

## M.Ed. in EDCI (36 hours) with Reading Specialist Certification

The Reading Specialist certification program requires admission to the master's graduate program in the Department of Teaching, Learning, and Culture. The Reading Specialist certification program requires students contact an advisor at the time of admission into the master's graduate program. 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 Reading Specialist certificate is a State of Texas teaching certificate that requires:

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

### Current guidelines can be found on the TEA 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/)

For more information on admission into Texas A&M University and the Department of Teaching, Learning, and Culture go to: <http://tlac.tamu.edu/admissions/graduate-admissions>.

Reading Specialist certification can be earned in conjunction with the Reading Specialist certification.

### Core courses for the M.ED.

EDCI 602: Cultural Foundations of Education (Also required for Reading Specialist)

EDCI 644: Curriculum Development

EDCI 673: Analysis of Teaching Behavior

### Required Reading Courses:

**Survey Courses:** These courses are survey courses designed to introduce current practices in teaching reading, EC-12. At least one of these should be taken prerequisite to or concurrent with any other RDNG courses in the program.

RDNG 674: Developmental Reading in the Elementary School

RDNG 649: Reading Instruction in High School and College

### Advanced Courses:

RDNG 604: Reading Diagnosis

RDNG 616: Organization and Supervision of Reading Programs

RDNG 620: Literacy and Language

RDNG 642: Clinic Teaching in Reading

RDNG 650: Foundations of Reading Instruction

### Other Recommended Courses:

Because the Reading Specialist certificate covers EC-12, students are encouraged to take courses in child and adolescent development unless prior coursework and experience have satisfied this requirement. Typical courses include: EPSY 646 Issues in Child and Adolescent Development, EPSY 321 Adolescent Development for those with elementary or middle grade certification, or EPSY 320 Child Development for those with secondary certification.

RDNG 612: Children's Literature and Literacy

RDNG 613: Multicultural Children's Literature and Literacy

RDNG 630: Writing Development Assessment and Instruction

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