

MS in Education, Reading & Literacy

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California	Reading and Language Arts Specialist (K-12)	<p>California accepts completion of a state-approved graduate degree in reading and literacy, with a grade "C" or better in all coursework.</p> <p>Applicants must hold a valid basic California teaching credential.</p> <p>Please be aware that applicants will incur additional fees for required exams (national or state-specific) and state license applications. Applicants may also need to demonstrate they meet state-specific experience requirements and state ethical requirements for the profession.</p> <p>Capella University is not accepting applications into the MS in Education, Reading & Literacy program from residents of California who intend to seek professional license or certification in California.</p>
Florida	Certification in Reading	<p>Florida learners must first apply for the reading endorsement with the Florida board before enrolling in a program.</p> <p>Applicants must hold a Florida educator license.</p> <p>Please be aware that applicants will incur additional fees for required exams (national or state-specific) and state license applications. Applicants may also need to demonstrate they meet state-specific experience requirements and state ethical requirements for the profession.</p> <p>Capella University is not accepting applications into the MS in Education, Reading & Literacy program from residents of Florida who intend to seek professional license or certification in Florida.</p>
Georgia	Professional Reading endorsement	<p>Georgia accepts completion of a state-approved reading and literacy preparation program. For the Professional Reading endorsement, applicants must hold a Level 4 or higher renewable professional certificate in any teaching, service, or leadership field.</p> <p>Capella's MS in Reading and Literacy program is not designed to help learners move from a Non-Renewable, Non-Professional Certificate to a Clear and Renewable or Induction Certificate. Capella's program will not lead to the Clear and Renewable Certificate (Non-Tiered Certification model) or the Induction Certificate (Tiered Certification model) in Georgia.</p> <p>Please be aware that applicants will incur additional fees for required exams (national or state-specific) and state license applications. Applicants may also need to demonstrate they meet state-specific experience requirements and state ethical requirements for the profession.</p> <p>Capella University is not accepting applications into the MS in Education, Reading & Literacy program from residents of Georgia who intend to seek professional license or certification in Georgia.</p>

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Idaho	Literacy (K-12)	<p>Idaho accepts completion of an accredited reading and literacy preparation program that is state-approved.</p> <p>Capella's program is accredited by the Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation and approved by the Minnesota Professional Educator Licensing and Standards Board.</p> <p>Applicants must hold a 5 year renewable Idaho certificate.</p> <p>Please be aware that applicants will incur additional fees for required exams (national or state-specific) and state license applications. Applicants may also need to demonstrate they meet state-specific experience requirements and state ethical requirements for the profession.</p> <p>Capella University is not accepting applications into the MS in Education, Reading & Literacy program from residents of Idaho who intend to seek professional license or certification in Idaho.</p>
Iowa	Reading Specialist	<p>Iowa accepts completion of a master's degree in reading and literacy with coursework in specific content areas.</p> <p>Applicants must hold an Iowa teaching license and have at least 3 years of experience which included the teaching of reading as a significant part of the responsibility.</p> <p>Completing Capella's program and holding an Iowa teaching license may not be enough, depending on your experience and prior education.</p> <p>Please be aware that applicants will incur additional fees for required exams (national or state-specific) and state license applications. Applicants may also need to demonstrate they meet state-specific experience requirements and state ethical requirements for the profession.</p> <p>Capella University is not accepting applications into the MS in Education, Reading & Literacy program from residents of Iowa who intend to seek professional license or certification in Iowa.</p>
Minnesota	Teacher of Reading endorsement	<p>Capella University's MS in Education, Reading & Literacy program will meet the educational requirements for professional licensure in Minnesota.</p> <p>Minnesota accepts completion of a state-approved reading and literacy preparation program.</p> <p>Capella's program is approved by the Minnesota Professional Educator Licensing and Standards Board.</p> <p>Minnesota applicants will need to hold or qualify for a Minnesota teaching license valid for one or more of the following levels or specialty areas; Elementary, Middle, Secondary, K-12 Special Education teaching, English as a Second Language teaching, or Adult Basic Education teaching.</p> <p>Please be aware that applicants will incur additional fees for required exams (national or jurisdiction-specific) and license applications. Applicants may also need to demonstrate ethical requirements for the profession.</p> <p>Capella University is not accepting applications into the MS in Education, Reading & Literacy program from residents of Minnesota who intend to seek professional license or certification in Minnesota.</p>

