Reimbursement:** Non-traditional students who are working and taking classes on a part-time basis may have employer-paid education benefits. The purpose of the employer tuition reimbursement agreement is to allow employees who receive reimbursement to defer payment of their tuition and fees until after grades are available at the end of the semester.

**Veterans' Education Benefits** Information and printable forms regarding Veterans' Education Benefits and the Montgomery GI Bill are available at the Department of Veterans Affairs website, [http://www.gibill.va.gov/](http://www.gibill.va.gov/). After the Department of Veterans Affairs approves a student's eligibility, and after the school certifies the student's enrollment, benefits are paid directly to the student after the end of each month.

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*For information regarding civil rights or grievance procedures and for inquiries concerning the application of Title IX and its implementing regulation, contact Ms. Valerie O. Hayes, J. D. Director of Social Equity, / University Title IX Coordinator, 207 Reeder Hall, 219 Meadville Street, Edinboro, PA 16444 (814-732-2167). Additionally, inquiries concerning Title IX and its implementing regulation can be made to the U.S. Department of Education, Office of Civil Rights.*

*For information or assistance regarding services, activities and facilities that are accessible to and used by persons with a disability, contact Office for Students with Disabilities at the Crawford Center (814-732-2462 V/TTY).*