

EDUCATION (M.ED.) - READING SPECIALIST ENDORSEMENT

Important: This degree plan is effective for those starting this degree program in fall 2025 through summer 2026. This degree plan will remain in effect for students who do not break enrollment or who do not change degree programs, concentrations, or cognates.

Before students begin this program, they must hold a current initial teaching license and the accompanying two years of experience with that license in which the teaching of reading was an important responsibility. If the initial teaching license is not from Virginia, a Virginia initial teaching license must be obtained during the program. After completion of the required program coursework (including internship), the passing of licensure tests, and a third year of experience, the graduate of this program would be eligible for adding the VA state licensure endorsement. Please refer to www.liberty.edu/advisingguide

| Code | Title | Hours |
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| Advanced Education Core Courses | | |
| EDAS 641 | Supervision of Instruction | 3 |
| EDAS 645 | Foundations for Educational Leaders | 3 |
| EDUC 518 | Educational Research and Assessment | 3 |
| EDUC 622 | Educational Assessment and Intervention | 3 |
| EDUC 672 | Curriculum Development (Elementary/Secondary) | 3 |
| Total Hours | | 15 |

| Code | Title | Hours |
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| Reading Specialist Endorsement Concentration | | |
| EDLC 651 | Language and Literacy for Diverse Populations | 3 |
| EDLC 656 | Literacy Across the Curriculum | 3 |
| EDRS 650 | School Based Literacy Leadership | 3 |
| EDRS 652 | Trends and Inquiry for the Reading Specialist | 3 |
| EDRS 659 | Foundation & Theories of Literacy Instruction | 3 |
| EDUC 669 | Literacy for Middle Level Learners | 3 |
| Total Hours | | 18 |

| Code | Title | Hours |
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| Gate Courses | | |
| EDGT 689 | School of Education Gate 1 – Graduate Advanced Licensure | 0 |
| EDGT 691 | School of Education Gate 2 – Graduate Advanced Licensure | 0 |
| EDGT 692 | School of Education Gate 3 – Graduate Advanced Licensure | 0 |
| Total Hours | | 0 |

| Code | Title | Hours |
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| Field Experience Courses | | |
| EDRS 688 | Reading Specialist Practicum ^{1,2} | 0 |
| EDRS 699 | Internship-Reading Specialist ^{1,2} | 3 |
| Total Hours | | 3 |

¹ Background check clearance required

² Field experience required

All applicable prerequisites must be met

Graduation Requirements

- Complete 36 hours
- A maximum of 50% of the program hours may be transferred if approved and allowable, including credit from an earned degree from Liberty University on the same academic level
- 3.0 GPA
- No more than two grades of C may be applied to the degree (includes grades of C+ & C-)
- No grade of D or below may be applied to the degree (includes grades of D+ & D-)
- Degree must be completed within 5 years
- Submission of Degree Completion Application must be completed within the last semester of a student's anticipated graduation date

Program Offered in Online Format

Course Sequence

| Course | Title | Hours |
|-----------------------|--|----------|
| First Year | | |
| First Semester | | |
| EDUC 518 | Educational Research and Assessment | 3 |
| EDAS 641 | Supervision of Instruction ² | 3 |
| EDLC 656 | Literacy Across the Curriculum | 3 |
| EDGT 689 | School of Education Gate 1 – Graduate Advanced Licensure | 0 |
| Hours | | 9 |

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| Second Semester | | |
| EDAS 645 | Foundations for Educational Leaders | 3 |
| EDUC 622 | Educational Assessment and Intervention | 3 |
| EDUC 672 | Curriculum Development (Elementary/Secondary) | 3 |
| EDGT 691 | School of Education Gate 2 – Graduate Advanced Licensure | 0 |
| Hours | | 9 |

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| Second Year | | |
| First Semester | | |
| EDUC 669 | Literacy for Middle Level Learners | 3 |
| EDLC 651 | Language and Literacy for Diverse Populations | 3 |
| EDGT 692 | School of Education Gate 3 – Graduate Advanced Licensure | 0 |
| Hours | | 6 |

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| Second Semester | | |
| EDRS 652 | Trends and Inquiry for the Reading Specialist ² | 3 |
| EDRS 659 | Foundation & Theories of Literacy Instruction ¹ | 3 |
| EDRS 688 | Reading Specialist Practicum | 0 |
| Hours | | 6 |

| Course | Title | Hours |
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| Third Year | | |
| First Semester | | |
| EDRS 650 | School Based Literacy Leadership ² | 3 |
| EDRS 699 | Internship-Reading Specialist ³ | 3 |
| Hours | | 6 |
| Total Hours | | 36 |

¹ EDRS 659 required prior to RVE

² EDRS 650 and EDRS 652 must be taken before or during the required internship

³ Background check clearance required