



Virginia Tech's Reading Program:

- Taught by award-winning, full-time VT faculty.
- Dual Reading Specialist and English Language Learner endorsement option.
- Cohort beginning in Roanoke in 2011!

<http://www.tandl.vt.edu/readingspecialist/index.html>

Tuition and Fees

Teachers serving Title I schools may be eligible for **grants up to \$4000** through the federal TEACH grant. Download details at www.studentaid.ed.gov.

Virginia public school employees may be eligible for reduced tuition rate. Download the application at <http://www.vto.vt.edu/k12.html>

Required Courses-Reading

- EDCI 5324: Language, Literacy, & Culture
- EDCI 5304: Assessment for K-12 Literacy Instruction (Alternative)
- EDCI 5404: Practicum in Clinical Reading (supervised work w/children)
- EDCI 5334: Literacy Inquiry
- EDCI 5354: Literacies & Technology (Online/Hybrid)
- EDCI 5344: Review of Literacy Research (Online)
- EDCI 5264: Reading in the Content Areas
- EDCI 4414: Teaching Composition
- EDCI 5744 Teaching Language in Schools (ELL methods)
- EDCI 5114: Advanced Educational Psychology (Online/Hybrid)
- EDCI 5555/5556: Reading Specialist Practicum- (6 Hours –Yearlong)

Offering face-to-face, online, & alternative schedule courses for the busy professional!

Courses-ELL

- EDCI 5724 Grad Seminar I Teaching Language in the Schools
- EDCI 574 Grad Seminar II Teaching Language in the Schools
- EDCI 5784 Research in Multicultural Education
- ENG 4074 English Syntax
- EDCI 4064 Modern English Linguistics
- 6 Hours of Foreign Language

Optional ELL/
Endorsement
Available



Master of Arts in Reading Education

Virginia Reading Specialist Endorsement for Teachers (PK-12)

College of Liberal Arts
and Human Sciences

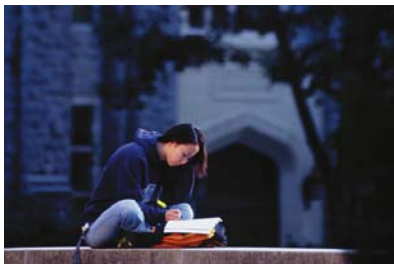
School of Education

Dept. of Teaching &
Learning

<http://www.tandl.vt.edu>

Program Overview

The Reading Specialist Program at Virginia Tech is a Master's Degree Program that prepares experienced teachers to earn endorsement in the Commonwealth of Virginia as Reading Specialists. This K-12 endorsement enables successful candidates to work as reading specialists at elementary, middle, or high schools. The program is accredited by the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE) and the International Reading Association (IRA). This program meets the high standards set by these professional organizations.



Literacy Affiliated Faculty

Mary Alice Barksdale, Ed D.

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Research interests: Sociocultural influences on reading, literacy studies, literacy teacher education.

- 2009 Fulbright Scholar Nelson Mandela University, Port Elizabeth, South Africa
- 1995 Fulbright Scholar Hertzen Pedagogical Institute, St. Petersburg, Russia
- 1995 Albert J. Harris Award, International Reading Association

Heidi Anne Mesmer, Ph D.

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Research Interests: Text-reader matching, PK-3 reading, word study.

- 2009 Promising Scholar Award, SOE
- 2003 National Academy of Education/Spencer Post Doc Fellowship
- 1998 USF Teaching Award

Sara Kajder, Ph D.

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Research interests: Adolescent literacy, new literacies, emerging technologies and teacher practice.

- 2007 CITE/JTATE Award for Outstanding Methods Course
- 2005 UVA Teaching Award
- 2002 National Technology Leadership Fellowship

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Research Interests: Immigration & education, critical pedagogy, service learning & teacher education.

- 2008 School of Education Diversity Award
- 2005 VT Multicultural Fellow
- 2002 VT Excellence in Teaching Award

Admission Eligibility

To be eligible for consideration, applicants must meet the following requirements:

- Have three years of teaching experience.
- Hold a baccalaureate degree.
- Have a minimum GPA of 3.0 in the last 60 credit hours of undergraduate academic work. (*GRE not required*)

Application Process

1. Complete an admission packet to the Graduate School.
<http://www.grads.vt.edu/>
2. Submit three letters of recommendation.
3. Submit a writing sample verifying advanced writing skills.
4. Complete an interview with literacy faculty.

Fall Deadline: July 1st

Spring Deadline: Dec. 1st