



Professional Studies Certificate for Virginia Licensure in Reading Specialist Concentration

The Professional Studies Certificate (PSC) for Licensure in Reading Specialist Concentration serves candidates who already hold a master's degree from an accredited institution of higher education and want to obtain Virginia licensure as a reading specialist without seeking Shenandoah's MSED: Reading Specialist Concentration. Candidates completing the requirements for the PSC meet the Virginia Department of Education (VDOE) approved program requirements for licensure. In addition to completion of the program, the VDOE also requires classroom teaching experience.

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 15-18 months 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
- Master'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 three graduate hours may be approved by the Director of the School of Education and Human Development.
- A copy of the catalog description and syllabus is required for the course 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/>

CERTIFICATE REQUIREMENTS

The certificate requirement is 21 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
Total	21

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