READING SPECIALIST (M.ED.)

Important: This degree plan is effective for those starting this degree program in fall 2026 through summer 2027. This degree plan will remain in effect for students who do not break enrollment or who do not change degree programs, concentrations, or cognates.

Before students begin this program, they must hold a current initial teaching license and the accompanying two years of experience with that license in which the teaching of reading was an important responsibility. If the initial teaching license is not from Virginia, a Virginia initial teaching license must be obtained during the program. After completion of the required program coursework (including internship), the passing of licensure tests, and a third year of experience, the graduate of this program would be eligible for adding the VA state licensure endorsement. Please refer to www.liberty.edu/advisingguide

Code	Title	Hours
Program Courses		
Advanced Education Courses		
EDAS 641	Supervision of Instruction	3
EDAS 645	Foundations for Educational Leaders	3
EDUC 518	Educational Research and Assessment	3
EDUC 622	Educational Assessment and Intervention	3
EDUC 672	Curriculum Development (Elementary/Secondary)	3
Reading Specialist Courses		
EDLC 651	Language and Literacy for Diverse Populations	3
EDLC 656	Literacy Across the Curriculum	3
EDRS 650	School Based Literacy Leadership	3
EDRS 652	Trends and Inquiry for the Reading Specialist	3
EDRS 659	Foundation and Theories of Literacy Instruction	3
EDUC 669	Literacy for Middle Level Learners	3
Gate Courses		
EDGT 601	School of Education Gate 1 – Graduate Advanced Licensure	0
or EDGT 616	School of Education Gate 1 - Graduate Advanced Licensure - Opt Out	
EDGT 602	School of Education Gate 2 – Graduate Advanced Licensure	0
or EDGT 626	School of Education Gate 2 - Graduate Advanced Licensure - Opt Out	
EDGT 603	School of Education Gate 3 – Graduate Advanced Licensure [1]	0
Field Experience Courses		
EDRS 688	Reading Specialist Practicum [2,3]	0
EDRS 699	Internship-Reading Specialist [2,3]	3
Total Hours		**36**

[1] Passing score for Praxis Reading Specialist Assessment required.
[2] Background check clearance required.
[3] Field experience required.

All applicable prerequisites must be met

Graduation Requirements

- Complete 36 hours
- A maximum of 50% of the program hours may be transferred if approved and allowable, including credit from an earned degree from Liberty University on the same academic level
- 3.0 GPA
- No more than two grades of C may be applied to the degree (includes grades of C+ & C-)
- No grade of D or below may be applied to the degree (includes grades of D+ & D-)
- Degree must be completed within 5 years
- Submission of Degree Completion Application must be completed within the last semester of a student's anticipated graduation date

Program Offered in Online Format

Course Sequence

First Year		
First Semester		**Hours**
EDAS 641	Supervision of Instruction	3
EDGT 601 or EDGT 616	School of Education Gate 1 – Graduate Advanced Licensure or School of Education Gate 1 - Graduate Advanced Licensure - Opt Out	0
EDLC 656	Literacy Across the Curriculum	3
EDUC 518	Educational Research and Assessment	3
	Hours	**9**
Second Semester		
EDAS 645	Foundations for Educational Leaders	3
EDGT 602 or EDGT 626	School of Education Gate 2 – Graduate Advanced Licensure or School of Education Gate 2 - Graduate Advanced Licensure - Opt Out	0
EDUC 622	Educational Assessment and Intervention	3
EDUC 672	Curriculum Development (Elementary/Secondary)	3
	Hours	**9**
Third Semester		
EDLC 651	Language and Literacy for Diverse Populations	3
EDRS 659	Foundation and Theories of Literacy Instruction	3
EDRS 688	Reading Specialist Practicum	0
	Hours	**6**
Second Year		
Fourth Semester		
EDGT 603	School of Education Gate 3 – Graduate Advanced Licensure	0
EDRS 652	Trends and Inquiry for the Reading Specialist	3
EDUC 669	Literacy for Middle Level Learners	3
	Hours	**6**
Fifth Semester		
EDRS 650	School Based Literacy Leadership	3

EDRS 699	Internship-Reading Specialist	3
	Hours	**6**
	Total Hours	**36**

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