The M.Ed. in reading provides prospective reading specialists with integrated experiences in all aspects of the reading curriculum, ranging from preschool to adult levels. This nationally-accredited and Virginia Board of Education-approved program promotes a passion for lifelong reading education, embracing literacy practices across all levels (early childhood, elementary, intermediate, secondary and adult).

Students will gain an understanding of the developmental and diagnostic processes involved in teaching reading and the language arts, and will learn to effectively plan reading and literacy instruction. Prior to graduation, students must complete a reading portfolio documenting their work in the program and related work experiences. An externship course enables candidates to work collaboratively to implement an action research project and share results of their learning through a virtual presentation. Candidates will be required to complete a three-credit internship, which enables candidates to provide intensive instruction to struggling learners, collaborate with colleagues and practice coaching skills under the direct supervision of VCU faculty.

Application Requirements:

- VCU Graduate School online application
- Bachelor’s degree in an appropriate discipline
- Statement of intent
- Three letters of recommendation
- Transcripts from previous academic work
- Satisfactory GRE or MAT scores

Application deadline:

- February 1 for Fall and Summer admission
- October 1 for Spring admission

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