# Guidance Document: Reading Endorsement Programs

## Program Requirements
- Must be offered only at the graduate level
  - Current Ohio Board of Regents (OBR) approval for all existing undergraduate level Reading Endorsement programs will expire on September 15, 2013.
  - Students currently enrolled in currently approved undergraduate level programs may continue, however must complete the program by June 15, 2014.
  - Institutions not currently holding OBR approval of a graduate level Reading Endorsement program may not admit new Reading Endorsement students in Spring 2013, Summer 2013 or Fall 2013.
  - Institutions not currently holding OBR approval of a graduate level program that plan to seek Reading Endorsement program approval for student enrollment beginning in Spring 2014 must submit program proposals to the OBR by September 15, 2013.
- Reading Endorsement programs must require a total of 15 to 21 course credit hours, with at least 75 percent of a candidate’s course credits toward the endorsement earned at the graduate level.
  - While credit hours for reading coursework previously earned as part of an initial licensure program may be credited toward a maximum of 25 percent of the Reading Endorsement program completion requirements, no undergraduate hours may be credited toward post-baccalaureate degree requirements.
  - Maximum credit allowed for previous coursework is: 3 course credit hours in a 15-course credit hour program; 4 course credit hours in a 16, 17, 18, or 19-course credit hour program; 5 course credit hours in a 20 or 21-course credit hour program.
- Reading Endorsement program coursework must be aligned with the current Ohio approved modified International Reading Standards.
- Reading Endorsement programs program requirements must include either 100 field hours distributed across K-12 grade levels or six hours of reading practicum delineated in the current Ohio approved modified International Reading standards.

## Candidate Requirements
- Current Ohio educator license
- Baccalaureate degree completion prior to enrollment
- Applicants holding the Adolescent/Young Adult (AYA), multi-age, or career technical license must have completed a pre-requisite nine credit hours of undergraduate or graduate level reading sequence coursework before being admitted.
- All other applicants must have completed the pre-requisite 12 semester credit hours of undergraduate or graduate level reading sequence coursework before being admitted.
- Pre-requisite coursework is stipulated in Ohio Revised Code 3319.24:
  - Must include at least one separate three semester hour course in the teaching of phonics
  - Must include coursework on:
    - knowledge and beliefs about reading
    - knowledge base
    - individual differences
    - reading difficulties
    - creating a literate environment
    - word identification
    - vocabulary and spelling
    - comprehension
    - study strategies
    - writing
    - assessment
    - communicating information about reading
    - curriculum development
    - professional development
    - research
    - supervision of paraprofessionals

## Candidate Outcomes Requirements
- Achieve a passing score on the state-approved educator reading test
- Achieve assessment results at or above institutionally-established threshold scores on multiple performance-based assessments throughout program

## Resources:
- Ohio Revised Code, Education-Libraries; Schools-Superintendent; Teachers-Employees: [http://codes.ohio.gov/orc/3319.24](http://codes.ohio.gov/orc/3319.24)
- Ohio Administrative Code, Department of Education, Licensing and Education Programs: [http://codes.ohio.gov/oac/3301-24-05](http://codes.ohio.gov/oac/3301-24-05) (Section E, 14)
- OBR Requirements and Standards Chart: [https://ohiohighered.org/education-programs/standards-requirements#endorsements](https://ohiohighered.org/education-programs/standards-requirements#endorsements)

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