

# READING AND WRITING SPECIALIST (POST- BACCALAUREATE TEACHER CERTIFICATION - FOR ALREADY CERTIFIED TEACHERS)

Granite State College offers a Post-Baccalaureate Program for candidates interested in pursuing teacher certification. The Post-Baccalaureate Teacher Certification program is designed for 21st Century Educators, providing an in-depth focus on the critical issues that are transforming the landscape of education - innovation, critical thinking, problem solving and collaboration.

## Students Will:

- Be reflective and knowledgeable about learners and are able to employ instructional methods, strategies and technologies to meet the needs of all students;
- Have a rich understanding of the subject/s that they teach;
- Employ best practices in the planning, delivery and assessment of instruction to improve learning achievement of Pre-K-12 students.

## Admission

The application process for the Post-Baccalaureate Teacher Certification Programs is a two-part application process. Applications for admission are accepted on a rolling basis, offering the opportunity to begin studies at Granite State College at any term during the year. There are four start dates (Fall, Winter, Spring and Summer) throughout the academic year. Please see the "Academic Calendar" section.

## Application for Admission

Part I is due at Admission.

## Supporting Documents

Part II is required for full admission and includes the following:

- Bachelor's Degree with a 3.0 GPA average for the last 60 credit hours, or a 3.0 GPA at the graduate level, from a regionally accredited college or university.
- Completed application form.
- 500-1000 word statement which includes professional goals and aspirations, motivation for applying for the degree, and relevant formal or informal experiences.
- Two signed letters of professional or academic reference and/or two completed recommendation forms.
- Current resume.
- Official transcripts of all previous college work (with translation and evaluation if completed outside of the United States) sent directly to the Graduate Admissions Office, by the Registrar of the colleges or universities attended.
- Passing PRAXIS CORE Academic Skills for Educators scores or current teacher certification.
- Criminal History Records Check.

- Means for meeting minimal technical requirements: <https://td.unh.edu/TDCClient/60/Portal/KB/ArticleDet?ID=3240> (<https://td.unh.edu/TDCClient/60/Portal/KB/ArticleDet/?ID=3240>).

Students are also required to attend a New Student Orientation.

Additional Requirements Completed in EDU 700 Introduction to Field Experience/Program Requirements (1 s.h.) Include:

- Personal Plan of Study
- Identification of Field Placement and Supervising Practitioner or Mentor

Minimum GPA requirement of 3.0

Prerequisites: Must have completed a master's degree in a literacy-related field as defined by state certification guidelines and have three years classroom teaching experience.

Code	Title	Credits
<b>Post Bac Reading &amp; Writing Specialist <sup>1</sup></b>		
<i>Introductory Level Education Courses</i>		
EDU 700	Introduction to Field Experience and Program Requirements	1
EDU 710	Teaching Language Arts and Literacy	6
EDU 730	Foundations of Language and Literacy Development	4
<i>Intermediate Level Education Courses</i>		
EDU 712	Reading and Writing Disabilities: Assessment and Instruction	4
EDU 713	Content Area Literacy	4
<i>Advanced Level Education Courses</i>		
EDU 711	Role of the Reading and Writing Specialist I - Practicum	6
EDU 711A	Role of the Reading and Writing Specialist II - Practicum	6
<b>Total Credits</b>		<b>31</b>

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A minimum grade of C is required in all Major coursework.

## State Certification Requirements

The following requirements must be completed in order to be recommended to the state for Teacher Certification.

- **Pearson Foundations of Reading Exam** required. Students must attempt to pass Pearson Foundations of Reading Exam prior to taking the Culminating Teaching Experience & Seminar. Passing exam scores are required for state certification.
- **Earned Master's Degree** required. The RWS certification requires an earned master's degree in a literacy-related area.