

GRADUATE CERTIFICATE IN READING INSTRUCTION

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN EDUCATION IN CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION

The Certificate in Reading Instruction is designed for educators who hold a valid teaching certificate, have previously completed course work in developmental reading methods and want to further develop their professional knowledge and skills in regard to teaching reading to students (i.e., pre-school to grade 12). Although this certificate does not result in the Reading Teacher Endorsement with the state of Illinois, these graduate courses in reading may be applied toward the requirements for the Reading Teacher Endorsement in Illinois, including a graduate-level practicum.

CERTIFICATE ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

This certificate is available to certified teachers who can provide documentation of prior coursework in reading methods (e.g. ELE 3280: Developmental Reading in the Elementary School – 3 credit hours; or ELE 3281: Developmental Reading in Early Childhood – 3 credit hours). To be eligible for admission to the certificate program, applicants must meet all of the requirements for admission to the Graduate School that include verification of a baccalaureate degree from an accredited institution approved by Eastern Illinois University. In addition, documentation of a minimum undergraduate cumulative grade point average of 3.0 within the last 60 hours of undergraduate study (or 3.0 GPA in the first 12 hours of graduate coursework) is required. The applicant must submit an application for admission to the Graduate School and an application for admission to the certificate program through the Teaching, Learning and Foundation Department, which would include a copy of teaching license.

CERTIFICATE COURSE/CURRICULUM REQUIREMENTS

ALL COURSES 3 CREDIT HOURS UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED.

The Teaching Learning and Foundations Department Certificate in Reading Instruction requires 18 semester hours of study, including required courses:

- ELE 5260** - Advanced Developmental Reading
- ELE 5600** - Diagnosis of Reading Problems
- ELE 5610** - Remediation of Reading Problems
- ELE 5620** - Remedial Reading Practicum
- ELE/MLE 5270** - Content Area Literacy Instruction
- ELE 5650** - Language Arts in the Elementary and Middle School

COURSES APPLICABLE TOWARD A SPECIFIC CONCURRENT OR FUTURE DEGREE PROGRAM

Upon approval from the graduate coordinator, the 18 credit hours required graduate courses to complete the certificate program may be applied to a master's degree in Curriculum and Instruction at Eastern Illinois University to fulfill requirements for the emphasis in reading. All courses must be completed within the six-year time limit. All other regulations established by the Graduate School pertaining to degree study will be applicable to the courses if used toward a concurrent or future degree program.

EIU seniors may enroll for courses under the reserve graduate credit option, but will be required to meet the standard admission requirements to be admitted to the certificate program after completion of the baccalaureate degree. Meeting the requirements to take courses under the reserve graduate credit option does not guarantee admission to the certificate program or the master's degree in Curriculum and Instruction.

CERTIFICATE STUDY PLAN

A certificate study plan must be approved by the graduate coordinator in the Teaching, Learning and Foundations Department and must be filed with the Graduate School no later than the 10th day of classes during the last semester in which the student is enrolled in courses counting toward the graduate certificate.



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