



Master of Science in Education – Reading Specialist

The Reading Specialist program is designed to meet the needs of teachers and administrators in the region. The program satisfies the approved program standards of Virginia and meets the requirements for a Reading Specialist endorsement.

New cohorts are established annually in the fall and spring terms. The program operates on a three-term system, with a summer clinic in the month of July. Summer clinic classes are held during the day. A candidate can graduate in two years if they remain on schedule. Shenandoah University supports graduate study at the Master’s level through a substantial tuition discount.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- Graduate Application for Admission along with a \$30 non-refundable application fee
- Official transcripts from all institutions of higher education previously attended
- Bachelor’s degree and current teaching license valid in any state
- Three (3) letters of recommendation
- 2-3 page typed essay addressing your background and educational goals

TRANSFER CREDITS

- Only grades of “A” or “B” are transferable
- A maximum of nine graduate hours may be approved by the Director of the School of Education and Human Development.
- Copies of catalog descriptions and syllabi are required for all courses being transferred into the program.

WHERE TO BEGIN

- Admissions: Contact Abby Griffeth at agriffet@su.edu or Mary Kay Hester at mhester@su.edu
- Faculty Advisor: Contact Dr. Peter Edwards at pedwards@su.edu
- Visit www.edini.org for additional information about the Reading Specialist program
- Apply online now by visiting: <https://www.applyweb.com/apply/su/>

DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

The degree requirement is 33 semester hours with a grade point average of 3.0 or better.

Courses	Credits
RDG523 Foundations of Reading Instruction	3
RDG524 Analysis and Remedial Techniques in Reading	3
RDG530 Clinical Diagnosis & Treatment of Reading Difficulties	3
RDG533 Reading in the Content Areas	3
RDG535 Language Development	3
EDU585 Educational Technology Apps	3
RDG602 Organization and Supervision of the Reading Program	3
RST678 Action Research I	3
RDG680 Graduate Reading Seminar	3
Two Electives*(3 credits each)	6
Total	33

* Permission of advisor needed

Candidates may select one or two electives from Reading/Literacy courses, and/or one elective from any two of the following areas of study: Administration, Diversity, English, Measurement, SPED, or TESOL.