

## MASTERS OF ARTS DEGREE ELEMENTARY EDUCATION

### Area: Reading Specialist/Literacy Coach

The Reading Specialist Program in Elementary Education at The University of South Dakota is designed to prepare the experienced teacher with competencies which will enable the candidate to serve as a Reading Specialist -Literacy Coach in the public schools or as a teacher educator in a college or university. Generally, the reading specialist program can be completed in a Master of Arts program. If a candidate holds the Master of Arts degree, the program could be incorporated as an integral part of the Specialist in Education Degree (EdS) or the Doctorate in Education Degree (EdD) in Curriculum and Instruction.

To be admitted to the program, the student must be either an elementary or secondary teacher and must complete all graduate admission requirements for the Graduate School and the School of Education.

To complete the program, candidates must successfully pass all course requirements, comprehensive exams, and score above the cut-off on the Praxis Series Reading Specialist Examination.

Candidates seeking teaching certification as a Reading Specialist must complete three years of teaching in a K-12 setting before they can apply for certification.

Prefix	Course Number	Course Title	Credit Hours
<b>Required Support Courses:</b>			
EDER	761	Research Methods in Education	3
		Technology Course	1-3
<i>Total Required Support Courses</i>			<b>4-6</b>
<b>Required Reading Specialist Core Courses:</b>			
ELED	550	Elementary Level Reading Methods	3
MLED	560	Middle Level Reading Methods	3
ELED	755	Research and Practices in Reading in the Elementary School	3
ELED	757	Assessment, Diagnosis, and Interventions for Effective Reading Instruction	3
ELED	781	Psychology of Reading	3
ELED	795	Practicum in Diagnosis and Correction of Reading Difficulties	3
SEED	550	7-12 Teaching Reading in the Content Areas	3
ELED/SEED	794	Internship: Reading Specialist/Literacy Coach	3
<i>Total Required Reading Courses</i>			<b>24</b>
<b>Elective Outside Support Courses from the Following Recommended Areas:</b>			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Linguistics and Language Development</li> <li>• Language Arts</li> <li>• Children's and Adolescent Literature</li> <li>• Special Education/Learning Disabilities</li> </ul>			
<i>Total Elective Outside Support Courses</i>			<b>2-4</b>
<i>Minimum total credit hours required for the Master of Arts In Elementary Degree/Reading Specialist.</i>			<b>32</b>
<p><i>Students who have completed an equivalent course to ELED 550 (Elementary Level Reading Methods) may substitute one of the following courses for ELED 550 on the program of study:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ELED 882 – History, Theory, and Development of American Reading Instruction</li> <li>• ELED 883 – Research and Practice in Reading for ELL K-Adult</li> <li>• ELED 884 – Literature for Children and Young Adults</li> <li>• ELED 752 – Reading/Literacy Program Leadership and Change</li> <li>• ELED 753 – Theories of Language Learning, Development, and Literacy</li> <li>• ELED 754 – Methods of Early Literacy Teaching</li> <li>• ELED 756 – Early Literacy Assessment &amp; Intervention</li> </ul>			

For additional information, please contact the Division of Curriculum & Instruction at (605) 677-5210 or email [ci@usd.edu](mailto:ci@usd.edu). Course information is available on the web at [www.usd.edu/ed/ci/ci.cfm](http://www.usd.edu/ed/ci/ci.cfm).