

GRADUATE CERTIFICATE IN LITERACY LEADERSHIP & COACHING - ONLINE

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The Literacy Leadership and Coaching Certificate is an online and on-campus post-graduate level certificate. Reading Specialists are frequently asked to fulfill curriculum leadership and coaching roles at the district and school level. The Standards for Reading Professionals developed by the International Reading Association contains language that calls for increased attention and preparation for Reading Professionals, specifically aimed at coaching classroom teachers; improved leadership skill, and the ability to work with diverse populations. Many existing Reading Specialists will need additional training and advanced coursework to develop new skills in order to meet the new and evolving demands of the position.

The Literacy Leadership and Coaching Certificate is designed for practicing teachers who have completed the Master's Degree Elementary Education/Reading Specialist Degree, Curriculum Leaders, and/or certified Reading Specialists who are seeking to improve their skills in literacy coaching, program leadership, and working with diverse populations of students.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Admission to a Graduate Certificate program requires **all of the following**:

- 1) Applicant must be a practicing teacher who has completed a Master's Degree in Elementary Education/Reading Specialist Degree, Curriculum Leaders, and/or certified Reading Specialists
- 2) Cumulative undergraduate GPA of 2.7 or higher (on a 4.0 scale)
- 3) Submit a completed application and \$35 application fee
- 4) Statement of Purpose
- 5) Official transcripts from all institutions of higher learning attended.

TUITION RATES

For the most up-to-date online course tuition information, please visit: www.usd.edu/cde/tuition-rates.cfm



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GETTING STARTED

- 1) Visit <https://www.usd.edu/cde/certification-application> and select "Graduate Certificate Application."
Download and complete the application and statement of purpose form.
- 2) Upload the completed application and select your method of payment.

Please note: It is also your responsibility to ensure that official transcripts are sent to:

The University of South Dakota
Attn: Graduate School
414 E. Clark Street
Vermillion, SD 57069

After your application has been processed, you will be contacted by an advisor who will guide you through the program by answering any questions, and setting up a plan of study that fits your needs.

3. Register for courses using the online form found at <https://www.usd.edu/cde/registration>.

NON-DEGREE PURSUANT STATUS

To experience the University of South Dakota as a non-degree pursuant student, the University offers graduate students the option of learning under a non-degree pursuant classification. Up to nine credit hours earned as a non-degree pursuant student may be applied to a graduate degree from USD at the discretion of the academic department.

Please note: Enrollment in a course does not guarantee acceptance into the program.

Enrolling as a non-degree pursuant student is easy. Simply complete the online registration form at <https://www.usd.edu/cde/registration> during the registration session open to the public.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

For more information, please visit <http://www.usd.edu/cde/literacy-leadership-and-coaching.cfm> or contact a higher education service site that is appropriate for you:

**Sioux Falls, Sioux City,
Vermillion area & Worldwide**
Division of Continuing Education
1-800-233-7937
605-677-6240
cde@usd.edu

Rapid City & Pierre area
University Center - Rapid City
Contact: Benjamin Krush
605-718-4112
UC-RC@usd.edu

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

Course/No.	Course Title	Site	Rotation
ELED 882	History, Theory, and Development of American Reading Instruction (3 cr)	Online	Spring Even Years
ELED 883	Research and Practice in Reading for ELL K-Adult (3 cr)	Online	Summer Odd Years
ELED 887	Coaching and Mentoring Literacy (3 cr)	Online	Fall Odd Years
ELED 888	Administration and Leadership of Reading Programs (3 cr)	Online	Spring Even Years

Graduate Certificate in Literacy Leadership & Coaching Program Total: 12 credit hours

*If you are a prospective student with a disability and need assistance or accommodations during the admission/application process, please contact the Director of Disability Services, 119B Service Center North, USD, Vermillion, SD 57069. Phone: 605-677-6389 Fax: 605-677-3172
E-mail: disabilityservices@usd.edu

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