Preparation for Reading Specialist Certification

Reading Specialist Certification Courses

- **Specialization Area**: 22 hrs minimum
  1. **Theoretical Found. of Reading**: 6 hrs minimum
     - READ 5623 Foundations & Survey of Reading
     - READ 5663 Theoretical Basis of Reading
  2. **Diagnostic Assessment of Reading Disabilities**: 8 hrs minimum
     - READ 5843 Diagnosis & Correction of Reading & Tier II Intervention
  3. **Clinical & Classroom Experience**: 8 hrs minimum
     - READ 5854 Clinical Practices in Reading*
     - READ 5910 Seminar: Adolescent Literacy
     - READ 5901 Practicum: Reading Coach Experience
  4. **Professional Development**: 2 hrs minimum
     - READ 5712 Org. & Supervision of Reading Progs

*Note: These courses must be taken in sequential order according to the superscript numbers.

Professional Education Area: 10-11 hrs

1. **Research**: 3 hrs
   - ESFR 5013 Foundations of Educational Research
2. **Language and Literacy**: 2-3 hrs
   - SPED 5102 Language Devel. in Special Education
   - ELED 5223 Lit-Based Language Arts Measurement
3. **Measurement**: 3 hrs
   - ESFR 5403 Educational Statistics
   - ESFR 5383 Principles of Tests and Measurements
4. **Theories & Methods of Learning**: 2-3 hrs
   - TESL 5960 Inst-Multicultural Education (2 hrs)
   - SPED 5443 Behavioral Classroom Management
   - ESFR 5203 Advanced Educational Psychology

Individuals who hold teacher certification via the State Department of Education’s Alternative Certification method will need to be recommended for adding advanced certification area(s) by UCO. However, the individual will remain part of the State Department of Education’s Alternative Certification Placement Program.

Prerequisites

1. Completion of a Bachelor’s Degree is a prerequisite for entrance into the Reading Specialist Program.
2. A minimum of six semester hours of course work is required in the following areas as a prerequisite to the program. These courses cannot be counted as part of the program, but are required for the certificate. These courses may be completed at the undergraduate or graduate level.
   a. One course in reading methods
   b. One course in language arts methods or literature (children’s or adolescent). Children’s Literature
3. For standard certification, the applicant must have completed the course SPED 4123 Teaching Individuals with Disabilities (or an equivalent course).

General Guidelines

1. The applicant must satisfy all requirements related to formal admission to the Jackson College of Graduate Studies at the University of Central Oklahoma. Applications may be completed online at [http://www.uco.edu/graduate/admissions.html](http://www.uco.edu/graduate/admissions.html).
2. For the standard certificate, the applicant must hold a Master’s Degree granted by an institution accredited by a regional accrediting association.
3. For individuals holding a Master’s degree, previous graduate course work may, upon approval of the Program Coordinator, satisfy curricular requirements. Individuals seeking approval of previous course work should contact the Program Coordinator for a review of their graduate course work.
4. The applicant must successfully complete the state curriculum examination in the area of Reading Specialist prior to being issued a certificate.
5. All courses taken for Reading Specialist Certification must be completed at the graduate level.
6. The program for Reading Specialist Certification includes 32 semester hours of graduate course work for the standard certificate. The specific courses are outlined below.
7. A minimum of the last nine semester hours of course work must be completed at the University of Central Oklahoma for certificate recommendation from UCO.
8. For recommendation for certification applicants must not have more than six (6) hours of “C” in coursework required for certification.
9. Applicants must successfully complete all portfolio requirements as designated by the program.