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Nevada	Reading Specialist (K-12)	<p>Nevada accepts completion of a state-approved master's degree in reading and literacy.</p> <p>Applicants must hold a Nebraska educator certificate.</p> <p>Please be aware that applicants will incur additional fees for required exams (national or state-specific) and state license applications. Applicants may also need to demonstrate they meet state-specific experience requirements and state ethical requirements for the profession.</p> <p>Capella University is not accepting applications into the MS in Education, Reading & Literacy program from residents of Nevada who intend to seek professional license or certification in Nevada.</p>
New Jersey	Educational Services standard certificate, Reading Specialist endorsement	<p>New Jersey accepts completion of a state-approved master's degree in reading and literacy with coursework in specific content areas.</p> <p>Applicants must have a New Jersey teaching license and at least 2 years of fulltime teaching experience.</p> <p>Please be aware that applicants will incur additional fees for required exams (national or state-specific) and state license applications. Applicants may also need to demonstrate they meet state-specific experience requirements and state ethical requirements for the profession.</p> <p>Capella University is not accepting applications into the MS in Education, Reading & Literacy program from residents of New Jersey who intend to seek professional license or certification in New Jersey.</p>
New York	Literacy Initial or Professional certificate (Birth-Grade 6 or Grades 5-12)	<p>New York accepts completion of a state-approved reading and literacy preparation program with coursework in specific content areas.</p> <p>New York requires a 50 hour practicum with experience at the lower level and upper level of the certificate. If New York learners are seeking both Literacy certificates, Birth - Grade 6 and Grade 5 -12, 25 hours of practicum should be completed at each level. New York learners will need to have 5 hours to their practicum to meet New York's requirements.</p> <p>Applicants must hold a valid New York Classroom Teaching Certificate.</p> <p>Please be aware that applicants will incur additional fees for required exams (national or state-specific) and state license applications. Applicants may also need to demonstrate they meet state-specific experience requirements and state ethical requirements for the profession.</p> <p>Capella University is not accepting applications into the MS in Education, Reading & Literacy program from residents of New York who intend to seek professional license or certification in New York.</p>

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Ohio	Literacy Specialist	<p>Ohio accepts completion of a state-approved reading and literacy preparation program from a regionally accredited university.</p> <p>Applicants must hold a valid Ohio teaching license.</p> <p>Please be aware that applicants will incur additional fees for required exams (national or state-specific) and state license applications. Applicants may also need to demonstrate they meet state-specific experience requirements and state ethical requirements for the profession.</p> <p>Capella University is not accepting applications into the MS in Education, Reading & Literacy program from residents of Ohio who intend to seek professional license or certification in Ohio.</p>
Oregon	Reading, Early Childhood (3-grade 4), Elementary (grade 3-8), Middle (grades 5-10) or High School (grades 7-23)	<p>Oregon accepts completion of a state-approved reading and literacy preparation program in a state which has signed the NASDTEC Interstate Agreement.</p> <p>Oregon learners must first obtain a Minnesota license with a reading endorsement before applying in Oregon.</p> <p>Applicants must hold an Oregon educator license.</p> <p>Please be aware that applicants will incur additional fees for required exams (national or state-specific) and state license applications. Applicants may also need to demonstrate they meet state-specific experience requirements and state ethical requirements for the profession.</p> <p>Capella University is not accepting applications into the MS in Education, Reading & Literacy program from residents of Oregon who intend to seek professional license or certification in Oregon.</p>
Pennsylvania	Reading Specialist (PK-12)	<p>Pennsylvania accepts completion of a state-approved reading and literacy preparation program.</p> <p>Applicants must hold a Pennsylvania instructional teaching license.</p> <p>Please be aware that applicants will incur additional fees for required exams (national or state-specific) and state license applications. Applicants may also need to demonstrate they meet state-specific experience requirements and state ethical requirements for the profession.</p> <p>Capella University is not accepting applications into the MS in Education, Reading & Literacy program from residents of Pennsylvania who intend to seek professional license or certification in Pennsylvania.</p>

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Texas	Reading Specialist certificate (Early Childhood-12)	<p>Texas accepts completion of a state-approved master's degree in reading and literacy from a regionally accredited university.</p> <p>Texas learners must first obtain a Minnesota license with a reading endorsement before applying in Texas.</p> <p>Applicants must hold a Texas teaching license and have at least 2 years of classroom teaching experience.</p> <p>Please be aware that applicants will incur additional fees for required exams (national or state-specific) and state license applications. Applicants may also need to demonstrate they meet state-specific experience requirements and state ethical requirements for the profession.</p> <p>Capella University is not accepting applications into the MS in Education, Reading & Literacy program from residents of Texas who intend to seek professional license or certification in Texas.</p>
Utah	Reading Level 1 or Level 2 (K-12)	<p>Utah accepts completion of a state-approved graduate degree in reading and literacy with coursework in specific content areas.</p> <p>Utah recommends obtaining board approval of coursework before enrolling in a program.</p> <p>Utah learners must obtain a Minnesota license with a reading endorsement before applying in Utah.</p> <p>Applicants must have a Utah teaching license.</p> <p>Please be aware that applicants will incur additional fees for required exams (national or state-specific) and state license applications. Applicants may also need to demonstrate they meet state-specific experience requirements and state ethical requirements for the profession.</p> <p>Capella University is not accepting applications into the MS in Education, Reading & Literacy program from residents of Utah who intend to seek professional license or certification in Utah.</p>
Virginia	Reading Specialist	<p>Virginia accepts completion of a state-approved master's degree in reading and literacy from a regionally accredited university, with a practicum that includes experience in the diagnosis and remediation of reading difficulties.</p> <p>Applicants must hold a Virginia teaching license and have at least 3 years of classroom teaching experience in which the teaching of reading was an important responsibility.</p> <p>Please be aware that applicants will incur additional fees for required exams (national or state-specific) and state license applications. Applicants may also need to demonstrate they meet state-specific experience requirements and state ethical requirements for the profession.</p> <p>Capella University is not accepting applications into the MS in Education, Reading & Literacy program from residents of Virginia who intend to seek professional license or certification in Virginia.</p>