

Build stronger foundations for literacy.

The online Graduate Certificate in Reading Education

The [online graduate certificate in reading instruction](#) from the KU School of Education and Human Sciences builds on your existing educational experience, allowing you to focus on improving the reading outcomes of students in your classes. Throughout the program, you will explore the developmental stages of reading and writing and learn how to approach various learning situations as you acquire proven strategies for establishing and writing for PK-12 students.

Program Structure

- 6 courses
- 18 credit hours
- 8 weeks per course
- Complete in as few as 8 to 10 months

Admissions Requirements

- Completed [online application form](#)
- Professional resume or CV
- Completed bachelor's degree from accredited college or university
- Official transcripts from all colleges or universities attended
- Personal statement that indicates your specific interest in the program and how it relates to your career goals
- Application fee: \$65 for U.S. residents, \$85 for international applicants
- [Proof of English proficiency](#) (for non-native English-speaking applicants)

Program Benefits

- Learn from renowned faculty with extensively published research and diverse real-world experience
- Curriculum based on the Standards for Reading Professionals of the International Literacy Association
- Opportunity to apply practical approaches grounded in pedagogical theory through interactions with children and youth in your own community
- Complete your coursework anytime, anywhere, through our [innovative online format](#)
- Track your research and share with classmates in the online [Reading Room](#)
- No GRE required for admission
- If admitted to the master's program in reading education, these credit hours will count toward the degree

The Curriculum

C&T 740: Foundations of Reading: Process, Theory and Instruction

C&T 745: Reading and the English Language Learner

C&T 840: Emergent Literacy and Beginning Reading

C&T 842: Supporting Striving Readers: Adolescent Through Adult

C&T 741: Comprehension and Study Strategies for Use With Multiple Texts

C&T 743: Writing and Spelling Development and Instruction

What You'll Learn

The online graduate certificate in reading education program builds a strong understanding of the foundations of reading and literacy. You'll explore how to connect with striving readers from pre-kindergarten through adults, including individuals with reading disabilities, and you'll learn struggles to help students with reading, writing, spelling, and research, including methods to integrate language arts skills into other classes.

Career Outcomes

Although this online graduate certificate program is not intended to prepare you for additional licensure, it can have a measurable impact on your career as a teacher. You will be prepared to inspire better outcomes in your student's literacy levels, and you'll gain a credential that can demonstrate to current or prospective employers that you are dedicated to being the best teacher you can be.