

# LITERACY/READING INSTRUCTION GRADUATE CERTIFICATE

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| EDRD 646             | School-Based Leadership in Literacy | 3         |
| EDRD 647             | Introduction to Literacy Coaching   | 2         |
| <b>Total Credits</b> |                                     | <b>21</b> |

<sup>1</sup> EDRD 644 and EDRD 645 must be taken in the same semester or term.

The Literacy/Reading Instruction Graduate Certificate is designed for educators with at least one year of teaching experience in PreK-12 classrooms or more informal settings who already hold a master's degree. The certificate provides an in-depth understanding of literacy development, scientifically-based literacy research, and evidence-based instructional, assessment, and intervention in literacy. It also provides opportunities to develop the leadership skills needed to serve as a Reading Specialist.

Completion of all certificate requirements enables eligibility for the Reading Specialist endorsement in Virginia. Additional state licensure requirements include an initial teaching license, a satisfactory score on the state-mandated licensure exam, and at least 3 years of successful classroom teaching experience in which the teaching of reading was an important responsibility.

## Admissions & Policies

### Policies

For policies governing all graduate certificates, see AP.6.8 Requirements for Graduate Certificates (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/graduate-policies/#ap-6-8>).

## Requirements

### Certificate Requirements

Total credits: 21

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

### Concentration in Reading Specialist (Licensure) (RSPL)

#### Coursework

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

| Code     | Title   | Credits |
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| EDRD 640 | Trajectory of Literacy Research                           | 2       |
| EDRD 641 | Trends and Issues in Literacy                             | 2       |
| EDRD 642 | Foundations of Literacy Instruction: Code-Based Skills    | 3       |
| EDRD 643 | Foundations of Literacy Instruction: Meaning-Based Skills | 3       |
| EDRD 644 | Literacy Assessment and Intervention <sup>1</sup>         | 3       |
| EDRD 645 | Supervised Literacy Practicum <sup>1</sup>                | 3       |