

# READING TEACHER ENDORSEMENT

Subsequent Endorsement for educators with a current Professional Educator License (PEL) in Illinois.

Based on the International Literacy Association (ILA) and the Illinois Reading standards, this program is designed to help prepare Illinois educators to meet the course requirements needed for the Illinois Reading Endorsement. This program will enable candidates to:

- Strengthen their foundational knowledge of reading and writing processes
- Apply varied instructional practices, methods, and curriculum materials to literacy instruction
- Use assessment to plan and evaluate effective reading instruction
- Create literate environments that foster literacy instruction
- Recognize that students come first
- View professional development in reading as a career-long effort

## General Graduate Admission Requirements

All applicants must meet the general admission requirements for Concordia University Chicago graduate programs as published in the Concordia University Chicago academic catalog (<https://catalog.cuchicago.edu/graduate/graduate-admission-student-services/>).

New students are accepted into graduate degree-seeking, approval, certificate, endorsement and/or post-graduate programs for online and on-campus study in the fall, spring, or summer semesters. Previously admitted students seeking to change programs may do so at the beginning of a semester (only) by submitting a Change-of-Program quick app (<https://capp.cuchicago.edu/graduate/change-of-program/>).

Applicants must be in good academic standing according to Concordia University Chicago's satisfactory academic progress standards at the time of requesting a program change.

## Endorsement Requirements

Code	Title	Hours
EDU-6212	Studies in Literacy and Multiliteracy	3
EDU-6230	Content Reading: Middle and Secondary Schools	3
EDU-6234	Assessment of Reading with Remedial Materials and Resources	6
EDU-6298	Reading Practicum Using Developmental Instruction and Support	6
<b>Total Hours</b>		<b>18</b>

## Non-degree Completion Requirements

- Have on file an application as a non-degree-seeking graduate student.
- Complete, for the program being sought:
  - the credit hours and levels as designated,
  - within the specified time limit,
  - with course grades of C- or higher,
  - with a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0.

- Students completing multiple advanced programs or degrees at CUC must have a 3.0 GPA in each academic program in addition to a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0.
- If transfer credit is approved to be applied: have on file an approved "Graduate Transfer Credit Approval" form(s) or evaluation(s).
- Have on file the Intent to Graduate/Complete form with the Office of the Registrar by the published deadline.
- Take and pass the final examination or terminal requirements in the program during or after the final course.
- Approval of the faculty.
- All administrative obligations to CUC must be cleared in order to prompt the release of CUC transcripts.

Every attempt has been made to include information to aid the student with information about his/her program requirements. It is, however, the student's responsibility to complete all steps and meet all deadlines relevant to completion requirements.

This program does not lead to initial Illinois licensure (PEL) but will, through direct university entitlement, lead to an additional credential on your existing PEL. The awarding of this credential will require the completion of this academic program and an existing and active PEL, and may require a passing score on the corresponding Illinois State Licensure Test(s), associated work experience, a previous master's degree, and completion of a state training academy. For specific requirements regarding this credential please refer to ISBE (<https://www.isbe.net/Pages/Professional-Educator-License.aspx>)'s webpage or contact the Licensure Officer at [licensure@cuchicago.edu](mailto:licensure@cuchicago.edu).