

Directions for Obtaining a Reading Endorsement (grades K-12) through The Ohio State University

The Reading Endorsement at The Ohio State University is a graduate-level program. Students seeking the endorsement are required by state mandate to hold a standard Ohio teaching certificate or license. After completing the required coursework outlined on the Reading Endorsement Program Sheet and the required Praxis II exam, students may have their initial certificate/license endorsed for Reading by the Ohio Department of Education (ODE).

Students seeking the Reading Endorsement must complete required courses from specific categories. At least one course must be completed in each category. Courses taken to meet initial licensure/certification requirements may be used to fulfill requirements in categories A) Language Learning and B) Content and Development. Courses from the next five areas—1) Fundamental Issues, 2) Assessment and Remediation, 3) Clinical Experience, 4) Children’s Literature, and 5) Language Arts—are essential to the program and, typically, are taken after initial licensure/certification has been obtained. Courses taken as part of the requirements for initial licensure/certification **may not** be used to fulfill requirements in Categories 1-5. If a required course was taken to meet initial licensure/certification requirements, alternate courses for the endorsement are included under each area. There is no requirement that courses must be taken in a set sequence except that EDU T&L 670 is a prerequisite for the Clinical Experience, EDU T&L 671. It is strongly recommended, however, that students complete the courses from the other four areas before the Clinical Experience so they may use their learning to support their work with children.

A minimum of four courses from Categories 1-5 must be taken at The Ohio State University. Courses from Categories A and B must be taken within 10 years of the date of applying to ODE for the reading endorsement and courses from Categories 1-5 must be taken within six years.

Step 1

Call 614-292-2332 to schedule an appointment to meet with an advisor in the School of Teaching and Learning. You **MUST** bring with you a copy of your transcripts and a copy of your current teaching license.

You will officially enroll in the Endorsement Program during this meeting. We will discuss which courses to take and how to register for classes, activating your OSU email account, parking on campus, and the endorsement process.

**227 Arps Hall
1945 N. High St.
Columbus, Ohio 43210**

Step 2

Take the required courses as specified on the Reading Endorsement Program Sheet. Only graduate-level courses taken for graduate credit may count or substitute for the required courses in Categories 1-5 on the Reading Endorsement Program Sheet. The faculty coordinator must approve any substitutions for the required coursework. A student wishing to substitute a course from another institution must submit a petition, a course syllabus or official course description, and a copy of a transcript or advising report showing the final grade. Petitions are available in the Office of Academic Services, 227 Arps Hall and should be returned to that office.

Step 3

Take the PRAXIS II specialty area test, "Introduction to the Teaching of Reading." Check the ODE Web site at <http://www.ode.state.oh.us> to confirm that you are registering for the appropriate test. Search for “Praxis II Tests,” then click on “PDF outlining ODE’s Praxis II testing information for Ohio teachers.” Registration information is available on the Praxis Web site at <http://www.ets.org/praxis>. Have your scores sent to The Ohio State University (reporting code **R1592**). Allow approximately 6-8 weeks for the results to be posted to your student transcript.

Step 4

Notify 227 Arps Hall that you have completed the requirements for the Reading Endorsement by calling 614-292-2332 to schedule an appointment or by submitting the Reading Endorsement Clearance Request Form to 227 Arps Hall, 1945 N. High St., Columbus, OH 43210.

Step 5

Apply for licensure. Applications are available on the Ohio Department of Education Web site at <http://www.ode.state.oh.us/>. Complete this form and submit it with a check or money order for \$20 (made payable to **Treasurer – State of Ohio**) to:

Licensure Officer, College of Education and Human Ecology
185 Arps Hall
1945 N. High Street
Columbus, OH 43210

As soon as final grades for all required courses have been posted, and the University Registrar has received your PRAXIS scores, your application for licensure will be approved and forwarded to ODE with your check or money order.

Advice to Student:

If your contact information (phone number, address, email) changes, please notify the Office of Academic Services to ensure that you receive updates about the program. If you have questions about the endorsement process, you may call 614-292-2332 to schedule a meeting or a phone appointment with an academic advisor.

**School of Teaching and Learning
Ohio State University**

Reading Endorsement Enrollment Form

Name: _____ OSU email: _____

Home Address: _____

Phone #: _____ Email address: _____

Date of birth: _____ Gender: Male Female

Please check the appropriate line: African American, non-Hispanic American Indian or Alaskan native

Asian American or Pacific Islander Hispanic White, non-Hispanic Non-U.S. citizen

Do you hold or have you ever held a standard Ohio teaching license? Yes No

If so, in what areas: _____ Date of expiration: _____

Are you a practicing teacher? Yes No If so, indicate school and district: _____

Work address: _____

Work phone #: _____

Years teaching: _____ Highest degree/Institution: _____

If you are not a teacher, are you currently enrolled in a teacher preparation program? Yes No

Are you concurrently working on a Master of Arts degree in Teaching and Learning? Yes No

Current degree/program area _____ Name of advisor _____

On what campus do you plan to take most/all of your reading endorsement course work? _____

Qtr/Yr of first endorsement course _____

I have read and understand the directions for obtaining a Reading Endorsement.

