

PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

READING SPECIALIST CERTIFICATION



The Reading Specialist Certification is designed for educators holding a PDE Instructional I or Instructional II certificate seeking to gain certification in Reading based on the science of Reading based on a multi-sensory structured literacy framework.

The Reading Specialist Program strives to: Prepare practitioners to be diagnostic and prescriptive through data-driven instruction and targeted intervention based upon the pedagogy and methodology of Orton-Gillingham in order to meet the diverse needs of today's learners.

Educators seeking a Delaware Valley University/PDE reading specialist certificate are required to complete seven courses (24 credits) The curriculum equips educators to be instructional leaders in literacy to establish research-based curriculum, instruction, and assessment within our schools and to promote policies and effective practices that foster parent, community, and school partnerships that result in systemic and sustainable change in reading and writing.

TO APPLY: delval.edu/GradEdApply

- An official copy of undergraduate and graduate transcripts must be on file before your application will be reviewed.
- Candidates interested in adding the online instruction endorsement must possess a valid teaching certificate

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Required Courses

7 courses (24 Credits)

- GE-6041 Leading a Comprehensive Literacy Curriculum: Design and Implementation
- GE-6042 Literacy Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment: K-3
- GE-6043 Literacy Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment: 4-12
- GE-6044 Pedagogy and Methodology based on Orton-Gillingham
- GE-6045 Reading Difficulties: Special Education and Interventions
- GE-6046 Reading across the Curriculum/English Learner (EL)
- GE-6047 Reading Practicum based on Orton-Gillingham (6 credits)

Students who wish to pursue a full Master's Degree in Teaching and Learning may do so by completing three additional courses:

- GE-6035 Teaching and Supervising Diverse Student Populations
- GE-6080 Foundations of Instructional Technology for Teaching and Learning
- GE-6092 Problem-based learning Design for 21 Century Learners

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