

# READING TEACHER ENDORSEMENT



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### ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS:

Applicants must have their initial teaching license and an undergraduate GPA of 2.75 or higher.

### COST:

Each 3-credit course costs roughly \$1550, which includes fees. The Reading Teacher Endorsement requires six 3-credit courses.

### REGISTRATION PROCEDURE:

After applicants are accepted to the program, they receive instructions on how to register online.

### APPLICATION DEADLINE:

Students may begin the endorsement program in fall, spring, or summer semesters. Application deadlines are as follows:

For fall, July 1st  
for spring, Nov. 1st  
For summer, April 1st

### ACADEMIC CALENDAR:

Fall 2023 classes begin on Aug. 21.  
Spring 2024 classes begin on Jan. 16.  
Summer 2024 classes begin on May 20.

### DELIVERY MODE:

Our program is hybrid. The first four courses (LTCY 501, 502, 504, and 507) are remote/online. Clinical Practicum, in which graduate students tutor two children who struggle with reading, is held in person. Clinical Practicum is a one-semester double course that would meet on Saturdays.

### TEXTBOOK PURCHASE:

The Literacy Education professors notify students of required texts two weeks in advance of classes starting. Students are free to purchase or rent texts in any way they prefer to minimize the cost. Professors are mindful of textbook costs and work to contain them.

### TRANSFER HOURS POLICY:

Courses taken elsewhere that meet ISBE requirements for LTCY 501, LTCY 502, and/or LTCY 504 can be substituted for those courses. LTCY 507 and LTCY 508/510 (Clinical Practicum) must be taken through Northeastern Illinois University.

### TOTAL HOURS NEEDED:

18 credit hours

### SPECIAL CHARACTERISTICS:

The Literacy Education program at Northeastern Illinois University has maintained an excellent reputation in northern Illinois for more than 40 years. We've received national recognition from the International Literacy Association and are CAEP-accredited. Our faculty is passionate about helping K-12 teachers reach their professional goals. Northeastern offers a top-quality literacy education for a relatively low cost.

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### REQUIRED COURSES:

LTCY 501 Literacy Instruction in Primary and Elementary Grades  
LTCY 502 Disciplinary Literacy Instruction in Secondary Grades  
LTCY 504 Children's and Young Adult Literature For Literacy Instruction  
LTCY 507 Literacy Assessment and Instructional Planning  
LTCY 508/510 Clinical Practicum