READING, MASTER OF EDUCATION (M.ED.)

Program goal
The Master of Education in Reading program is designed to provide experienced teachers who are prospective reading specialists with a program of sequential and integrated experiences in areas of the reading curriculum ranging from preschool to adult levels. Students will gain an understanding of the developmental and diagnostic processes involved in teaching reading and the language arts and will become familiar with the resource and supervisory functions that are part of the specialist role. Prior to graduation, students must complete a reading portfolio documenting their work in the program and related work experiences, and they must pass the Reading for Virginia Educators Assessment. The M.Ed. in Reading is an approved program (K-12) for students who meet Virginia State Department of Education requirements. The reading specialist endorsement also requires completion of three years of teaching in a reading-related field.

Student learning outcomes
1. Demonstrate content knowledge to support literacy and language learning
2. Effectively plan instruction or fulfill other professional responsibilities that attend to learner differences
3. Effectively apply knowledge, skills and dispositions in practice

VCU Graduate Bulletin, VCU Graduate School and general academic policies and regulations for all graduate students in all graduate programs
The VCU Graduate Bulletin website documents the official admission and academic rules and regulations that govern graduate education for all graduate programs at the university. These policies are established by the graduate faculty of the university through their elected representatives to the University Graduate Council.

It is the responsibility of all graduate students, both on- and off-campus, to be familiar with the VCU Graduate Bulletin as well as the Graduate School website (http://www.graduate.vcu.edu/) and academic regulations in individual school and department publications and on program websites. However, in all cases, the official policies and procedures of the University Graduate Council, as published on the VCU Graduate Bulletin and Graduate School websites, take precedence over individual program policies and guidelines.

Visit the academic regulations section for additional information on academic regulations for graduate students. (http://bulletin.vcu.edu/academic-regs/grad/candidacy/)

Degree candidacy requirements
A graduate student admitted to a program or concentration requiring a final research project, work of art, thesis or dissertation, must qualify for continuing master's or doctoral status according to the degree candidacy requirements of the student's graduate program. Admission to degree candidacy, if applicable, is a formal statement by the graduate student's faculty regarding the student's academic achievements and the student's readiness to proceed to the final research phase of the degree program.

Graduate students and program directors should refer to the following degree candidacy policy as published in the VCU Graduate Bulletin for complete information and instructions.

Visit the academic regulations section for additional information on degree candidacy requirements. (http://bulletin.vcu.edu/academic-regs/grad/candidacy/)

Graduation requirements
As graduate students approach the end of their academic programs and the final semester of matriculation, they must make formal application to graduate. No degrees will be conferred until the application to graduate has been finalized.

Graduate students and program directors should refer to the following graduation requirements as published in the Graduate Bulletin for a complete list of instructions and a graduation checklist.

Visit the academic regulations section for additional information on graduation requirements. (http://bulletin.vcu.edu/academic-regs/grad/graduation-info/)

Apply online at graduate.admissions.vcu.edu (http://www.graduate.admissions.vcu.edu).

Admission requirements

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In addition to the general admission requirements of the VCU Graduate School, the following requirements represent the minimum acceptable standards for admission:
1. Bachelor's degree in an appropriate discipline
2. Three letters of recommendation addressing the student's potential for graduate study in education
3. Statement of intent
4. Transcripts of all previous college work

Please visit the School of Education website (https://soe.vcu.edu/academics/masters-programs/med-reading/) for further information.

Degree requirements
Students must meet all general VCU Graduate School graduation requirements (http://bulletin.vcu.edu/academic-regs/grad/graduation-info/).

Curriculum requirements

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EDUS 602  Adolescent Growth and Development
EDUS 603  Seminar in Child Growth and Development
EDUS 604  Adult Development
EDUS 605  Child and Adolescent Development
EDUS/PSYC 607  Advanced Educational Psychology for Elementary Teachers
EDUS 609  Learning and Motivation in Education

Cultural, historical and philosophical
Select one of the following: 3
EDUS 601  Philosophy of Education
EDUS 610  Social Foundations of Education
EDUS 612  Education and the World's Future
EDUS 614  Contemporary Educational Thought
EDUS 673  Democracy, Equity and Ethics in Education

Core courses
READ 600  Analysis and Correction of Reading Problems 3
READ 605  Organizing and Implementing Reading Programs 3
READ 672  Internship 3
READ 700  Externship 3
TEDU 561  Reading Foundations: Sociological/ Psychological Perspectives 3
TEDU 562  Reading Instruction in the Content Areas 3

Restricted electives
Select two of the following: 1 6
READ 601  Psycholinguistics and Language Arts Curriculum
READ 602  Literacy for Adults
TEDU 525  Teaching Language Arts
TEDU 526  Word Study
TEDU/ENGL 528  Children’s Literature II
TEDU 531  Media Literacy in the K-12 Classroom
TEDU 549  Diagnostic Reading in the Secondary School
TEDU/ENGL/LING 552  Teaching English as a Second Language

Total Hours 33

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Students' advisers may designate an alternate three-credit hour course elective as a substitute for one of the restricted electives.

The minimum total of graduate credit hours required for this degree is 33.

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Program website: soe.vcu.edu/academics/masters-programs/med-reading (https://soe.vcu.edu/academics/masters-programs/med-reading/)