Professional Studies Certificate for Reading Licensure

SHENANDOAH UNIVERSITY
Division of Education & Leadership

A Part-time, Two-Year Certificate Program (21 credit hours)

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The Professional Studies Certificate (PSC) for Reading Licensure serves teachers who already hold a master's degree from a regionally accredited institution of higher education and who want to obtain Virginia licensure as a reading specialist without seeking Shenandoah University's Master of Science in Literacy Education: Reading Concentration degree. Students completing the requirements for the PSC for Reading Licensure will meet the Virginia Department of Education (VDOE) approved program requirements for licensure. New cohorts are established in the Fall, Spring, and Summer terms, and the program operates on a Fall, Spring, and Summer semester system.

PROGRAM PREREQUISITES

- Master's degree with a minimum 3.0 cumulative GPA

ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS

- Graduate Application with a $30 non-refundable application fee
- Master's Degree (minimum 3.0 GPA)
- Unofficial transcripts for initial admission from all institutions of higher education previously attended.
- Current teaching license valid in any U.S. state
- Three letters of recommendation
- Essay addressing your background and educational goals (2-3 pages)
- Current Virginia teaching license
- Two years teaching experience and access to schools
- Language Proficiency Requirement must be met. Submission of TOEFL, IELTS, PTE, or Duolingo English Test may be required. See our policy for full details: https://www.su.edu/admissions/international-students

CURRICULUM

The certificate requirement is 21 semester hours with a grade point average of 3.0 or better.

Course	Title	Credits
RDG 523	Foundations of Literacy Instruction	3
RDG 524	Analysis & Remedial Techniques in Reading	3
RDG 530	Clinical Diagnosis of Reading Difficulties	3
ENG 503	Children's Literature Conference: Literature Class	3
RDG 535	Language Development	3
RDG 635	Literacy in the Content Areas	3
RDG 602	Leadership in Literacy Programs	3
Passing score on Praxis® Reading Specialist exam	**Total**	**21**

ADMISSION & APPLICATION

Start Term
Spring (January) 2023
Summer (May) 2023
Fall (August) 2023

Admission Deadline
Applications are reviewed on a rolling basis

Format/Location
On-campus in Winchester or Leesburg

How to Apply
Begin the online application process by going to www.su.edu/sehdapp

Foreign Transcripts
International transcript evaluation by an accredited agency is an admission requirement. Approved services are listed at www.naces.org and http://aice-eval.org/.

Transfer Credits
Only grades of "A" or "B" are transferable

A maximum of nine graduate hours may be approved by the Director

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CAMPUS LOCATIONS

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ABOUT THE DIVISION OF EDUCATION & LEADERSHIP

Shenandoah University's Division of Education & Leadership (DOEL) prepares practitioner-leaders by offering programs of study that conform to the following principles: practicing in a spirit of collaboration; thoughtful examination of the foundations, current contexts, and future possibilities of the fields of study; encouraging proactive, problem-centered philosophies of educational and professional practice; producing graduates who will be knowledge-driven, competent decision-makers whose thinking is informed by reflective practice; and preparing caring, capable, and reflective teachers, administrators, human services, and public sector practitioners.

As part of efforts to make education more accessible for educators and leaders who serve our communities, all DOEL graduate programs are offered at a reduced tuition rate.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Can this program be completed online?

Most classes can be completed online synchronous with the exception of the in-person Summer Children's Literacy Conference.

How much does the program cost?

Tuition through the Division of Education and Leadership is offered at the discounted rate of $455 per credit hour.

Can I complete this program while working full time?

Yes, all of our programs in the Division of Education & Leadership can be completed on a part-time basis, and many classes are offered in the evenings to accommodate working professionals. Most graduate students enrolled in DOEL programs also work full time.