Reading M.S. with Reading Specialist Certificate

This graduate plan in Reading leads to the Master of Science (M.S.) degree with a Reading Specialist certificate. Students seeking this certification must hold a valid Texas teaching certificate and must be able to verify a minimum of two years of full-time approved successful teaching experience. A passing score on the Reading Specialist Texas Examinations of Educator Standards (TExES) is required. The plan consists of a minimum of 30–31 semester hours.

Students who meet the graduate admissions requirements to the College of Education (COE) (see Graduate Admissions Requirements) must meet additional requirements prior to being admitted to the Reading Specialist program. Each applicant must:

- have a GPA of 2.750 over the last 60 hours;
- provide proof of having a valid Texas teaching certificate;
- provide a letter of support from a school building administrator;
- provide a teacher record service; and
- provide the TEA Admission fee.

Check prerequisites before enrolling in any courses.

Degree Requirements

Professional Education Core (6 hours)

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Required Reading Courses (21 hours)

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| LLLS 5133  |  Foundations of Reading  
| Credit Hours: 3  |
| LLLS 5635  |  The Teaching of Writing  
| Credit Hours: 3  |
| LLLS 6331  |  Sociolinguistic Applications to Reading  
| Credit Hours: 3  |
| LLLS 6332  |  Foundations of Early and Secondary Literacy  
| Credit Hours: 3  |
| LLLS 6333  |  Genre Studies in Children’s & Young Adult Literature  
| Credit Hours: 3  |
| LLLS 6639  |  Leadership in Clinical Practices in Assessment of Literacy Tasks  
| Credit Hours: 3  |
| LLLS 6732  |  Assessment and Remediation of Reading and Language Arts Literacy  
| Credit Hours: 3  |

Other course (1 hour)

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| LLLS 5010  |  Professional Preparation Seminar for Reading Specialists  
| Credit Hours: 1  |

Additional Information

Students not passing the Reading Specialist state assessment by the final semester of this plan must also enroll in and successfully complete this course.

Capstone Experience (3 hours)

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| LLLS 6839  |  Practicum in School Literacy Practices  
| Credit Hours: 3  |