The Master Reading Teacher Certification Program  
in the Department of Teaching, Learning, and Culture

The Master Reading Teacher (MRT) certification program requires students contact an advisor at the time of admission into the master’s graduate program in order to be eligible to pursue MRT certification. Intention to pursue certification can also be indicated on the departmental application [http://tlac.tamu.edu/sites/tlac.tamu.edu/files/TLAC_MEd_MS_application.pdf](http://tlac.tamu.edu/sites/tlac.tamu.edu/files/TLAC_MEd_MS_application.pdf). Students will need to provide a TEA ID# and a UIN within 7 days of their acceptance notification.

The MRT is a State of Texas teaching certification that requires:

- 4 Specific Courses (see below)
- The successful completion of a TExES examination given by the State
- A valid Texas teaching certificate
- Three years of successful teaching experience in an accredited school (can be completed before, during, or after coursework)

Guidelines can be found on the SBEC website, [http://tea.texas.gov/Texas_Educators/Certification/Additional_Certifications/Student_Services_CERTIFICATES/](http://tea.texas.gov/Texas_Educators/Certification/Additional_Certifications/Student_Services_CERTIFICATES/)

The coursework below is offered through the Department of Teaching, Learning, and Culture. The course requirements for the MRT are as follows:

**RDNG 674 Developmental Reading in the Elementary School.** This course surveys the current basics in the teaching of reading in the elementary school. It should be taken prerequisite to the remaining courses.

**RDNG 604 Reading Diagnosis.** This course deals with diagnosing the reading problem of a child using formal and informal assessment procedures. It must be taken prerequisite to or concurrent with RDNG 642 below.

**RDNG 642 Clinic Teaching in Reading.** This course deals with remediating the reading problem of the same child assessed in RDNG 604. RDNG 604 and RDNG 642 offer a sustained experience in dealing with the reading problems of a child.

**RDNG 616 Organization and Supervision of Reading Programs.** This course deals with administering the school or district reading program and providing in-service work for teachers of reading.

For more information on admission into Texas A&M University and the Department of Teaching, Learning, and Culture, visit [http://tlac.tamu.edu/admissions/graduate-admissions](http://tlac.tamu.edu/admissions/graduate-admissions).

The Master Reading Teacher Certification can be earned in conjunction with the Reading Specialist Certification.

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