Master of Science in Education

Reading with a Reading Specialist Endorsement (MSEd)

Master of Science in Education, Reading with Reading Specialist Endorsement (for licensed teachers)

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The program is designed to provide professional training for prospective reading specialists, literacy coaches, and elementary- and secondary-level reading teachers or a general master's degree in reading.

Extensive course offerings permit the graduate student to pursue an area of interest, such as elementary school reading, secondary school reading, college reading, literacy coaching, and reading in clinical settings. As a culminating experience, each student investigates a problem area and prepares a formal research paper or project on a topic of interest.

Candidate study may include an intensive search of the professional literature on reading or selected field experiences in public, private, or governmental reading programs that provide reading services to clients. In addition, candidates tutor children and aid in the diagnosis and remediation of reading problems. Candidates who have three years of satisfactory experience in teaching reading, completed the entire degree program, and satisfactorily completed the Reading for Virginia Educators: Reading Specialist Endorsement (RVE-5304) may obtain the reading specialist endorsement. The MSEd - Reading with Reading Specialist endorsement is offered online only.

Admission

Students must:

1. Hold a bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited college/university;
2. Have an undergraduate grade point average of 2.80 and an average of 3.00 in the major;
3. Complete the Responsible Conduct of Research (RCR) modules during the first twelve graduate credit hours at Old Dominion University. For more information review the instructions at: https://www.odu.edu/impact/responsible-conduct-of-training/;
4. Have an undergraduate grade point average of 3.00 overall; and
5. Submit an application for graduation; and
6. The degree candidates in the Reading Specialist program must successfully pass the Virginia Reading Specialist Licensure Exam (RVE-5304). Candidates receiving the master’s degree only without the Reading Specialist endorsement are not required to take the Reading for Virginia Educators exam.

Continuance

Students must

1. Have a 3.00 grade point average;
2. Complete an exit survey;
3. Submit an application for graduation; and
4. The degree candidates in the Reading Specialist program must successfully pass the Virginia Reading Specialist Licensure Exam (RVE-5304). Candidates receiving the master’s degree only without the Reading Specialist endorsement are not required to take the Reading for Virginia Educators exam.

Program Requirements

A minimum of 30 semester credits is required for the Master’s Degree in Reading Education. The Reading Specialist degree candidate must successfully pass the Virginia Reading Specialist Licensure examination (RVE-5304), usually taken in the last semester of the program. Candidates receiving the master’s degree only without the Reading Specialist endorsement are not required to take the Reading for Virginia Educators exam.

Course requirements for completion of the degree program are listed below.

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Total Credit Hours: 30