

# READING SPECIALIST CERTIFICATION

## Degree Requirements

### Reading Specialist Class A Certification

#### Admission

Requirements for admission to the Class A Reading Specialist program shall include:

- At least baccalaureate-level professional educator certification in any area of education and master's degree; Candidates without a master's degree may pursue the reading specialist certification along with the master's degree in Elementary or Early Childhood Education. See advising sheets for details.
- Two years of successful classroom teaching experience; **and**
- Certification in Early Childhood Education, Elementary Education, Collaborative Teacher (K-6 or 6-12), **or**
- Certification in any other area of education and completion of two reading courses including an introduction to reading course.  
**Note:** All certification programs require an introductory course, special education SPE 500, if not completed at the undergraduate level.

#### Program Requirements

Code	Title	Hours
<b>Curriculum and Teaching</b>		
EEC 552 or SED 552	Comm Svcs Families-Children <sup>1</sup> The High School Curriculum	3
EDM 510	Microcomputing Systems in Ed	3
<b>Foundations/Special Education Elective</b>		
SPE 500	Nat-Needs of Exc Chld and Yth <sup>2</sup>	0-3
<b>Research and Evaluation</b>		
IDE 510	Educ Research and Evaluation	3
<b>Teaching Field</b>		
18 hrs with a grade of "B" or above		
EEC 532	Lit and Lang Dev in Elem Sch	3
RED 531	Trends-Practices Tchg Reading	3
RED 533	Diag-Corr Reading Disabilities	3
RED 534	Remed-Clinic Proced in Reading	3
RED 541	Literacy in the Content Area	3
RED 548	Literacy Coaching	3
<b>Internship</b>		
RED 595	Internship in Reading Educ	3
<b>Total Hours</b>		<b>30-33</b>

<sup>1</sup> EEC 522 taken by those with an undergraduate secondary certificate.  
SED 552 taken by those with an undergraduate elementary certificate.

<sup>2</sup> SPE 500 required if introductory special education course not previously taken or EDU 567 or an ALSDE-Approved diversity course if not completed with Class A certification.

## State Board Of Education Praxis II Test Information

Applicants completing coursework for Class A Reading Specialist certification are required to pass Praxis II in their area of certification. Please see specific program requirements on advising sheets. Praxis II test requirements are subject to change as dictated by the ALSDE. Prior to registering for any Praxis II exam, please verify current requirements by going directly to the **Alabama** portion of the Praxis II website at <http://www.ets.org/praxis/al> (<http://www.ets.org/praxis/al/>)