

Reading Specialist Certificate Checklist

The University of Pittsburgh, School of Education, offers preparation for graduate level certification as a Reading Specialist. Reading Specialist certification is required in Pennsylvania for individuals who teach developmental or remedial reading in a departmentalized secondary school or for those who serve as diagnostic and remedial reading teachers at the elementary level. This certification is valuable for elementary teachers since one of their primary roles is teaching reading. The K-12 Reading Specialist certification is designed for individuals who wish to prepare themselves to work with students in grades K-12. Details are outlined below.

To be considered for admission, applicants need to have:

- valid teaching certificate
- two years of teaching experience or fulfill internship requirements
- submitted a completed School of Education application and an application fee
- submitted complete individual transcripts of work in all undergraduate and graduate study (requirements: an overall minimum QPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale in undergraduate work for students without a master’s degree; a 3.3 QPA in previous graduate work for students with a master’s degree)
- submitted official transcripts from all institutions attended
- submitted a copy of spring registration form if enrolled in spring term courses
- completed the appropriate number of prerequisite credit hours in Academic Prerequisites
- submitted three letters of academic and/or professional recommendation
- a submitted a thoughtful, clearly written goal statement of one to two typewritten, double-spaced pages
- submitted a resumé

The Reading Specialist Certificate has rolling admissions. If you have any questions, please contact our Admission and Enrollment Services office at 412-648-2230.

Before being approved for Pennsylvania Certification, students must take the PRAXIS II Specialty test - Reading Specialist.

Compliance with all Federal and PA state clearances is required before entering schools. Information on how to obtain these clearances is available at www.education.pitt.edu/clearances.

<p>For further information concerning program offerings, please contact: Department of Instruction and Learning 5300 Wesley W. Posvar Hall University of Pittsburgh Pittsburgh, PA 15260 Telephone 412-624-7254</p>	<p>Application can be obtained from: Admission and Enrollment Services School of Education 5500 Wesley W. Posvar Hall University of Pittsburgh Pittsburgh, PA 15260 Telephone 412-648-2230 or requested from our web site http://www.education.pitt.edu</p>
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Academic Prerequisites

Applicants should have at least two years of teaching experience (Education graduates may complete 3-6 credits of internship as an exit requirement if they possess less than two years experience or participate in a formal year long intern program).

CourseNo.	Course Title	✓		Credits
			Human Development <i>OR</i> Educational Psychology	3
			Teaching of Reading or Language Arts	3
			Children's Literature <i>OR</i> Adolescent Literature	3

Curriculum for Reading Specialist Certification

IL 2210	Language and the Reading Process	3 credits
IL 2212	Methods and Materials in Reading	3 credits
IL 2213	Diagnosis and Instruction I	3 credits
IL 2214	Diagnosis and Instruction II	3 credits
IL 2215	Applied Principles in Remediation	3 credits
IL 2220	Reading in the Content Areas	3 credits
IL 2281	Leadership School Literacy Program	3 credits
	Language Arts Elective	3 credits