

Department of Literacy
PA Reading Specialist Certification
For Students Entering in Fall 2011 or Later

Name: _____ Date: _____

Program: _____

I. Pennsylvania Level I Instructional Certification Required

*** Valid and current clearances required for all practicum courses. See below.

II. Required Literacy Courses (30 Credits)

Graduate Credit Given at Intake	Required for Certification	Course Title	Credits
		EDR 505: Orthographic Knowledge, Language, and Literacy Development	3
		EDR 507: Comprehension and Vocabulary: Development and Instruction	3
		EDR 509: Writing Development and Instruction	3
		EDR 514: Reading in the Content Areas	3
		EDR 515: Teaching Reading with Children's and Adolescents' Literature <i>Prereqs: 505, 507, 509</i>	3
		EDR 516: Problems in Literacy Development <i>Prereqs: 505, 507, 509</i>	3
		EDR 512: Literacy Practicum and Seminar I <i>Prereqs: 505, 507, 509, 516 *Valid and current clearances required</i>	3
		EDR 519: Issues of Diversity in Teaching Reading <i>Prereqs: 505, 507, 509, 515 (Not offered in the summer)</i>	3
		EDR 532: Literacy Practicum and Seminar II <i>Prereqs: 505, 507, 509, 514, 516 *Valid and current clearances required</i>	3
		EDR 541: Organization and Supervision of Literacy Programs: K – 12 <i>Prereqs: 505, 507, 509, 512, 516 (Not offered in the summer)</i>	3

Sub Total = _____ Credit Hours Required

III. Professional Education Courses (0, 3, 6, 9, or 12 Credits)

Under Advisement

Courses That Satisfy PDE 49.13 Competencies

Graduate Credit Given at Intake	Required for Certification	49.13 Competency Satisfied	Course Title *PDE 49.13 competencies must be satisfied on either the graduate or undergraduate level before you can obtain the PDE Reading Specialist certificate. The following courses may be used to satisfy these requirements: LAN/ENG 569, EDA 542, EDA 511.	Credits
			*LAN/ENG 569: Teaching English Language Learners *Valid and current clearances required	3
			*EDA 542: Foundations of Special Education	3
			*EDA 511: Inclusion (usually offered fall only)	3
* These competencies are embedded in the core literacy courses listed under <i>Section II: Literacy Courses Required</i> for Both Programs of this document.			* Instruction in literacy skills development for students with disabilities	3

Sub Total = _____ Credit Hours Required

Total Number of Required Credit Hours for Reading Specialist Certification Program = _____ (30 – 36 credit hours)

IV. Additional Requirements

1. Return Approved Program of Study Form (date returned) _____
2. Degree Candidacy (date applied) _____
To be done after fifteen credits including EDR 505, EDR 507, EDR 509, EDR 514 and one other course
3. Application for Comprehensive Examination (date submitted) _____
Exam may be taken after the completion of EDR 505, EDR 507, EDR 509, and EDR 516
4. Reading Specialist Praxis examination (date taken) _____
To be taken toward the end of your program
5. Apply to PDE for Reading Specialist Certification (date applied) _____
Apply at completion of program.