Research is clear that children who are not reading by third grade struggle with reading all their lives. For this reason, student attainment of reading proficiency by no later than the third grade is a key goal of all schools. Gaining licensure as a Reading Specialist in Kansas requires the completion of an approved Reading Specialist Program. The Newman University Graduate School of Education offers PreK-12 degree and licensure programs that provide the competencies necessary for educators interested in advancing their careers as a building or district Reading Specialist, Literacy Coach, or Reading Program Supervisor.

**MASTER OF SCIENCE IN EDUCATION (MS.Ed.): EMPHASIS IN READING SPECIALIST CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION**

This graduate degree program (11 courses/33 hours) is designed to provide full-time working teachers with the insights, skills, and methods necessary to develop and deliver reading instructional strategies and interventions for students, and the leadership skills necessary to lead a PreK-12 school reading program. Additionally, this program prepares candidates to successfully pass the Praxis, and meet KSDE academic requirements to apply for the conditional 2-year PreK-12 Reading Specialist license in the State of Kansas.

**REQUIRED COURSES FOR THE MS.Ed. DEGREE:**

- EDUC 6003 Cultural Diversity
- EDUC 6023 Research and Applications
- EDUC 6053 Advanced Curriculum Methods
- EDUC 6063 Advanced Instructional Methods
- EDUC 6503 Knowledge and Beliefs about Reading
- EDUC 6513 Accessing Literature & Informational Text
- EDUC 6543 Learning and Reading Strategies
- EDUC 6553 Reciprocal Reading & Writing Process
- EDUC 7063 Leadership Theories and Philosophies
- EDUC 7203 Leadership Coaching Techniques
- EDUC 8963 Reading Specialist Practicum*

*This course is 16 weeks and all others are 8 weeks

This program is designed for completion in less than two years!

**THE CURRICULUM**

Both the Reading Specialist graduate degree program and the Reading Specialist licensure program place emphasis on the design and organization of a school reading program, the development of knowledge and beliefs about reading, and the organization of a reading program. The curriculum includes a school-based Reading Practicum capstone course, which provides the candidate the opportunity for the practical application of skills and knowledge in a work setting with the support of a mentor.

**LOOKING FOR LICENSURE ONLY?**

**REQUIREMENTS FOR THE 2-YEAR INITIAL PREK-12 READING SPECIALIST LICENSE:**

If you have a master’s degree from another institution, contact us for a transcript analysis to determine your plan of study. For students who have completed our ESOL Curriculum & Instruction program, there are usually only four courses remaining and federal aid is available. If needed. However, one must be degree seeking to qualify for the TEACH grant.

This program prepares candidates to successfully pass the Praxis, and meet KSDE academic requirements to apply for the conditional 2-year PreK-12 Reading Specialist license.

This program is designed for completion in two semesters!
FINANCIAL AID
To apply for federal financial aid, complete the FAFSA (www.fafsa.gov). After completing the FAFSA, you may be eligible for the Stafford Unsubsidized Loan or, if you teach in a high needs school, the TEACH grant (http://www.newmanu.edu/attend-nu/financial-aid/teach-grant).

TEACH GRANT ELIGIBILITY
To be eligible for a TEACH Grant, a student must:
• Maintain at least a 3.25 cumulative GPA on a 4.0 scale.
• Be accepted into the Newman University Education program.
• Contact the Financial Aid Office for details 316.942.4291 ext 2103

Note: If you receive a TEACH Grant but do not complete the required four years of teaching service within eight years after completing the coursework for which you received the grant, or if you otherwise do not meet the requirements of the TEACH Grant Program, all TEACH Grant funds you received will be converted to a Federal Direct Unsubsidized Stafford/Ford Loan, which you must repay in full with interest to the Department of Education. Once a TEACH Grant is converted to a loan, it cannot be converted back to a grant.

LEON MCNEILL GRANT
The Leon McNeill Grant is available to teachers at Catholic schools who are enrolled in master’s education programs at Newman University. It provides 25% off the regular graduate education tuition rate and may be renewed each year with continued enrollment and employment as a Catholic school teacher. To apply, request an application from the Financial Aid Office.

KANSAS TEACHER SERVICE SCHOLARSHIP
This scholarship is offered through The Kansas Board of Regents. For more information, visit www.newmanu.edu/KSTeacherService.

COURSE DELIVERY
All 8-week courses are taught within a flexible delivery model that includes face-to-face, video conferencing, and online interactive courses and recorded classes. These innovative methods are the hallmarks of Newman’s Outcome-Based, “personal touch” program that is clearly a Degree of Difference at Newman!

Please follow directions noted below for your program. Upon satisfactory receipt of all documents, a Plan of Study will be created for you, and you will be e-mailed the registration form.

MASTER OF SCIENCE ADMISSIONS STEPS
• STEP 1: Apply online to the Graduate College (Pay $25 processing fee): http://newmanu.edu/academics/graduate-programs/master-of-science-in-education/msed-application-process
• STEP 2: Complete the online Program Survey, providing a writing sample of less than 300 words on “My Philosophy of Education and Why I Want to Earn a Master’s Degree” and provide emails for two references (one must be a supervisor). Once two positive references are received, a Plan of Study will be made for you, and you will be emailed the registration form to enroll!
• STEP 3: Submit official transcript(s) of Bachelor’s degree and any Graduate courses earned. Digital transcripts are preferred and must be sent from your university to admissions@newmanu.edu (Make sure you include the “u” after newmanu)

Reading Specialist Licensure Program Admission:
The admission process is the same as above; however, if you are a Newman MS.Ed. graduate, you will not need to pay the $25 processing fee.

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