How to apply

Submit the information listed below. A written response will be mailed to you indicating acceptance status along with course registration information. You do not need to apply for admission to UW-Stevens Point for acceptance into this program. There is no cost to apply.

Send the following information

- 17 Reading Specialist Program Plan - Fill out only the top portion: www.uwsp.edu/education/GraduatePages/Certifications/readingCert.aspx
- A brief letter of introduction including: a statement of intent specifying your interest in the 17 license, future goals for a master’s degree (if applicable), and a brief summary of your educational background and teaching experiences (past and present). Include name, address, work and home phone numbers, and email address.
- Provide a letter of support from an administrator with whom you have worked.
- Copy of current Teaching License(s)
- Copy of your transcript(s) (need not be official). If you have an already established graduate degree file in the UW-Stevens Point School of Education that includes a copy of your teaching license and all updated transcripts, please indicate this in your letter.

Send to

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For additional information, please contact

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Program Overview

Enhance your leadership and value to your school district!

Courses for Reading Specialist 17 license must be earned within a seven-year period (starting with beginning of the term for the first course approved in your Program of Study). It is possible to complete the 17 license in one year.

At the time of your license application, you must have completed three years of successful regular, full-time classroom teaching experience in addition to the required coursework. Also prior to your license application, you must submit your Reading Specialist Professional Portfolio to be approved by the reading faculty.

Recent legislation will require a passing score on the Foundations of Reading Test for Wisconsin test prior to license approval.

Requirements For Certification

- Three years of successful full-time classroom teaching experience
- Master’s degree in an education field by the time you apply for licensure
- Reading Teacher (316) certification

Courses

- **Education 328/528: Reading in Content Areas** (3 cr. summer, odd years)
  Skills for teaching reading in content areas, related research, strategies for teaching comprehension, study skills, and critical thinking; procedures for curriculum and program development for teachers and reading specialists. Prereq: 309 or 386/586 or ENGL 381.

- **Education 749: Teacher Action Research in Reading** (3 cr. spring)
  Qualitative action research applied to teaching reading. Prepare, conduct, and report on classroom reading/writing research. Prereq: Cons instr.

- **Education 750: Supervision and Administration of Reading Programs** (3 cr. fall)
  Organization, administration, supervision and improvement of school reading programs. Apply qualitative action research to examination of school reading programs. Prereq: 749 or cons instr.

- **Education 751: Wisconsin Reading Research Symposium** (1, 3 cr. summer)
  Influence/impact of contemporary issues in literacy on reading educators and student reading achievement. Participate in Wis Reading Research Symposium.

Opportunities

- Provide administrative leadership in the K-12 literacy program
- Support the professional development of reading teachers and classroom teachers
- Facilitate the alignment of district reading curriculum with assessment
- Collaborate for best practices in literacy instruction