

CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION: READING TEACHER ENDORSEMENT / MASTER OF EDUCATION (M.ED.)

The Master of Education degree option provides the core courses that meet State of Illinois requirements for the Reading Teacher Endorsement in a challenging and rigorous program. This program leads to endorsement on an educator license; it does not lead to initial teacher license.

In addition to the Department of Education admission (<https://lewisu-preview.courseleaf.com/graduate/education-social-sciences/education/#Admission>) requirements, candidates seeking the Master of Education degree with Reading Teacher Endorsement must meet the following requirements:

1. A valid Illinois Professional Educator License with a teaching endorsement.¹
2. Fulfillment of Survey of Exceptional Child requirement (105 ILCS 5/21-2a).¹
3. Successful completion of the following program requirements. No more than 6 hours may be transferred; certain courses may not be transferred.

¹ International students and those not pursuing teaching licensure endorsement, such as students pursuing the coursework for use in other fields, are exempt from the requirements for an Illinois Professional Educator License and Survey of Exceptional Child.

Requirements

Degree Offered: Master of Education

Total Credit Hours: 30 + Comprehensive Examination

Degree Requirements

Comprehensive Examination Required

Code	Title	Hours
Required Courses		
RDLT 50900	Child and Adolescent Literature	3
RDLT 52300	Foundations and Methods of Teaching Content Area Reading and Intermediate-Adolescent Literacy	3
RDLT 52400	Foundations and Methods of Teaching Developmental Reading and Early Literacy	3
RDLT 52700	Teaching Reading to the Diverse Learner ¹	3
RDLT 53300	Strategic Comprehension Instruction and Practicum for the Reading Teacher	3
RDLT 53600	Theory and Practice for Intervention and Remediation of Reading	3
RDLT 53900	Assessment of Literacy and English Language Learning ²	3

RDLT 54400	Instruction and Resources for Developing Multiliteracies	3
EDLD 55700	Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment for School Improvement ³	3
RDLT 57500	Practical Research for Learning Communities	3
Total Hours		30

¹ The following course may be substituted for dual Reading and ESL endorsement students:

- ENLE 54200 Cross-Cultural Studies in Literacy and English Language Learning for RDLT 52700 Teaching Reading to the Diverse Learner

² The following course may be substituted:

- RDLT 53800 Assessment and Diagnosis of Reading Problems for RDLT 53900 Assessment of Literacy and English Language Learning

³ The following course may be substituted:

RDLT 53800 for EDLD 55700

Clinical/fieldwork experiences are embedded in course assignments.

State Assessment Requirements

At the conclusion of the program, candidates seeking a Reading Teacher Endorsement on a Professional Educator License must pass the Illinois Test for the Reading Teacher or its State-approved equivalent.