

# Certificate of Literacy Specialist



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The Literacy Specialist Certificate program provides content in advanced principles in literacy—theory, assessment, curriculum development and research. Completion of the certificate allows K-12 teachers to meet the requirements for the Read to Succeed (R2S) Literacy Specialist advanced endorsement by the South Carolina Department of Education. Literacy Specialist will have developed the essential leadership skills and knowledge to address literacy needs, not just in English language art courses, but across content areas of instruction. Student may submit their transcripts to the South Carolina Department of Education following successful completion of the course of study.

In order to join the Literacy Specialist Certificate program, students must have completed the seven prerequisite courses obtained through completing Clemson's Literacy Teacher Certificate and Literacy Coach Certificate.

The **four-course, asynchronous Literacy Specialist Certificate program** admits students for a Fall entrance term. The application deadline is August 1.

### **EDLT 8180 Organization, Administration and Supervision in Literacy**

Focuses on planning, organizing, implementing, supervising and administering school-wide, comprehensive literacy programs. Emphasis is given to development of school-wide literacy program evaluation, accountability, improvement and support.

### **EDLT 8210 Practicum in Literacy Coaching**

Approaches to literacy coaching that develop the teacher's knowledge, decision-making skills and reflection techniques are emphasized. Roles and responsibilities of a coach are enacted within classroom and school contexts. Mentoring is provided by a local school-based coach and university faculty.

## Required Courses

### **ED 9540 Curriculum Theory**

Main currents of curriculum theory in American education.

### **EDF 9810 Design Based Research**

Addresses the perspectives and frameworks for conducting design-based research toward refining educational interventions and practices.

## S.C. Teacher Incentive

The Literacy Specialist Certificate program offers a South Carolina Teacher Incentive reducing tuition by 10% for all in-state South Carolina K-12 teachers/leaders.

## Program Goals

After completing the Literacy Specialist Certificate, students will be able to:

- > Design a professional development school-wide program for teachers to improve literacy K-12 classrooms.
- > Apply current American educational curriculum theory to comprehensive literacy program development.
- > Apply design-based research project to evaluate and refine educational interventions and practices in literacy.

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