Specialization Requirements for the Reading Endorsement --- Academic Class.

(1) A bachelor's or higher degree with certification in an academic, degreed vocational, administrative, or specialty class coverage, and

(2) Fifteen (15) semester hours in reading coursework based upon scientifically based reading research with a focus on both the prevention and remediation of reading difficulties to include the areas specified below:

(a) Six (6) semester hours in understanding reading as a process of student engagement in both fluent decoding of words and construction of meaning;

(b) Three (3) semester hours in the administration and interpretation of instructional assessments to include screening, diagnosis, and progress monitoring with purposes of prevention, identification, and remediation of reading difficulties;

(c) Three (3) semester hours in understanding how to prescribe, differentiate instruction, and utilize appropriate strategies and materials based upon scientifically based reading research in order to address the prevention, identification, and remediation of reading difficulties in order to increase reading performance; and

(d) Three (3) semester hours in a supervised practicum to obtain practical experience in increasing the reading performance of a student(s) with the prescription and utilization of appropriate strategies and materials based upon scientifically based reading research to address the prevention, identification, and remediation of reading difficulties.