

Promote literacy and change lives.

The online Reading Specialist Licensure Endorsement

The online reading specialist licensure endorsement program from the KU School of Education and Human Sciences prepares you to seek licensure in the state of Kansas and places you on the path toward becoming a reading specialist. To give you hands-on preparation for a career in this field, you'll complete two practicum experiences, case studies that let you put into practice what you learn in the program, first by tutoring young readers and then by exploring remedial reading programs for adults or adolescents.

Program Structure

- 7 courses
- 21 credit hours
- 8 weeks per course
- Complete in as few as 12 months

Admissions Requirements

- Completed [online application form](#)
- Professional resume or CV
- Completed master'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
- Three letters of recommendation from professional or academic references
- Application fee: \$30
- IELTS or TOEFL scores (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
- 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
- Accredited under NCATE standards through CAEP



The Curriculum

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

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

C&T 840: Emergent Literacy and Beginning Reading

C&T 841: Early Intervention in Reading Practicum

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

C&T 843: Supporting Striving Readers: Practicum

C&T 844: The Reading Program Coordination and Supervision

What You'll Learn

In the reading specialist licensure endorsement program, you will build 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 adults with reading disabilities. Your studies will prepare you to complete two practicum experiences, one an early intervention program for younger students and one a case study with older students. You'll also explore what it means to be a reading program coordinator or supervisor at the school level.

Career Outcomes

This program prepares you to pursue a career as a reading specialist, which entails one-on-one tutoring with struggling readers, collaborating with fellow teachers at the PK-12 level to help support their students in literacy development, and consulting with administrators about literacy programs at the school or district level.