

READING SPECIALIST, M.ED.

PROGRAM OVERVIEW:

The 100% online M.Ed. Reading Specialist program provides an opportunity for currently licensed teachers to earn the credits required for the Reading Specialist Certification in an online format. The program offers the following two tracks for candidates:

1. **The Master of Education Degree** is a 30-credit hour online degree program that includes a Reading Specialist licensure endorsement.
2. **The Reading Specialist Certification** (licensure endorsement only) is a 24-credit hour online program for licensed teachers who currently hold a Masters degree and would like to add a Reading Specialist endorsement.

The Reading Specialist program prepares candidates to serve as Pre-K to Adult reading specialists who offer literacy leadership and work with other educators to evaluate students' reading abilities, plan assessments, and provide appropriate reading and writing instruction and support for struggling readers. Program graduates have the knowledge, skills, and dispositions to serve their schools and communities as resource persons and plan collaboratively and cooperatively with other professionals to offer programs for diverse populations of learners. Graduates of the Reading Specialist program are also prepared to provide leadership as they advocate for children and families, and provide professional development opportunities at local and state levels.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES:

Graduates of the Reading Specialist program are prepared for careers in teaching, coaching, coordinating instructional programs, diagnosing and treating literacy problems, as well as leading school reading programs, such as Title I. Reading Specialists/Literacy Coaches may also serve as a resource in reading and writing for educational support personnel, administrators, and teachers; provide professional development; build and implement reading programs, and serve as advocates for family literacy.

Tuition & Fees 2023-24

Cost Per Credit Hour	\$517
Total For 18 Credit Hour	\$9,306

Current tuition & fee information can be found at:
fairmontstate.edu/student-services/student-accounts/tuition-fees-charts



Program Highlights

- ▶ **Competitive cost**
- ▶ **Same virtual rate for resident & non-resident**
- ▶ **Flexible**
- ▶ **Completely online**
- ▶ **No admission test required**

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PROGRAM OF STUDY

READING SPECIALIST CERTIFICATE ONLY:

READ 6300: FOUNDATIONS OF READING & WRITING	3
EDUC 6305: ADVANCED EDUCATIONAL TECHNOLOGY & MEDIA	3
READ 6315: TEACHING CONTENT AREA LITERACY	3
READ 6320: PSYCHOLOGICAL, SOCIOLOGICAL & LINGUISTIC FACTORS IN READING & WRITING ABILITY	3
READ 6360: LITERATURE & RESPONSE	3
READ 6370: ADMINISTRATION & SUPERVISION OF READING/WRITING PROGRAMS	3

CLINICAL COMPONENT:

READ 6310: TEACHING READING TO SPECIAL & AT-RISK LEARNERS	3
READ 6310L: TEACHING READING TO SPECIAL & AT-RISK LEARNERS LAB	0
READ 6330: DIAGNOSIS AND CORRECTION OF READING AND WRITING DIFFICULTIES PRACTICUM I	3
READ 6330L: DIAGNOSIS AND CORRECTION OF READING DIFFICULTIES PRACTICUM I LAB	0
READ 6340: LITERACY COACHING AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT PRACTICUM II	<u>3</u>

TOTAL CREDIT HOURS - CERTIFICATE 27

READING SPECIALIST CERTIFICATE PLUS MASTER'S DEGREE

The M.Ed. degree may be added by completing the certificate requirements above plus the following:

M.ED. CORE REQUIREMENTS:

EDUC 6301: RESEARCH IN EDUCATION	<u>3</u>
TOTAL CREDIT HOURS - M.Ed.	30

Frequently Asked Questions

Q. How are courses offered in the program?

Courses are offered in Spring, Summer, & Fall.

Q. Does it matter when I start taking courses?

No, students may begin the program at any time. Students begin taking courses once they are admitted into the program. For example, a student may start in the Fall semester and take READ 6300.

Q. How is the program delivered?

The program is offered completely online. Each course is based on the course requirements & by the course instructor. Courses are offered asynchronously (student may log on at any time). Students must have access to the internet with a computer that can download documents, video, & audio clips. Some courses may have additional requirements, those will be provided in the syllabus at the onset of the course.

Q. How long will it take to finish the program?

The program is designed to accommodate practicing educators. Each course is 3-credit hours. Students may attend full or part-time. A student attending full-time for the M.Ed. may complete the program in 3 semesters.

**Note: The Reading Specialist Praxis is required for the teacher licensure/certification process in many states.*



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