Reading Specialist

CERTIFICATION SUMMARY

NAME:  

DATE OF REQUEST:

CERTIFICATION SOUGHT:  
Reading Specialist  
(Ages birth-21)

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ADMISSION APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

- Bachelor’s degree in Education or a related area with a 2.75 cumulative GPA on a 4.0 scale.
- Eligibility to hold a Wisconsin license to teach or completion of an approved teacher education program.
- Two years of successful regular classroom teaching experience.
- A Read Teacher license under s. PI 34.33(6).

Note: A maximum of 12 undergraduate credits with a minimum grade of B in each class taken within the last 7 years, determined by the Reading Program Chairperson may be applied towards fulfillment of certification requirements.

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<td>Bachelor’s Degree</td>
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<td>CUM GPA:</td>
<td>2.75 GPA Requirement: A minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.75 cumulative GPA on a 4.0 scale in all coursework taken to date.</td>
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<td>Two Years Teaching Experience</td>
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# READING SPECIALIST CONTENT AREA

Students must demonstrate expertise in each of the following proficiencies:

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| 3         |         | **Proficiency 1:** Guiding and directing the kindergarten through grade 12 program; and **Proficiency 4:** Supervision of instruction  
  - CURRINS 849: Guiding and Directing School Reading Programs K-12  
    Note: Must be completed at UWM (Offered every other fall) |       |                             |                |          |
| 2         |         | **Proficiency 2:** Field experience in kindergarten through grade 12 reading programs  
  - CURRINS 700: Field Work in K-12 Reading Program  
    Note: Must be taken concurrently with CURRINS 849 (Offered every other fall) |       |                             |                |          |
| 3         |         | **Proficiency 3:** Research relating to reading  
  - CURRINS 846: Seminar in Developmental Reading: subtitle  
    May use CURRINS 646 |       |                             |                |          |
| 1         |         | **Proficiency 5:** Content area reading for the reading specialist  
  - CURRINS 799: Independent Reading: Content Reading for the Reading Specialist |       |                             |                |          |
| 0         |         | Portfolio of representative assessments, lesson plans, papers, projects, etc. that reflect completion of the 6 Wisconsin Reading Teacher PI 34.33 (6) proficiencies is required upon completion of required coursework. |       |                             |                |          |

### Requirements for Licensure:

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<td>Wisconsin Foundations of Reading Test (240 passing score)</td>
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**ENDORSEMENT REQUIREMENTS**
Applicants for the Reading Specialist license must meet the following requirements stipulated by the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction.

Satisfactory completion of courses identified to meet Wisconsin administrative Code Chapter PI 34.32 (8) with a cumulative GPA of 3.0.

PI 34.32 (8) Reading Specialist – A reading specialist license is required for any person who directs early childhood through adolescence reading program or works with reading teachers, classroom teachers, administrators, and other as a resource teacher in reading. A reading Specialist license may be issued to an applicant who has completed an approved program and who has received the institutional endorsement for the Reading Specialist license and who has both of the following:

a) A Reading Teacher license under s. PI 34.33(6).

b) A Master’s degree with a major emphasis in reading and the ability to demonstrate expertise in each other the [proficiencies listed in the above program requirements].

Additional Comments:

Approved by ___________________________________________________________ Date __________

Program Director