ABOUT THE PROGRAM
This online reading specialist program is designed for certified teachers wishing to expand their knowledge, understanding, and competencies of the reading process. This program provides both breadth and depth of literacy instruction, thus allowing educators to address the diverse reading and literacy needs of all students. Reading specialist can serve as educators, literacy coach, and instructional leader in the K-12 school setting.

The reading specialist program prepares certified educators in the diagnosis of reading difficulties and the evidence-based strategies, skills, and techniques necessary to address diverse student literacy needs. The ability to assist teachers in the planning and implementation of strategic comprehension instruction is also emphasized. In order to receive reading specialist certification, the TExES Reading Specialist Test must be successfully completed.
ABOUT THE  COLLEGE OF EDUCATION AND HUMAN PERFORMANCE

The College of Education and Human Performance is part of the foundation on which Texas A&M University-Kingsville was built. The institution was chartered in 1917 and has continuously been engaged in the preparation of teachers. Over the decades, the College of Education and Human Performance has been a pioneer in education preparation.

The college has more than 1,000 undergraduate students and approximately 450 graduate students in ten master’s and two doctoral programs. The faculty believes in “education by experience,” and students in all majors get hands-on work under the supervision of their professors. The university is located in historic Kingsville, Texas, a friendly, safe city of 25,000 that is the home of the legendary King Ranch.

REQUIRED COURSEWORK

A Masters Degree in Reading Specialization requires 36 graduate hours.

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Content (21 credit hours)

RESEARCH PLAN/Courses Only
EDED 5329, EDRG 5305
Electives (9 -12 hours)

M.S. IN READING SPECIALIZATIONS

Core Courses: 21 Hours
Option 1 - Graduate Research Project (6 HOURS)
EDED 5325, EDRG 5305
Option 2 - Courses Only (3 HOURS)
EDRG 5371 Elective Areas (12 credit hours)

Choose from courses in related fields such as Bilingual, ESL, Early Childhood, Technology or School Administration.

HOW TO APPLY

Admission to the program is open to anyone who meets entrance requirements, regardless of ethnic background or national origin. Enrollment limitations are based exclusively on the availability of faculty and resources. In making admission decisions, the faculty engages in a comprehensive, systematic review of the applicant’s academic proficiency and potential. Items examined in the review include but are not limited to, the following:

- Transcripts showing a bachelor’s degree and a GPA of 2.8 or higher
- MAT or GRE scores (except if undergrad is GPA 3.2 or above.) Background consistent with the Texas Code of Conduct

Applications must be submitted at www.applytexas.org