

MASTER OF EDUCATION IN READING SPECIALIST (M.ED.)

Career Opportunities

- Reading Specialist

Purpose

The purpose of the Reading Specialist program is to prepare literacy leaders who can diagnose reading difficulties, implement targeted interventions, support PK–12 teachers in effective literacy instruction, and guide school-wide reading programs. Emphasizing scientific reading research, assessment literacy, and a biblical commitment to serving all learners, candidates are equipped to promote language development, reading comprehension, and lifelong literacy.

Program Learning Outcomes

The student will be able to:

- Apply research and best practices in Reading Education.
- Employ data analysis and evidence-based practices in a school environment.
- Analyze historical, philosophical, and theoretical influences pertaining to Reading Education.
- Apply a Biblical worldview through ethical conduct and professional responsibilities.

Program Specific Admission Requirements

Required for programs that lead to licensure:

1. Earned baccalaureate degree or its equivalent from an institution accredited by an agency recognized by the U.S. Department of Education (e.g., SACSCOC, TRACS, ABHE, etc.)
2. GPA of at least a 2.50 on a 4.00 scale (cautionary admission is an option if the candidate has at least a 2.00).
3. TOEFL Scores for candidates who speak English as a second language (score of 600 paper-based test; 250 computer-based test, 80 internet-based test).

Transfer of Credit

All graduate transfer credits are subject to the approval of the School of Education (SOE) Graduate Committee. Such courses must carry a grade of at least a B- and be comparable to Liberty University graduate courses. Transfer credit will only be considered from institutions or schools accredited by an accrediting agency recognized by the U.S. Department of Education. With approval, up to 18 hours may be transferred into the M.Ed. programs. It is the responsibility of each applicant to supply official transcripts along with a written request to have credit applied to the degree program. Transfer credits must have been completed within the previous 10 years.

Credits from a prior degree on the same academic level earned through Liberty University are considered transfer credits.

Program of Study Delivery Format: Online Only

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