

# PK-12 READING SPECIALIST AND INSTRUCTIONAL COACHING LITERACY ENDORSEMENT

Master of Education

Department of Curriculum, Instruction, and Educational Leadership

College of Education

## DELIVERY METHOD

100% online

## START TERMS

Fall, Winter, Spring or Summer

## COMPLETION TIME

1-1/2 years average, but varies per student

## NUMBER OF CREDITS

Varies by program choice (12-33 credits)

## IMPORTANT NOTE

Practicum must be completed in the state of Pennsylvania

## ABOUT THE PROGRAM

The Master of Education - Reading Specialist and Instructional Coaching program is designed to promote the development of literary professionals who are prepared to fill a variety of roles in PK-12 school settings. These roles include classroom reading teacher, Title I reading specialist, literacy coach, intervention specialist, developmental study skills specialist, or consultant. All candidates completing this program are eligible to receive Pennsylvania Reading Specialist Certification after achieving a passing score on the Praxis II Reading Specialist exam. This certification is required for all Title I reading teachers in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

## PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

Teachers can develop expertise in literacy development and instruction, add the PK-12 reading specialist certification and an endorsement in instructional coaching/literacy emphasis to their current teaching certificate, and an M.Ed.

SRU's graduate reading programs are attractive for certified teachers who seek to:

- Enhance their knowledge of and skills in teaching literacy (PK-12), including Structured Literacy practices
- Support PK-12 classroom teachers in literacy instruction
- Lead literacy initiatives in schools and communities
- Design and facilitate professional development and literacy teachers
- Expand employment opportunities to include reading specialist, literacy coach, and PK-12 reading
- Meet requirements for Level II Certification, Act 48, or an M.Ed.

SRU's M.Ed. Reading programs offer working professionals:

- High-quality courses that provide flexibility for your busy schedule
- Experienced faculty with doctoral degrees who are experts in their fields
- Small class sizes and personal interaction with faculty

## M.ED. WITH PK-12 READING SPECIALIST CERTIFICATION AND INSTRUCTIONAL COACHING ENDORSEMENT: LITERACY EMPHASIS

### Professional Core

ELEC 608	Historical, Psychological & Linguistic Foundations of Literacy	3
ELEC 610	The Reading Program in the Elementary School	3
ELEC 612	The Reading Program in the Middle/Secondary School	3
ELEC 614	Foundations of Instructional Coaching	3
ELEC 622	Literacy Assessment Analysis & Instructional Decision Making	3
ELEC 625	Practicum: Assessment and Instruction for the Reading Specialist	3
ELEC 629	Practicum: Organization and Administration of School Reading Programs	3

### Educational Foundations Courses

ELEC 615	Teacher Leadership & School Change for Instructional Coaches	3
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### Research and Statistics Courses

ELEC 627	Current Issues in Reading Research (Required)	3
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### Select one of the following:

ELEC 697	Statistical Interpretation & Analysis in Reading Research and Assessments	3
SEFE 602	Univariate Statistical Methods	
SEFE 696	Elements of Qualitative Educational Research	

### Coaching Practicum

ELEC 643	Advanced Literacy Coaching Practicum	3
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### Total Hours

33

## SUGGESTED COURSE SEQUENCE

ELEC 608    ELEC 610    ELEC 612    ELEC 614    ELEC 615

## PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE CERTIFICATION

(PK-12 Reading Specialist, M.Ed. & PK-12 Reading Specialist Certification & Instructional Coaching Endorsement: Literacy Emphasis, M.Ed.)

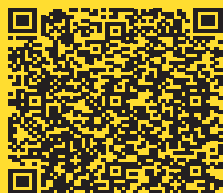
All candidates completing this program are eligible to receive Pennsylvania certification after completing a practicum and achieving a passing or qualifying score on Pennsylvania Department of Education required exam(s). If candidates are interested in teaching in another state, they should contact the Department of Education in that state.

## TUITION

Information on current tuition can be found on the Graduate Admissions website at [www.sru.edu/graduate](http://www.sru.edu/graduate). Financial Aid brochures are available through the Financial Aid Office [www.sru.edu/FinAid](http://www.sru.edu/FinAid) or in the Office of Graduate Admissions.



PDE - Approved  
Reading Specialist  
Instructional Coaching  
Endorsement Programs



SCAN QR code for more information

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## READING SPECIALIST CERTIFICATION ONLY

### Required Courses

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ELEC 612	The Reading Program in the Middle/Secondary School	3
ELEC 614	Foundations of Instructional Coaching	3
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ELEC 625	Practicum: Assessment and Instruction for the Reading Specialist	3
ELEC 629	Practicum: Organization and Administration of School Reading Programs	3
<b>Total Hours</b>		<b>21</b>

Candidates seeking only the certification as a Pennsylvania Reading Specialist (not a master's degree and certification) must complete 21 credits of graduate courses in reading (the CORE courses listed above) and pass the Praxis II Reading Specialist exam. If candidates choose to continue their studies toward the attainment of a graduate degree, all core courses will count toward the Master of Education degree.

## TESTING AND PDE CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

(to view the most updated information, click on the QR code provided)



## PROGRAM AWARDS:



## INSTRUCTIONAL COACHING: LITERACY ENDORSEMENT

This endorsement is a 12-credit program designed to support already certified reading specialists as they continue to develop the skills needed to be highly effective literacy coaches in PK-12 schools. To be recommended for the Instructional Coaching -- Literacy Emphasis Endorsement, the candidate must complete all four of the following courses and have a minimum of three years of teaching experience at the time of the application for the endorsement from PDE. Candidates without the required teaching experience may complete the coursework and apply for the endorsement when they have the required three years of teaching experience. All courses for the Instructional Coaching/Literacy Endorsement are available in a convenient, online format.

### Required Courses

ELEC 614	Foundations of Instructional Coaching	3
ELEC 615	Teacher Leadership & School Change for Instructional Coaches	3
ELEC 622	Literacy Assessment Analysis & Instructional Decision Making	3
ELEC 643	Advanced Literacy Coaching Practicum	3

**Total Hours** 12

## ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Applicants to the graduate reading programs must already hold a valid teaching certificate. To be considered for admission to any of the reading programs, the following materials must be submitted with the online graduate application and a non-refundable application fee:

- Official undergraduate degree transcript with an overall GPA of 3.0 or higher and any graduate transcripts.
- A resume indicating the candidate's professional education employment history and current status (student-teaching, tenured, non-tenured; full-time, part-time, substitute) with a school district.
- A copy of the applicant's current teaching certification(s) or a letter from the certifying university indicating that requirements for a teaching certification have been met and that the certification application is currently being processed. This can be from any state. **NOTE:** The reading specialist certification can only be added to an instructional certificate, not an educational specialist certificate.
- Two electronic recommendation forms: two from a professional or one from a professional and one from a faculty member

Applicants who do not meet all of the listed criteria may be offered conditional admission upon recommendation of the graduate coordinator and approval by the director of Graduate Admissions.

## CLEARANCES

Clearances are due no later than one (1) week prior to deadline for course registration for each program's practicum/field experience, no student will be permitted to register for their program's practicum and take part in practicum/field experiences without clearances on file at SRU. Please refer to the graduate website at [www.sru.edu/graduate](http://www.sru.edu/graduate) and select "Requirements by Program" to learn more.

## FOR QUESTIONS ABOUT ACADEMICS AND COURSE SCHEDULING:

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## FOR QUESTIONS ABOUT ADMISSIONS:

Office of Graduate Admissions  
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