

READING & WRITING SPECIALIST (TEACHER CERTIFICATION FOR ALREADY CERTIFIED TEACHERS)

<https://cps.unh.edu/online/academics/post-baccalaureate-teacher-certification>

Description

This Post-Baccalaureate Program is for candidates interested in pursuing an additional teacher licensure. The Post-Baccalaureate Teacher Licensure program is designed for 21st Century Educators, providing an in-depth focus on the critical issues that are transforming the landscape of education - innovation, critical thinking, problem solving and collaboration.

Requirements

Minimum GPA requirement of 3.0

Prerequisites: Must have completed a master's degree as defined by state licensure guidelines and have three years classroom teaching experience.

Code	Title	Credits
Post Bac Reading & Writing Specialist ¹		
<i>Introductory Level Education Courses</i>		
EDC 800	Introduction to Clinical Experience	1
EDC 823	Teaching Language Arts and Literacy	6
EDC 875	Foundations of Language and Literacy Development	4
<i>Intermediate Level Education Courses</i>		
EDC 876	Reading and Writing Disabilities: Assessment and Instruction	4
EDC 877	Content Area Literacy	4
<i>Advanced Level Education Courses</i>		
EDC 879	Role of the Reading and Writing Specialist I - Practicum	6
EDC 880	Role of the Reading and Writing Specialist II - Practicum	6
Total Credits		31

¹ A minimum grade of B- is required in all Major coursework.

State Licensure Requirements

The following requirements must be completed in order to be recommended to the state for Teacher licensure.

- **Pearson Reading Specialist Exam** required. Students must attempt to pass exam prior to taking the Culminating Teaching Experience & Seminar. Passing exam scores are required for state licensure.
- **Earned Master's Degree** required. The RWS license requires an earned master's degree in a literacy-related area.

Degree Plan

This degree plan is a sample and does not reflect the impact of transfer credit or current course offerings. UNH CPS Online students should develop individual academic plans with their academic advisor during their first semester at UNH.

Sample Course Sequence

First Year		
Fall		Credits
EDC 800	Introduction to Clinical Experience Nonclinical; Complete CHRC Process	1
EDC 823	Teaching Language Arts and Literacy ^{Clinical A}	6
EDC 875	Foundations of Language and Literacy Development ^{Clinical B}	4
Credits		11
Spring		
EDC 876	Reading and Writing Disabilities: Assessment and Instruction ^{Clinical A}	4
EDC 877	Content Area Literacy ^{Clinical A}	4
Credits		8
Second Year		
Fall		
EDC 879	Role of the Reading and Writing Specialist I - Practicum ^{Clinical A}	6
EDC 880	Role of the Reading and Writing Specialist II - Practicum ^{Clinical A}	6
Credits		12
Total Credits		31

Note: Only 1 Clinical A course allowed per term

Student Learning Outcomes

Program Learning Outcomes Students will:

- Be reflective and knowledgeable about learners and are able to employ instructional methods, strategies and technologies to meet the needs of all students;
- Have a rich understanding of the subject/s that they teach;
- Employ best practices in the planning, delivery and assessment of instruction to improve learning achievement of Pre-K-12 students.

Disclosures

Professional Licensure/Certification Disclosures

The University of New Hampshire offers a number of academic programs designed to lead to professional licensure or certification in New Hampshire. However, completing a UNH degree/program does not guarantee professional licensure or certification. Eligibility may also depend on factors like years of work experience, professional examinations, passing a background check, and other criteria.

UNH does not guarantee that its professional licensure programs will satisfy the criteria of professional licensure boards in other states. Some states maintain different requirements for professional licensure or certification and requirements can change frequently. Federal regulations require the University to make public disclosure of certain information regarding professional licensure or certification programs, regardless

of the modality the program is offered (i.e., in-person or online). The University provides guidance below but recommends students contact their state/territory licensing or certification board to ensure a program meets specific state/territory requirements.

Visit the Office of the Registrar's [website](#) for information about whether this program meets professional licensure requirements in your state.