

Special Reading Teacher Certification

The MEd in Literacy Education does not lead to a Missouri Special Reading Certificate, but with your advisor, you can plan a course of study to meet the requirements for the degree and the certificate. Alternatively, you can take coursework for just the Special Reading Teacher Certificate.

To pursue the Missouri DESE Special Reading Teacher Certificate, K-12:

- You must hold a valid Missouri teaching license
- You must have a minimum of two years of classroom teaching experience
- You must complete the required coursework as outlined by DESE.

Required Coursework

If you wish to work toward the DESE Reading Specialist Certification, please send your undergraduate and any graduate work transcripts to Dr. Renee Kruep at kruepre@missouri.edu. She will evaluate your transcript to confirm which courses you need to earn the certificate. Most of these courses can be taken as part of the online master's degree.

DESE Requirement	Met by MU course:
Child Psychology/ Adolescent Psychology	ESC_PS 7160: Developmental Aspects of Learning
Psychology and/or Education of the Exceptional child	SPC_ED 7300: Intro to Special Education
Evaluation of Abilities and Achievement in SPED	SPC_ED 7320: Assessment & Evaluation in Special Ed
Special Reading Content Knowledge MUST include Analysis/Correction of Reading Disabilities 12 semester hours	Needs LTC 8670: Analysis and Correction of Reading Disabilities Needs 9 credits of Reading electives
Language Acquisition /Development of Exceptional child	LTC 8625: Language Acquisition and Development
Behavior Intervention Strategies	SPC_ED 7310: Behavior Mgmt for Exceptional Students
Counseling Techniques	SPC_ED 7330: Collaboration and Consultation in SPED
Culminating Clinical Experience with Students Experiencing Reading Difficulty (K-12) 6 hours	LTC 8664: Practicum in Child Study I LTC 8665: Practicum in Child Study II
	36 credits

For More Information, please reach out to Dr. Renee Kruep at kruepre@missouri.edu.