



EDINBORO UNIVERSITY

Reading Specialist Certification

Admission Requirements: All admission materials should be sent to: School of Graduate Studies, Biggers House, 148 Meadville Street, Edinboro, PA 16444 or via email gradstudies@edinboro.edu or via fax 814-732-2611.

1. Completed online graduate application (online.edinboro.edu)
2. \$30.00 application fee (if **not** a former EUP student), \$7.00 application fee (if a former EUP student)
3. Official transcript reflecting a baccalaureate degree from an accredited institution.
3. Minimum 3.0 Overall QPA
4. Copy of valid teaching certificate in elementary or secondary education

OR

Complete a program of study approved by the Dean of Education, leading to certification as an elementary or secondary school teacher *prior* to completion of the program.

Note: All students seeking reading specialist certification must successfully complete the PRAXIS II Reading Specialist exam before a state certification may be awarded. Also, only international students with immigrant status, who submit a form of intent to become a citizen, are eligible to apply for Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE) certification.

A student has two options when seeking Reading Specialist certification:

Option 1 - Complete the Master of Education degree with a major in Reading.

Option 2 - Complete the Reading Specialist Certification Program.

A minimum of 24 semester hours of graduate credit is required to complete this certification program. These credits should be earned as outlined on the back of this page.

Upon a student's request, the director of graduate reading programs may waive a required course in favor of a more advanced course when the student fulfills the competencies the course is designed to develop.

Program Requirements:

Students must satisfactorily complete all requirements of this program. To do so, the student must earn a cumulative average of "B" (3.00) or better for the courses completed as part of the Reading Specialist Certification Program. Students must not earn more than 6 semester hours of credit with a grade of "C". This includes the completion of the Reading Specialist PRAXIS exam. Individuals enrolled in the MEd who seek to attain the Reading Specialist Certification are required to complete the *Reading Specialist PRAXIS*. It is the student's responsibility to register for the PRAXIS exam and to apply for the Reading Specialist Certification through the Office of the Dean of Education. Students who are completing the MEd: Reading, but not desiring the Reading Specialist Certification, must assume responsibility to schedule the *Written Comprehensive Examination* with the Director of the Reading Program. Prior to graduation, students must submit their teaching certification verification and testing results.

Certification in Reading Specialist Curriculum**24 credits*****Curriculum (3 Sem. Hrs.)***

ELED 786	Elementary and Middle School Curriculum Development and Improvement	3 credits
	OR	
EDUC 786	Secondary and Middle School Curriculum Development and Improvement	3 credits

Reading Education Foundations (21 Sem. Hrs.)

READ 607	Reading and Writing in the Content Area	3 credits
READ 706	Foundations of Literacy Theory and Instruction	3 credits
READ 702	Reading and the Special Needs Student	3 credits
READ 709	Literacy Difficulties: Assessment and Intervention	3 credits
READ 712	Reading Clinic*	3 credits
READ 710	Seminar: Organization, Supervision and Administration of Reading Programs	3 credits
ELED 626	Technology Integration in the Classroom	3 credits

*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.

Financial Assistance: Additional information about other forms of financial aid is available through the Office of Financial Aid, (814) 732-5555 or toll-free (888) 611-2680.

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. Edinboro University accepts employer benefit plans through arrangements with the Bursar's Office by completing the enclosed [employer tuition reimbursement agreement](#).