

LITERACY/READING INSTRUCTION GRADUATE CERTIFICATE

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Certificate with Concentration

Concentration in Reading Specialist (K-12)

This concentration, a state-approved (Virginia) sequence of courses leading to reading specialist licensure, is designed for teachers who have a master's degree. Coursework includes foundational knowledge, instructional and assessment strategies for individuals and groups, and preparation as a literacy coach and staff developer. Licensure also requires a master's degree, passing the state licensing exam, and three years of teaching under contract.

Concentration in Literacy Coaching

The Literacy Coaching concentration is designed for current Reading Specialists or others with a strong background in literacy who want to more effectively support teachers' professional learning, and ultimately student achievement, through literacy coaching. Coursework provides an in-depth understanding of adult learning, effective professional development techniques, strategies for supporting collaboration and communication, using data to foster change, ways to more effectively use technology when working with teachers, and issues of diversity and equity in literacy instruction.

Admissions & Policies

Admissions

Students enrolling in the Literacy Coaching concentration must hold either a Master's degree in Literacy (or closely-related field) or license/endorsement as a Reading Specialist.

Policies

For policies governing all graduate certificates, see AP.6.8 Requirements for Graduate Certificates.

Requirements

Certificate Requirements

Total credits: 12-21

This certificate may be pursued on a part-time basis only.

Concentration in Reading Specialist (K-12) (RSPC)

Coursework

Students enrolled in this program must earn a B- or higher in all coursework.

Code	Title	Credits
EDRD 630	Literacy Foundations and Instruction for Diverse Populations: Birth through Middle Childhood	3
EDRD 631	Literacy Foundations and Instruction for Diverse Populations: Adolescence Through Adulthood	3
EDRD 632	Literacy Assessments and Interventions for Groups	3
EDRD 633	Literacy Assessments and Interventions for Individuals	3
EDRD 634	School-Based Leadership in Literacy	3
EDRD 635	School-Based Inquiry in Literacy	3
Three credits of		3
EDRD 637	Supervised Literacy Practicum	
Total Credits		21

Concentration in Literacy Coaching (LITC)

Code	Title	Credits
EDRD 680	Foundations of Coaching and Fostering Professional Learning	3
EDRD 681	Collaboration and Communication in Literacy Coaching	3
EDRD 682	Creating Change through Data-Oriented Coaching	3
EDRD 683	Trends and Issues in Literacy Instruction and Literacy Coaching	3
Total Credits		12