2026-27 Academic Year

READING SPECIALIST (PK-12)

Subject endorsement (graduate level)

Wayne State offers a non-degree graduate-level endorsement as a Reading Specialist (PK-12). This is a supplemental endorsement and requires two years of teaching experience in order to add this endorsement through the Nebraska Department of Education. This endorsement prepares educators to strengthen literacy instruction and improve reading outcomes through research-based teaching strategies, advanced assessment, and targeted interventions for diverse learners. Coursework also develops leadership skills for supporting colleagues through coaching and collaboration, helping schools build stronger, more consistent literacy practices across grade levels. Graduates are prepared to make a meaningful impact by supporting students who struggle with reading and helping all learners build strong, lifelong literacy skills.

fast facts

Endorsement offered: Non-degree subject endorsement in Information Technology (PK-12)

Note: This endorsement is only available to graduate students with two years of teaching experience.

Credit hours: 30

Cost per credit hour: $427.45 total *(includes $261.90 + $165.55 fees)*

Delivery method: Online

Department: Educational Foundations and Leadership

School: Education and Behavioral Sciences

focus on results

Skills Learned

- Literacy foundations (phonics, writing, comprehension)
- Literacy instruction for diverse learners
- Reading assessment and data analysis
- Literacy intervention and support
- Research-based instructional strategies
- Curriculum development and planning
- Literacy leadership, coaching, and mentoring
- Technology integration for literacy learning
- Practicum and field-based literacy experience

Possible Careers

- Reading specialist
- Literacy interventionist
- Literacy / instructional coach
- Title I reading teacher
- Reading intervention coordinator
- Reading support teacher
- Literacy curriculum specialist
- Instructional coordinator
- MTSS/RTI literacy support specialist

Types of Employers

- Public and private schools
- Literacy and curriculum teams
- Title I schools / programs
- Educational service units and regional agencies
- Tutoring centers
- Alternative education and learning centers
- Community and nonprofit literacy programs

recognized for excellence

Our graduate programs are nationally recognized for their excellence, exceptional value, and flexible learning options — consistently earning top distinctions for affordability and quality.

Most Affordable Online Master's Degrees in the U.S.
Wayne State College was ranked among the Top 10 most affordable online master's degree programs in the nation by *Intelligent.com* for 2025.

Accredited by CAEP
WSC's educator preparation programs are nationally accredited by CAEP, providing assurance that our programs meet rigorous standards of excellence.

Program courses

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The following courses are required for the program of study described on this sheet. Every effort is made to ensure this information is current, but please be aware that some content may have changed. To develop a plan for registering and taking these courses, please consult the current academic catalog and your advisor.

Reading Specialist (PK-12) subject endorsement (30 credit hours)

Core requirements

EDU 603 Introduction to Educational Research and Design 3
EDU 621 Education Program Orientation 0
EDU 652 Instructional Theory and Practice 3
EDU 658 Fundamentals of Curriculum Development PK-16 3
EDU 674 History and Philosophy of Education 3

Content requirements

EDU 642 Foundations of Literacy 3
EDU 647 Instructional Theory and Practice in Literacy 3
EDU 648 Advanced Assessment and Interventions in Literacy 3
EDU 649 Instructional Leadership in Literacy 3
EDU 682 Developing and Integrating Technology in the Classroom 3
EDU 698 Practicum or Seminar 3

Licensure/certification information:

Wayne State's Reading Specialist supplemental endorsement for graduate students is designed to prepare you for teacher licensure/certification in Nebraska. If you are planning to pursue professional licensure or certification in a state other than Nebraska, it is strongly recommended that you contact the appropriate licensing entity in that state to seek information and guidance regarding licensure or certification requirements before beginning an academic program.

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