READING SPECIALIST CERTIFICATION

Degree Requirements
Reading Specialist Class A Certification

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

a. 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.

b. Two years of successful classroom teaching experience; and

c. Certification in Early Childhood Education, Elementary Education, Collaborative Teacher (K-6 or 6-12), or

d. 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

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<td>EEC 552</td>
<td>Comm Svcs Families-Children ¹</td>
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Teaching Field
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

Internship

- RED 595 | Internship in Reading Educ              | 3

Total Hours 30-33

¹ EEC 522 taken by those with an undergraduate secondary certificate.
² SED 552 taken by those with an undergraduate elementary certificate.
² 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