Signature

Date

For Official Use Only

Accept _____

Reject _____

Advisor's signature

Date

Reading Endorsement Program Sheet

Name: _____ OSU email: _____ Date: _____

To meet State-mandated competencies, all candidates for the Reading Endorsement must take or have taken one course from Category A and Category B. Courses taken for initial certification/licensure may count if completed within 10 years of applying to ODE for the Reading Endorsement.

Otr./Yr. Grade

A) Language Learning

EDU T&L 702	Teaching and Learning Language Arts For Early Childhood		
EDU T&L 706	Teaching and Learning Language Arts For Middle Childhood		
EDU T&L 612	Linguistic Materials for Teachers		
EDU T&L 665	Applied Linguistics for Teachers of Reading/Language Arts	_____	_____

Or the Equivalent

Certified or licensed teachers who have not taken the Reading Core (which is required for Early Childhood, Middle Childhood, or Intervention Specialist licenses) or have not taken EDU T&L 642 must take an additional course. This course may have been taken as part of an initial certification/ licensure program:

B) Content and Development

EDU T&L 827	Advanced Teaching of Developmental Reading		
EDU T&L 853	Critical Reading in the Content Fields	_____	_____

Or the Equivalent

Take one course from each of the following Categories 1-5. At least four of the five courses must be taken at The Ohio State University. Courses from Categories 1-5 must be graduate-level and in addition to any credit hours taken to meet initial licensure or certification requirements. All coursework from Categories 1-5 must be completed within six years of applying to ODE for the Reading Endorsement.

1) Fundamental Issues

EDU T&L 828 (required)	Trends and Issues in Teaching Reading		
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2) Assessment and Remediation

EDU T&L 670*	Remedial and Clinical Reading Instruction		
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(prereq T&L 668 & 669 or permission of the instructor)

Students who took EDU T&L 670 for initial certification/licensure, must take one of the following courses:

EDU T&L 740	Evaluation Process and Literacy Learning		
EDU T&L 806	Curriculum Evaluation K-12 Reading Programs		
EDU T&L 827	Advanced Study in the Teaching of Developmental Reading		
EDU T&L 853	Critical Reading in the Content Fields		
EDU T&L 854	Reading in its Social Setting		
EDU T&L 921	A Guided Survey of Research in Reading		

3) Clinical Experience

EDU T&L 671* (prereq T&L 670)	Clinical Practice in Treating Reading Disabilities		
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Students who took EDU T&L 671 for initial certification/licensure, must take the following course:

EDU T&L 884.56	Clinical Field Experience		
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* Nine hours of Reading Recovery EDU T&L884.56 may substitute for EDU T&L 670 and EDU T&L 671 combined. Regional campus programs may design nine hours of coursework including clinical practice to meet these requirements.

Beyond coursework taken for initial licensure or certification, all candidates for the Reading Endorsement must take at least one course in Children's Literature and one course in Language Arts.

Otr./Yr. Grade

4) Children's Literature

EDU T&L 722	Literature Across the Curriculum		
EDU T&L 817	Advanced Course in Children's Literature		
EDU T&L 843	Literature for Middle Childhood		
EDU T&L 856	Advanced Literature for Adolescence		
EDU T&L 861	Literature in Early Childhood Education		
EDU T&L 864	Multicultural Literature for Children	_____	_____

5) Language Arts

EDU T&L 816	Language Arts in the Elementary School		
EDU T&L 840	Writing in the Elementary School		
EDU T&L 860	Language Arts in the Early Childhood Program		
EDU T&L 970	English Curriculum: Language and Composition	_____	_____

NOTE: Any deviations from these course requirements must be approved by the Faculty Coordinator for the Reading Endorsement.

To be completed by the Office of Academic Services:

OK to add Reading Endorsement to _____
Initial Ohio Licensure

Pending _____
initials/date

Final Clearance _____
initials/date

Reading Endorsement Clearance Request Form

Name: _____ OSU email: _____ Date: _____

Upon successful completion of all required course work or during the final quarter of enrollment, submit this form and a copy of your OSU advising report to **Endorsement Coordinator, Office of Academic Services, 227 Arps Hall, 1945 N. High St., Columbus, OH 43210**. If you have questions, call 614-292-2332 to schedule a meeting or a phone appointment with an academic advisor.

Check the appropriate line or lines:

_____ I have successfully completed all required course work and the Praxis II Specialty Area Exam.

_____ I am in enrolled in the last required course _____ (Qtr/Yr).

_____ I took/will take the Praxis II Specialty Area Exam on _____ but have not received my scores.