



William & Mary
School of Education

LITERACY LEADERSHIP or READING SPECIALIST

Prepare master teachers, literacy leaders and future readers.

Do you want to provide essential leadership for a school's overall literacy program? Make it a reality with an M.A.Ed. in Curriculum & Instruction with a concentration in Literacy Leadership or a Post-Professional Certificate – Reading Specialist from William & Mary. Gain the skills and confidence to play a key role in leading and supporting teachers to become more effective practitioners in literacy teaching. Teachers can continue to work while taking courses, preparing them to add a Reading Specialist endorsement to their current teaching license.

FAST FACTS

Designed for: Certified teachers interested in adding the Reading Specialist endorsement

Format: Fully online, designed for working professionals

Prerequisites:

Master's degree – Bachelor's degree in education
Certificate program – Master's degree in education

Course requirements:

Master's degree – 33 credits, typically completed in two years
Certificate program – 21 credits, typically completed in 14 months

Focus: Current, research-based effective instruction in literacy

Tuition: education.wm.edu/tuition

COURSE TOPICS INCLUDE:

Certificate (21 credits):

- Diverse Literature for Children
- Literacy Instruction for Diverse Learners
- Teaching of Writing
- Diagnosis & Correction of Reading Difficulties
- Word Knowledge: Phonics, Spelling & Vocabulary
- Literacy Leadership
- Coaching & Internship

Master's Program (in addition to the above – 33 credits):

- Research Methods
- Language Development & English Language Learners
- Diagnosis & Correction Practicum
- Reading & Writing Across the Curriculum

LICENSURE

For students who hold a valid Virginia teaching license and have three years of successful teaching experience, this program provides completers with the necessary coursework to seek an add-on endorsement for Reading Specialist by the Virginia Department of Education.

Note: Successful licensure requires a qualifying score on the Reading Specialist (RVE) Assessment.

LEARN MORE

View the program of study
at education.wm.edu/ci

Questions about applying?
Contact graded@wm.edu
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CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION

The need for highly-educated, well-prepared teachers has never been greater. There is a steadily rising demand for teachers, especially in high-need areas such as STEM, ESL/Bilingual and special education. Graduates of our teacher preparation programs are highly sought by school districts throughout Virginia and across the nation.

William & Mary is preparing tomorrow's educational leaders by providing a comprehensive experience for students. Our programs combine investigation of educational ideas and practices with supervised laboratory, clinical and practicum experiences. They are designed to develop in students the specific knowledge, skills and attitudes that are essential to effective teaching.

CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION PROGRAM OFFERINGS

GRADUATE LEVEL:

M.A.Ed. – Curriculum & Instruction

Elementary Education

Secondary Education

(English, Mathematics, Science or Social Studies)

ESL/Bilingual Education

Special Education

Literacy Leadership

Certificates – Autism Spectrum Disorder, ESL/Bilingual Education, Gifted Education, Special Education, Reading Specialist

UNDERGRADUATE LEVEL:

B.A.Ed. – Elementary Education (optional concentrations in ESL/Bilingual and Special Education)

Education as a second major (Elementary or Secondary Education)

Minors – Educational Studies and ESL/Bilingual Education

APPLY NOW

Find full details about applying online at education.wm.edu/admissions

WHY W&M?

Looking to pursue a graduate degree in education? Here are a few reasons to consider W&M:

A welcoming and supportive community

The School of Education is big enough to offer a diverse range of programs, people and experiences, but small enough to feel like family. You'll make close connections with your fellow students and your professors — relationships that will stay with you for life and help you forge your own career path.

A focus on leadership in education

Our programs produce leaders — people with the passion, skills and tenacity to effect change in education. Our alumni achieve early recognition, becoming school leaders and innovators.

A campus in the heart of historic Williamsburg

Founded in 1693, W&M is a campus that offers years of history and countless beloved traditions.

Professors who are leaders in the field

Our faculty are recognized and respected around the world for instruction and research. They're passionate about their own research as well as the success of their students — they are, after all, teachers first and foremost.

Field experiences that will change your life

You won't be stuck in lectures and you won't have to wait until after graduation to begin making a difference in the lives of students and communities. Opportunities abound to pursue meaningful, fulfilling experiences that allow students to both learn and contribute.

Programs for students at every career stage

Our graduate programs are designed to meet the needs of a diverse student population that includes full-time and part-time students, people re-entering the paid work force after raising a family and recent recipients of bachelor's or master's degrees preparing for advanced positions in the field of education.