Program Objectives:

Based on the International Reading Association (IRA) and the Ohio Reading standards, this program is designed to help prepare Ohio educators to meet the course requirements needed for the Ohio Reading Endorsement while earning the Concordia University Chicago Reading Specialist Master’s. This program will enable candidates to:

• Strengthen their foundational knowledge of reading and writing processes
• Apply varied instructional practices, methods, and curriculum materials to literacy instruction
• Use assessment to plan and evaluate effective reading instruction
• Create literate environments that foster literacy instruction
• Recognize that students come first
• View professional development in reading as a career-long effort

Program Requirements:

Students must meet the following requirements to be eligible for the Ohio Reading Endorsement:

• Hold a valid Ohio Teaching License prior to entering the program
• Complete 15 credit hours in the Reading Endorsement Program
• Pass all State of Ohio examinations
• Must have completed the following Pre-Service (undergraduate coursework) Reading Requirements
  • 9 credit hours for those candidates with an Adolescent/Young Adult (AYA), multi-age, or career technical license
  • Areas in these hours include:
    Knowledge and beliefs about reading
    Communicating information about reading
    Individual differences
    Creating a literate environment
    Word identification
    Study strategies
    Vocabulary and spelling
    Research
    Comprehension
    Writing and assessment
    Supervision of paraprofessionals
    Knowledge base
    Curriculum development
• 3 credit hours literature course (Children's or Young Adult Literature undergraduate credit)
• 3 credit hours for Phonics Course (graduate or undergraduate credit)

Areas of Study

All Courses to be Taken in Sequential Order Within a Cohort Group for the Ohio Reading Endorsement

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Courses may be taken for the Ohio Reading Endorsement only without completing the courses for a CUC Reading Specialist Master’s

Five Reading Endorsement courses, completion of a phonics course requirement (either in your undergraduate program or by taking the Concordia University course EDU 6233 Effective Use of Phonics in Reading), and an acceptable score on the Ohio Department of Education – Educator Preparation “Teaching Reading 0204” Specialty Area Test are required for the Reading Endorsement in the State of Ohio.

Please Note: Final decisions regarding past coursework will be made by the Concordia University Chair of the Department of Literacy and Early Childhood.