Guidance Document:
Reading Endorsement Programs

Program Requirements	Candidate Requirements	Candidate Outcomes Requirements

• Must align to the Ohio Reading Competencies.
• 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.
	• 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
		• 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
- Ohio Administrative Code, Department of Education, Licensing and Education Programs: http://codes.ohio.gov/oac/3301-24-05 (Section E, 14)
- Ohio Standards for the Teaching Profession: http://education.ohio.gov/GD/DocumentManagement/DocumentDownload.aspx?DocumentID=90026
- International Reading Association Standards: http://www.reading.org/general/CurrentResearch/Standards/ProfessionalStandards2010.aspx
- OBR Requirements and Standards Chart: https://ohiohighered.org/education-programs/standards-requirements#endorsements