

GOALS AND COURSE TOPICS

For:

This program is designed for the experienced educator who is interested in expanding their skills to support student growth and success in reading.

What you learn:

The mission of Averett University is to prepare students to serve and lead as catalysts for positive change. Averett fulfills this mission by educating students from diverse backgrounds, cultures, and nations through liberal arts-based undergraduate and graduate programs in a personal, collegial, interdisciplinary environment. In order to provide a strong theoretical base, a core of courses that examine philosophical, psychological, and research-oriented issues is required.

Through this core, the graduate program provides both theoretical and practical experiences for teachers who wish to become leaders in their profession and strengthen their understanding of the process of reading development.

How you learn:

The M.Ed. Reading Specialist program is presented online in an accelerated format allowing you to complete the program in under two years.

You'll take classes one at a time in six-week blocks to allow intense study of each concept. No face-to-face meetings are required.

Career Outcomes:

Individuals who obtain the endorsement may become a reading specialist, coach, or instructional specialist to support K-12 reading programs.

Please Note:

This program does not lead to teacher licensure in the state of Virginia.

Program and course requirements are subject to change.

Students must have at least one year of experience as a primary or secondary classroom teacher and be able to submit evidence they hold a Collegiate Professional teacher license as well as evidence of passing scores on the RVE (Reading Specialist) and VCLA.

In lieu of a thesis, students will complete a Comprehensive Exam by responding online to a set of questions over the weekend.

CORE COURSES AND CREDITS

COURSE	COURSE TITLE	CREDITS
ED 518	ORIENTATION TO GRADUATE EDUCATION	1
ED 504	PHILOSOPHY OF EDUCATION	3
ED 501	RESEARCH IN EDUCATION	3
ED 540	SURVEY OF READING	3
ED 502	CHILD AND ADOLESCENT PSYCHOLOGY	3
ED 532	LANGUAGE DEVELOPMENT	3
ED 534	TEACHING LITERACY IN THE CONTENT AREA	3
ED 542	DIAGNOSES/PRESCRIPTIONS OF READING DIFFICULTIES	3
ED 544	PRACTICUM IN DIAGNOSES/PRESCRIPTIONS OF READING DIFFICULTIES	3
ED 508	THE EXCEPTIONAL STUDENT	3
ED 546	ORGANIZATION AND SUPERVISION OF READING PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT	3
ED 500	COMPREHENSIVE EXAM	0

TOTAL CREDITS REQUIRED FOR GRADUATION: 31



Cougar Checklist

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Apply

Your next step on your educational journey starts NOW! Apply to Averett Graduate & Professional Studies [here!](#)

2

Make an Appointment with Our Admissions Team

To get you started on your path to success, please make an appointment with our Admissions team. Our counselors will guide you through the application process. Make an appointment [here!](#)

3

Submit Official Transcripts

Averett GPS will order and pay for all transcripts. All you need to do is fill out the Transcript Request Form. To do so, please go [here](#) and complete Step 1B.

4

Submit Photo of Driver License or Govt Issued ID

To ensure your personal security, please submit a valid photocopy of your Driver License or Government Issued ID to ready2becougar@averett.edu

5

Pay Enrollment Deposit

Submit your \$50 tuition deposit online through our [secure payment center](#). For 'Select a Deposit Type', please choose 'Non-Traditional Enrollment Deposit'.

6

Complete the Financial Agreement Form

This form will let us know how you intend to pay for the program. Please go [here](#) and follow Step 2B to fill out the electronic Financial Agreement Form.

7

Financial Aid Forms

Please fill out the Financial Aid Information form, the Title IV Authorization Form and the FERPA form. To fill out these forms, please go [here](#) and follow Step 3C.

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Make an Appointment with our New Start Coordinator

With all steps completed, please make a [Schedule Review & Preparation for Success](#) and [Welcome Call](#) meeting. During these meetings, you will learn more about your program and Averett GPS.

If you choose to submit paper forms for any of the steps above, documents should be mailed or faxed to:



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