

ENDORSEMENT

READING TEACHER
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REQUIRED COURSES:

- LTCY 501 Literacy Instruction in Primary and Elementary Grades
- LTCY 502 Disciplinary Literacy Instruction in Secondary Grades
- LTCY 504 Children's and Young Adult Literature For Literacy Instruction
- LTCY 507 Literacy Assessment and Instructional Planning
- LTCY 508 Clinical Practicum
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The Reading Teacher Endorsement program provides K-12 classroom teachers with additional skills and knowledge for supporting literacy development among their students. Teachers learn best practices for meeting the literacy needs of all students, including below-level readers, resistant readers, English learners, and students with disabilities. Our program meets all state requirements for entitlement, which is a K-12 endorsement.

TARGET AUDIENCE:

This program is designed for licensed teachers of children or adolescents, pre-K through grade 12, who wish to better teach reading and writing in their classrooms. Pre-K through grade 12 school administrators may also apply.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS:

Applicants must have their initial teaching license and an undergraduate GPA of 2.75 or higher.

COST:

Each 3-credit course costs roughly \$1650, which includes fees. The Reading Teacher Endorsement requires six-3 credit courses.

REGISTRATION PROCEDURE:

After applicants are accepted to the program, they receive instructions on how to register online.

APPLICATION DEADLINE:

Students may begin the endorsement program in fall, spring, or summer semesters. Application deadlines are as follows:
For fall, July 1st
for spring, Nov. 1st
For summer, April 1st

ACADEMIC CALENDAR:

Fall 2024 classes begin on Aug. 26.
Spring 2025 classes begin on Jan. 20.

Summer 2025 classes begin on May 26.

DELIVERY MODE:

Hybrid: all the in-person sections will be held only at University Center including clinical practicum.

TEXTBOOK PURCHASE:

The Literacy Education professors notify students of required texts two weeks in advance of classes starting. Students are free to purchase or rent texts in any way they prefer to minimize the cost. Professors are mindful of textbook costs and work to contain them.

TRANSFER HOURS POLICY:

Courses taken elsewhere that meet ISBE requirements for LTCY 501, LTCY 502, and/or LTCY 504 can be substituted for those courses. LTCY 507 and LTCY 508/510 (Clinical Practicum) must be taken through Northeastern Illinois University.

TOTAL HOURS NEEDED:

18 credit hours

SPECIAL CHARACTERISTICS:

We've received national recognition from the International Literacy Association and are CAEP-accredited. Our faculty is passionate about helping K-12 teachers reach their professional goals.