

Reading Specialization, M.A., Reading Specialist Option (Currently not accepting new students)

College of Education

Department of Special Education and Literacy

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The **Master of Arts in Reading Specialization** provides candidates with the appropriate skills and techniques necessary to work students who have reading difficulties in preschool through grade 12. Additionally, reading specialists conduct in-service training of teachers and administrators in the prevention of reading disabilities. Candidates will learn how to coordinate instruction among school staff which supports students having difficulty learning to read. Candidates will also develop skills to diagnose student's difficulties in learning to read and plan developmentally appropriate programs in reading for diverse student populations. Coursework actively involves engaging with methods and materials, as well as technology, to be used in the school district reading program. Candidates will also learn how to collect and interpret standardized data as a means of determining and monitoring the reading achievement of all students. The MA program requires the successful completion of 36 graduate credits. The Reading Specialist option allows students who have completing all requirements, complete 33 credits, and maintain a 3.0 GPA to apply for New Jersey certification as a reading specialist. The program is offered in a hybrid modality.

Prerequisites

In addition to the University's admissions requirements:

New Jersey Instructional Certificate (CE, CEAS, or Standard)

Hold a master's or higher degree from an accredited college or university

Complete three years of successful, full-time teaching

Program Requirements

33 credits (without co-requisite); 36 credits (with co-requisite)

Action Research Capstone experience

Research Days Presentation of the Action Research Project