**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; and
- provide a letter of support from a school building administrator.

Check prerequisites before enrolling in any courses.

**Degree Requirements**

**Professional Education Core (6 hours)**

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- EDUC 6032  Applied Statistics  Credit Hours: 3
- SILC 6030  Foundations of Multicultural Education  Credit Hours: 3
- INST 6031  Applications of Technology  Credit Hours: 3

**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 &amp; 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.

**Master’s Degree Options (3 hours):**

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<td>LLLS 6839  Practicum in School Literacy Practices  Credit Hours: 3</td>
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Additional Information

- LLLS 6839: Requires prior completion of LLLS 6732 and 12 hours of LLLS courses.
- All placement sites must have an approved UHCL Agreement of Affiliation on record with the Center for the Professional Development of Teachers office prior to beginning the practicum.