

READING SPECIALIST CERTIFICATION

Program Description

The Reading Specialist Certification is designed for applicants desiring to work as an all-level Reading Specialist. Students must successfully complete a departmental comprehensive and/or portfolio examination before taking the Reading Specialist Exam.

This certification is also offered in coordination with the M.Ed. in Reading/Language Arts.

Admission

To be regularly admitted to the graduate school, applicants must submit to the Office of Graduate Admissions:

1. Graduate Application (<http://www.shsu.edu/admissions/apply-texas.html>)
2. Application fee (<http://www.shsu.edu/dept/graduate-studies/application-fee.html>)
3. Official transcript from the baccalaureate degree granting institution
4. Two letters of recommendations with recommendation checklists
5. A copy of applicant's teaching certificate
6. A teacher service record with at least two years of successful teaching experience
7. Interview with writing sample
8. Official GRE or MAT scores, if GPA in last 60 hours is below a 3.0
9. An official service record for each year of classroom service

For information regarding the recommendation checklists, interview, and writing sample, please contact the Department of Language, Literacy and Special Populations at (936) 294-4045.

In addition, applicants must complete an online questionnaire that shows that

1. they are presently teaching (or have access to a class) so that assignments can be applied, and
2. they possess the necessary technology skills for graduate work/research.

NOTE: Candidates may be permitted to enroll for one semester while their admission file is incomplete.

Applicants with completed files are reviewed for regular admission by graduate faculty in each program area and are selected by faculty based on information in the completed file.

Certificate Requirements

The Reading Specialist Certification requires the completion of 36 credit hours and is designed for those holding a valid Elementary or Secondary teaching certificate. The candidate must have two years successful teaching experience and successfully complete a departmental comprehensive and/or portfolio examination before taking the Reading Specialist Exam. Candidates must be enrolled in coursework during the semester they submit their comprehensive portfolio. The certification program originates in the Department of Language, Literacy, and Special Populations.

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| Specified Courses | | |
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| LITC 7310 | The Politics of Literacy | 3 |
| LITC 7385 | Digital Epistemologies | 3 |
| READ 5306 | Survey Of Reading | 3 |
| READ 5307 | Prac-Lit Assmt/Instr Stratgy I ² | 3 |
| READ 5308 | Prac-Lit Assmt/Instr Strat II ³ | 3 |
| READ 5312 | Second Language Literacy | 3 |
| READ 5315 | Language Arts: Theory & Instr | 3 |
| READ 5325 | Imprvmt In Sec Sch/Adult Pop | 3 |
| READ 5330 | Lit & Instr Mat In Rdg Progs | 3 |
| READ 5335 | Cognition & Emergent Literacy | 3 |
| READ 6310 | Admin/Suprvsn Of Literacy Prog ¹ | 3 |
| READ 6320 | Internship In Reading Supervsn ⁴ | 3 |
| Total Hours | | 36 |

¹ Prerequisite: READ 5306

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2 Prerequisite: Enroll concurrently with READ 5308

3 Prerequisite: Enroll concurrently with READ 5307

4 Prerequisite: READ 5306, READ 5307, READ 5308