

R7-2-615. Endorsements

~~F. Reading Specialist Endorsement—grades K-12~~

- ~~1. The reading specialist endorsement shall be required of an individual in the position of reading specialist, reading consultant, remedial reading teacher, special reading teacher, or in a similar position.~~
- ~~2. The requirements are:
 - ~~a. An Arizona elementary, secondary, or special education certificate; and~~
 - ~~b. Fifteen semester hours of courses to include decoding, diagnosis and remediation of reading difficulties, and practicum in reading.~~~~

F. Reading Endorsement

1. A reading endorsement shall be required of an individual in the position of reading or literacy specialist, reading or literacy coach, and reading or literacy interventionist.
2. Reading Endorsement for grades K-8. The requirements are:
 - a. A valid Arizona elementary special education or early childhood certificate;
 - b. Three years of full-time teaching experience;
 - c. Three semester hours of a supervised field experience or practicum in reading completed for the grades K-8; and
 - d. One of the following:
 - i. Twenty-one semester hours beyond requirements of initial provisional or standard teaching certificate to include the following:
 - (1) Three semester hours in the theoretical and research foundations of language and literacy;
 - (2) Three semester hours in the essential elements of elementary reading and writing instruction (K-8);
 - (3) Three semester hours in the elements of elementary content area reading and writing (K-8);
 - (4) Six total semester hours in reading assessment systems;
 - (5) Three semester hours in leadership; and
 - (6) Three semester hours of elective courses in an area of focus that will deepen knowledge in the teaching of reading to elementary students, such as children's literature, or teaching reading to English Language Learners.

- ii. Proof of a comparable valid reading specialist certificate or endorsement from another state may be substituted for the requirements described in R7-2-615(F)(2)(c) and R7-2-615(F)(2)(d)(i).
- e. A passing score on the reading endorsement professional knowledge portion of the Arizona Educator Proficiency Assessment for grades K-8 may be substituted for 21 semester hours of reading endorsement coursework as described in R7-2-615(F)(2)(d)(i).

3. Reading Endorsement for grades 6-12. The requirements are:

- a. A valid Arizona elementary, secondary, or special education certificate;
- b. Three years of full-time teaching experience;
- c. Three semester hours of supervised field experience or practicum in reading completed for the grades 6-12; and
- d. One of the following:
 - i. Twenty-one semester hours beyond requirements of initial provisional or standard teaching certificate to include the following:
 - (1) Three semester hours in the theoretical and research foundations of language and literacy;
 - (2) Three semester hours in the essential elements of reading and writing instruction for adolescents (grades 6-12);
 - (3) Three semester hours in the elements of content area reading and writing for adolescents (grades 6-12);
 - (4) Six total semester hours in reading assessment systems;
 - (5) Three semester hours in leadership; and
 - (6) Three semester hours of elective courses in an area of focus that will deepen knowledge in the teaching of reading such as adolescent literature, or teaching reading to English Language Learners.
 - ii. Proof of a comparable valid reading specialist certificate or endorsement from another state may be substituted for the requirements described in R7-2-615(F)(3)(c) and R7-2-615(F)(3)(d)(i).
- e. A passing score on the reading endorsement professional knowledge portion of the Arizona Educator Proficiency Assessment for grades 6-12 may be substituted for 21 semester hours of reading endorsement coursework as described in R7-2-615(F)(3)(d)(i).

4. Reading Endorsement – grades K-12. The requirements are:
- a. A valid Arizona elementary, secondary, special education certificate or early childhood certificate;
 - b. Three years of full-time teaching experience;
 - c. Three semester hours of a supervised field experience or practicum in reading completed for the grades K-5;
 - d. Three semester hours of a supervised field experience or practicum in reading completed for the grades 6-12; and
 - e. One of the following:
 - i. Twenty-four semester hours beyond requirements of initial provisional or standard teaching certificate to include the following:
 - (1) Three semester hours in the theoretical and research foundations of language and literacy;
 - (2) Three semester hours in the essential elements of elementary reading and writing instruction (K-grade 8);
 - (3) Three semester hours in the essential elements of reading and writing instruction for adolescents (grades 6-12);
 - (4) Three semester hours in the elements of elementary content area reading and writing (K-grade 8);
 - (5) Three semester hours in the elements of content area reading and writing for adolescents (grades 6-12);
 - (6) Six total semester hours in reading assessment systems; and
 - (7) Three semester hours in leadership;
 - ii. Proof of a comparable valid reading specialist certificate or endorsement from another state may be substituted for the requirements described in R7-2-615(F)(4)(c), R7-2-615(F)(4)(d), and R7-2-615(F)(4)(e)(i).
 - f. A passing score on the reading endorsement professional knowledge portion of the Arizona Educator Proficiency Assessment for grades K-8 and a passing score on the reading endorsement professional knowledge portion of the Arizona Educator Proficiency Assessment for grades 6-12 may be substituted for 24 semester hours of reading endorsement coursework as described in R7-2-615(F)(4)(e)(i).