

MCPS SUGGESTED ELEMENTARY READING CONTENT COURSE WORK TO MEET MSDE REQUIREMENTS

MSDE requires 12 semester hours in the content for regular and special education teachers **certified** at the early childhood and elementary levels regardless of assignment.

- Processes and Acquisition of Literacy—Explains the process of language development, including the impact of phonemic awareness, and how the brain responds to reading acquisition.
- Instruction of Literacy—Shows teachers how to use a balanced program of phonics, semantics, and syntactics in teaching reading.
- Materials for Teaching Literacy—Exposes teachers to a variety of texts to be used in their classes & explains strategies for selecting/evaluation materials.
- Assessment for Literacy—Shows teachers how to use state, local, and classroom reading assessment data to make ongoing instructional modifications.

OR

Alternative to Completing Reading Course Work—Applicants or current certificate holders with certification in early childhood, elementary, or special education may test out of the reading requirement by meeting the qualifying score of 159 on the **Praxis II 5205 test, Teaching Reading: Elementary**. Renewal credits must be completed even if this option is chosen to fulfill the reading requirements.

NOTE: *If you are in an approved teacher preparation certification program, please check with your college for acceptability of any of these courses. If you find another course that you believe may apply, please submit a written request via email with the link to the course description along with a written request regarding the applicability of the course to Marie.Bercaw@mcpsmd.org.*

REQUIREMENT	COURSE
Processes and Acquisition of Reading Skills	RD-58 Processes and Acquisition of Literacy (MCPS) REA-5000TE Foundations in Reading (Grand Canyon U) ELM-5050TE Foundational Literacy Skills & Phonics (Grand Canyon U) EDUC 243* Processes and Acquisition of Reading (Montgomery College) EDU 666 Process and Acquisition of Reading (Trinity Washington U) EDUC 717W How the Brain Learns to Read: Decoding, Comprehension, and Motivation (U of LaVerne) RDNG 504 Phonological Theory and Application (Univ of Phoenix On-Line)
Methods of Reading Instruction	RD-60 Instruction of Literacy (MCPS) EDUC 244* Elementary Instruction of Reading (Montgomery College) EDU 530C Methods of Teaching Reading in the Content Area: Elementary (Trinity Washington U) EDU 704B Instruction of Reading (Trinity Washington U) RDNG 501 Reading Methods: Elementary (Univ of Phoenix On-Line) RDNG 500 Reading Methods: Primary (Univ of Phoenix On-Line)
Assessment for Reading Instruction	RD-61 Assessment for Literacy (MCPS) REA-5100TE Survey of Reading Assessments (Grand Canyon U) EDUC 246* Assessment for Reading Instruction (Montgomery College) EDUC 41471 Teaching Struggling Readers (K-3)/Flex Course (PDI/Univ of California San Diego Extension Graduate Level Credits must be earned) EDUC 41449 Response to Intervention in Reading (K-6)/Flex Course (PDI/Univ of California San Diego Extension Graduate Level Credits must be earned) EDU 734B Assessment for Reading Instruction (Trinity Washington U) EDU 896A Corrective Strategies for Remediating Reading (Trinity Washington U) RDNG 503 Diagnosis and Remediation (Univ of Phoenix On-Line) RDNG 511 Reading Assessment (Univ of Phoenix On-Line)
Materials for Teaching Reading	RD-59 Materials for Teaching Literacy (MCPS) REA-5850TE Children’s Literature (Grand Canyon U) EDUC 245* Materials for Reading Instruction (Montgomery College) EDUC 41467 Using Children’s Literature in the Classroom (PDI/Univ of California San Diego Extension Graduate Level Credits must be earned) EDU 526A Children’s Literature/Materials for Reading (Trinity Washington U) RDNG 505 Children’s Literature (Univ of Phoenix On-Line)

*** Undergraduate courses are not applicable toward advanced salary placement and are not eligible for tuition reimbursement for MCEA.**

Contact Information:

MCPS Professional Development Online (PDO) at <https://pdo.mcpsmd.org/ia/render.userLayoutRootNode.uP>

Grand Canyon University at <https://www.gcu.edu/individual-courses/continuing-education>

Montgomery College at <http://www.montgomerycollege.edu/distance>

Trinity Washington University at <http://www.trinitydc.edu/continuing-education/>

University of LaVerne at <https://www.pdcourses.net/> (search by course number or search courses)

University of Phoenix at <https://www.phoenix.edu/programs/continuing-education/education.html> -- Click on Course Schedule (Contact

Nicole.Berkebile@phoenix.edu for enrollment and discount information.)

University of California San Diego, Extension Graduate Level Credits, via Professional Development Institute at <http://www.webteaching.com/>