

Department of Literacy
Master of Education in Literacy and PA Reading Specialist Certification
Grades K-12
For Students Entering in Fall 2021 or Later

Name: _____ ID # _____ Date: _____

I. Pennsylvania Level I Instructional Certification Required

*Valid and current clearances required for all practicum courses. See below.

II. Required Literacy Courses - Core (30 Credits)

Graduate Credit Given at Intake	Required for Certification	Course Title	Credits
		EDR 505: Orthographic Knowledge, Language, and Literacy Development	3
		EDR 507: Comprehension and Vocabulary: Development and Instruction	3
		EDR 509: Writing Development and Instruction	3
		EDR 514: Reading in the Content Areas	3
		EDR 519: Issues of Diversity in Teaching Reading (Not offered in the summer) <i>Prereqs/Coreqs:</i> Choose 6 EDR credits from the following list as co/prerequisites: EDR 505, 507, 509, 514 (or EDR 535, or 546 but only if you are NOT required to take EDA 511, EDA 542 and/or LAN/ENG 569 – see Section III.A below)	3
		EDR 515: Teaching Reading with Children’s and Adolescents’ Literature <i>OR</i> EDR 535: Language, Learning, and Literacy (usually offered spring only)	3
		EDR 516: Problems in Literacy Development <i>Prereqs: 505, 507, 509, 519</i>	3
		EDR 512: Literacy Practicum and Seminar I *Valid & current clearances required <i>Prereqs: 505, 507, 509, 519, 516</i> 512 and 532 can NOT be taken in the same semester	3
		EDR 532: Literacy Practicum and Seminar II *Valid & current clearances required <i>Prereqs: 505, 507, 509, 514, 516, 519</i> 512 and 532 can NOT be taken in the same semester	3
		EDR 541: Organization and Supervision of Literacy Programs: K–12 <i>Prereqs: 505, 507, 509, 512, 516, 519</i>	3

Sub Total = _____ Credit Hours Required

III. Professional Education Requirements (0, 3, 6, or 9 Credits) -- Under Advisement

A. Courses That Satisfy PDE 49.13 Competencies

Graduate Credit Given at Intake	Required for Certification	49.13 Competency Satisfied	Course Title *PDE 49.13 competencies must be satisfied on either the graduate or undergraduate level before you can obtain the PDE Reading Specialist certificate. The following courses may be used to satisfy these requirements: LAN/ENG 569, EDA 542, EDA 511.	Credits

		*LAN 569 OR ENG 569: Teaching English Language Learners *Valid and current clearances required	3
		*EDA 542: Foundations of Special Education	3
		*EDA 511: Inclusion (usually offered fall only)	3
These competencies are embedded in the core literacy courses listed under <i>Section II: Required Literacy Courses</i> .		Instruction in literacy skills development for students with disabilities	3

Sub Total = _____ Credit Hours Required

B. Professional Education Electives (if needed)

Choose _____ of the following courses to satisfy Professional Education Electives (for other options, please see the course catalog online)

Graduate Credit Given at Intake	Required for Certification	Course Title	Credits
		EDR 535: Language, Learning, and Literacy (usually offered spring only) *You may only choose this course as an elective if it was NOT taken as a required course in Section II above	3
		EDR 515: Teaching Reading with Children’s and Adolescents’ Literature (Not offered in summer) *You may only choose this course as an elective if it was NOT taken as a required course in Section II above	3
		EDR 604: Literacy Program Evaluation and Data Analysis	3
		EDR 546: E-Reading in K-12 Classrooms	3
		EDT 500: Integrating Educational Technologies for Effective Instruction	3
		EDE 551, ERM 501, EDF 510, EDF 589, EDP 550, EDP 569	3

Sub Total = _____ Credit Hours Required

Total Number of Required Credit Hours for M. Ed. Program in Literacy = _____ (30 – 39 credit hours)

IV. Additional Requirements

- Return Approved Program of Study Form (date returned) _____
- Degree Candidacy (date applied) _____
To be done after fifteen credits including EDR 505, EDR 507, EDR 509, EDR 514 and one other course.
- Portfolio Assignment - Portfolios must be submitted for evaluation no later than the semester prior to the semester you intend to graduate (date submitted) _____
The following courses are required to be taken prior to the completion of the portfolio: 505, 507, 509, 516, 519, and either 512 or 532. Please see the Portfolio Assignment Directions for a complete description of the requirements for this assignment.
- Reading Specialist Praxis examination (date taken) _____
To be taken toward the end of your program
- Apply for Graduation on MyWCU (date applied) _____
- Apply to PDE for Reading Specialist Certification (date applied) _____
Apply at completion of program.