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# COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

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## READING - ELEMENTARY EDUCATION

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### **RDNG 5023: Literacy Curriculum Design and Analysis**

Prerequisites: DYS 5003 Dyslexia and Other Learning Disorders, DYS 5013 Foundation of Language and Literacy Development, DYS 5023 Interpreting and Administration of Assessments for Planning Instruction or by permission.

Analysis of the different perspectives and dichotomies in reading curriculum analysis, evaluation, and implementation. This course will prepare reading specialists to plan, organize, assess, and supervise/coach reading programs in school systems. Candidates will use current research to evaluate issues and trends in curriculum planning, program assessment, and staff development.

### **RDNG 5053: Literacy, Technology, and the Reading Environment**

Prerequisites: DYS 5003 Dyslexia and Other Learning Disorders, DYS 5013 Foundation of Language and Literacy Development, DYS 5023 Interpreting and Administration of Assessments for Planning Instruction, or special permission of the program director.

This course focuses on literacy, technology, and the reading environment. Understanding the components of technology and its relationship to best practices when teaching and integrating reading instruction is imperative for the master's of reading candidate. This course will use the science of reading as a foundation including: phonics, phonemic awareness, comprehension, writing, fluency, vocabulary, and alphabetic principle. Analysis of new skills gained in this course will be applied to better support teacher and student growth.

### **RDNG 6043: Multicultural Literacy, Language, and Culture**

This course focuses on the relationship between literacy, language, and culture in multilingual and multicultural settings. This course provides opportunities for students to investigate important theoretical perspectives informing research in literacy, language, and culture. Students examine the relationship between child and young adult multicultural literature, language use, instructional activities, and the development of literacy, language, and culture in multilingual and multicultural settings. In this course students will have the opportunity to examine and develop their personal philosophy of literacy, language, and culture in linguistically and culturally diverse settings. They will also be encouraged to carefully examine their beliefs and attitudes about their own language and about the language of others who live around them. Being aware of their beliefs and attitudes will help them become more tolerant of the variation in language use from one individual to the next and from one group to the next. It will also help you better understand the change the language constantly undergoes in personal and social use.

### **RDNG 6086: Reading Practicum**

Prerequisites: Completion of required courses in the program

In this practicum candidates will apply their knowledge of language and literacy theories, research and best practices to an ongoing assessment-instruction process. Candidates work intensively with an individual or a small group of primary, intermediate, or secondary struggling readers at a public, charter, or parochial school daily for 12 weeks. This course is designed to provide both a theoretical base for the causes, diagnosis, and treatment of reading difficulties as well as a practical hands-on opportunity for graduate students to administer a battery of tests to the individual(s), interpret the results, and build a case report that makes corrective recommendations based on the results. Roles of Reading Specialists and Literacy Coaches will be examined.