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READING SPECIALIST

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The **Master of Education in Reading Specialist** and the **Reading Specialist Certification** is nationally recognized by the International Literacy Association and the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education. The goals of the program are three-fold. First, it is intended to prepare reading specialist/literacy coaches who can plan, implement, and maintain a developmental instructional program. Second, it provides teachers with the ability to recognize and work effectively with learners who have varying degrees of difficulty in reading, or who have other learning problems. Third, it prepares teachers to collaborate with peers while working as reading specialists/literacy coaches to support best practices in literacy.

FLEXIBILITY

Students pursuing the master's, certification, or endorsement are able to enroll in courses either online or in a hybrid format offering them maximum flexibility.

INSTRUCTIONAL COACHING ENDORSEMENT

Courses from the Reading Specialist Certification are applicable to this endorsement; thus those who complete the Reading Specialist Certification only need two more courses after graduation to obtain their **Instructional Coaching Endorsement**.

COURSEWORK

The M.Ed. in Reading Specialist is a hybrid or fully online 36 credit program that embraces best practices to design classroom and intensified literacy instruction to meet the needs of students in grades K-12 based on the science of reading. Candidates are immersed in diagnostic processes to interpret students' strengths and needs and then use data to inform daily instruction. The program integrates diversity, children's literature, and technology into curriculum and instruction. In the summer practicum, candidates work as literacy coaches as well as reading specialists to meet the reading and writing needs of local students. Students may choose the fully online or face-to-face option for three credits. Candidates can earn the **Reading Specialist Certification** after successfully completing 27 credits.

As a summative evaluation, a comprehensive portfolio presentation is required. The portfolio will reflect the professional standards of the International Literacy Association.

APPLY

Graduate application: www.kutztown.edu/graduateapply

- \$35 application fee
- Official transcripts from all previously attended colleges and universities
- Three letters of recommendation
- Copy of current teaching certificate



Questions?

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