

# LITERACY INSTRUCTION CERTIFICATE

The Graduate Certificate in Literacy Instruction comprises six courses focusing on the key components of high-quality literacy instruction and assessment. Four courses can be taken for the certificate only option (12 credits). All six courses are required in order to be eligible to apply for the K12 Reading Teacher Licensure Certificate (<http://catalog.css.edu/programs-az/stender-business-leadership-professional-studies/education/k12-reading-teacher-licensure-certificate/>) (15 credits + 100 hour Practicum). The courses provide relevant research, learning experiences and hands-on opportunities to gain a greater understanding of how to teach reading skills, strategies, and comprehension to kindergarten through grade 12 students.

The K12 Reading Teacher Licensure is an option for educators who have an existing Minnesota teaching license and wish to expand and deepen their knowledge of teaching reading.

## Contact Information

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## Learning Outcomes

Upon completion of the certificate in Literacy Instruction, the student will meet the set of program outcomes within the specialized content/context:

1. Apply best practices and effective instructional strategies grounded in current education theory to promote student learning.
2. Develop cultural self-awareness and cultural fluency to work effectively with students and communities of diverse backgrounds.
3. Engage in the process of inquiry and critical thinking regarding current educational issues and practices.
4. Be able to examine and analyze data to make informed instructional student centered decisions.
5. Identify and apply 21st Century technologies and strategies to enhance student learning.
6. Gain skills to become advocates and change agents for 21st century learners.

## Requirements

Students must achieve the following program requirements for all courses listed under Program Requirements and Program Required Courses for the Literacy Instruction certificate.

### Program Requirements

**Certificate Credits:** 12

**Minimum GPA:** 3.0

**Minimum Grade:** C

### Program Required Courses

Code	Title	Credits
EDU 6340	Foundations of Literacy	3
EDU 6350	Effective Literacy Instruction	3
EDU 6360	Reading in the Content Areas	3

EDU 6375	Literacy Assessment and Interventions	3
<b>Total Credits</b>		<b>12</b>

Students should consult with their academic advisor for details on completing the K-12 Reading Teacher Licensure Certificate (<http://catalog.css.edu/programs-az/stender-business-leadership-professional-studies/education/k12-reading-teacher-licensure-certificate/>) program.

## Degree Requirements

To graduate from The College of St. Scholastica, graduate students must meet the following minimum degree requirements.

**Minimum GPA: 3.0**