

Reading Specialist Add-On Endorsement:

Prior to September 1, 2024, requirements 1 through 3 below must be completed to add "Reading Specialist" to an existing, valid Louisiana teaching certificate. Beginning September 1, 2024, all four requirements must be completed:

**[Verify certificate is valid](#) (not expired) before requesting an add-on endorsement. If the certificate has expired or is nearing expiration, consult with the Louisiana employing school system to make the certificate valid BEFORE submitting application for add-on endorsement.*

To add an area/endorsement to a teaching certificate use the [Evaluation, Add-On, Course Approval, & Name Change Application \(EV\)](#) packet. Submit the request with all applicable items listed in the application packet checklist, as one PDF, through the online certification portal.

Eligibility Requirements	Course Code or Exam Number
Hold a valid* Type A, A* B, B*, Level 3, Level 3*, Level 2, or Level 2* Louisiana teaching certificate	
Graduate degree from an institution accredited in accordance with 34 CFR 602	
Complete twelve (12) graduate semester hours in reading education as listed below and reflected on official transcripts:	
Foundations or survey of reading instruction – 3 semester hours (RDG 5210)	RDG 5210
Diagnosis and correction of reading difficulties, including a testing/tutorial practicum under the supervision of qualified personnel – 6 semester hours	RDG 5710 RDG 6510
Reading in the content areas – 3 semester hours	RDG 5250
Effective September 1, 2024: Earn a passing score on Praxis - Teaching of Reading: Elementary (5205) or Teaching of Reading: Elementary Subtest (7002).	Exam _____