

## **M.Ed. with Reading Specialist Certification (36 credit hours minimum)**

The Reading Specialist certification program requires admission to the graduate program of Texas A&M University in the College of Education and Human Development in the Department of Teaching, Learning, and Culture. The Reading Specialist certificate is a State of Texas teaching certificate that requires a master's degree and specific coursework, the successful completion of a TExES examination, and two years of successful teaching experience. Current guidelines can be found on the SBEC website, [www.sbec.state.tx.us/SBECOnline](http://www.sbec.state.tx.us/SBECOnline).

For more information on admission into Texas A&M University and the College of Education and Human Development go to <http://www.tamu.edu/admissions>. For information on the master's degree in the Department of Teaching, Learning, and Culture, contact Ms. Kerri Smith at [ksmith@coe.tamu.edu](mailto:ksmith@coe.tamu.edu). Because of the close correspondence between Master Reading Teacher certification, Reading Specialist Certification, and the master's degree, interested students are strongly encouraged to consider a program that accomplishes all three. For additional information, contact any one of the reading faculty: Drs. J. Helfeldt ([jhelfeldt@tamu.edu](mailto:jhelfeldt@tamu.edu)); M. Joshi ([mjoshi@tamu.edu](mailto:mjoshi@tamu.edu)); D. Kaplan ([d-kaplan@tamu.edu](mailto:d-kaplan@tamu.edu)); E. McTigue ([emctigue@tamu.edu](mailto:emctigue@tamu.edu)); W. Rupley ([w-rupley@tamu.edu](mailto:w-rupley@tamu.edu)); M. Sadoski ([msadoski@tamu.edu](mailto:msadoski@tamu.edu))

### **Core courses for M.Ed: 3 of the 4 following courses (9 credit hours total):**

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

EDCI 644: Curriculum Development

EDCI 673: Analysis of Teaching Behavior

A research course

(Master's students would take 3 of the 4 courses per consultation with chair and committee)

### **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 650 Foundations of Reading Instruction

RDNG 604 Reading Diagnosis

RDNG 642 Clinic Teaching in Reading

RDNG 616 Administration of School Reading Programs

RDNG 620: Literacy and Language

### **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. Additional recommended courses include:

RDNG 612 Children's literature and literacy

RDNG 613 Multicultural Children's literature and literacy