



School of Graduate Studies and Research

Reading Specialist Certificate

This program will enable students to obtain a Reading Specialist Certificate and will qualify them for certification as a reading specialist (upon passing the PRAXIS exam). This professional training is essential in diagnosing and helping children overcome reading disabilities, as well as in promoting developmental and interventional reading practices in schools.

Admission Requirements and Procedures: Visit the [Graduate School webpage](#) and click the “Apply” link on the left side of the screen. Begin by creating an account on CollegenET by clicking the “account” link on the Apply page. CollegenET is a self-managed application system. It will allow you to submit admission materials, check the status of your application, and view your decision letter using this account. If you have issues with your CollegenET account, consult the CollegenET help desk by submitting a Help Request Form or email help@collegenet.com.

Individuals seeking admission as degree students in this program must comply with the general admission requirements for graduate students at Edinboro University and with the following specific admission requirements for this program:

1. Complete the online application.
 2. Pay an application fee of \$30.
 3. Provide an official transcript verifying an earned baccalaureate degree from a regionally accredited institution of higher education.
 4. Minimum 3.0 overall GPA.
 5. Copy of valid teaching certificate 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.
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Curriculum

A minimum of 27 semester hours of graduate credit is required to complete the degree. These credits should be earned as follows:

- READ 702 Literacy Interventions for Striving Readers
- READ 704 Comprehensive Literacy Curriculum: Design and Implementation
- READ 706 Foundations of Literacy: Theory and Instruction
- READ 707 Literacy Instruction for the Content Area Professional
- READ 708 English Language Learners in the Literacy Curriculum
- READ 709 Literacy Difficulties: Assessment and Intervention
- READ 710 Organization, Supervision and Administration of Reading Programs
- READ 712 Reading Clinic
- READ 717 Language Arts Instruction: Design and Implementation

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".

Certification: PRAXIS II: Reading Specialist Exam 5301.

The Master of Reading program prepares students for certification as a Reading Specialist. It is the student’s responsibility to register for the *Reading Specialist PRAXIS* exam and to apply for Reading Specialist Certification. For students seeking certification outside of the Commonwealth of PA, it is the responsibility of the student to know the certification requirements for that state so that their state requirements are met.

Candidates seeking teacher certification from a state other than Pennsylvania should follow the procedures required by that state. Only international students who hold immigration status and have submitted a form of intent to become a citizen are eligible to apply for PDE teacher certification.

It is the student’s responsibility to investigate certification requirements from states other than Pennsylvania.

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 Reading Specialist Certificate, please contact Dr. Karen K. Tyler (814) 732-2303 (kt Tyler@edinboro.edu).

Office for Students with Disabilities: For information or assistance regarding services, activities and facilities that are accessible to and usable by persons with a disability, contact the Office for Students with Disabilities (OSD), at (814) 732-2462. For additional information, visit the [OSD web page](#).

Graduate Assistantships: [Graduate Assistantships](#) are available for campus based students only. They are awarded on a competitive basis. Admission applications must be completed by February 15th to be considered for an assistantship. 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 (888) 611-2680 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. Edinboro University accepts employer benefit plans through arrangements with the Bursar's Office by completing the enclosed [employer tuition reimbursement agreement](#).

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/>. 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.

Edinboro University of Pennsylvania is an equal opportunity education institution and employer and will not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, and disability in its activities, programs or employment practices as required by Title VI, Title VII, Title IX, Section 504, and the ADA. For information regarding civil rights or grievance procedures, contact the Office of Human Resources and Faculty Relations, (814) 732-2703 or the Office of Social Equity (814) 732-2167, Reeder Hall, 219 Meadville Street, Edinboro, PA 16444.