

Reading Course Requirement for Certification in Ohio

1. If you are an elementary, middle grades, special education, or IECE student, Ohio licensure requires a minimum of twelve semester hours of coursework in the teaching of reading, including at least one separate three semester hour course in the teaching of phonics. **Ohio requires 6 hours of Reading Coursework to earn initial license in Ohio.** (Educators must have completed at least six of the required 12 semester hours of coursework in the teaching of reading to be issued a standard teaching license in Ohio.)
 - NKU offers EDU 317, Teaching of Phonics in the Elementary and Middle School, which satisfies the phonics course requirement. Please note EDU 317 is NOT required for graduation from an NKU education program.
 - NKU also offers EDU 525, Differentiated Instruction in Literacy which can satisfy additional reading hours needed. Please note EDU 525 is NOT required for graduation from an NKU education program.
 - Elementary students will take EDU 302- Teaching of Reading, EDU 310- Teaching of Language Arts and ENG 386-Children's Literature which will satisfy 9 hours of reading coursework. Elementary students will need 3 additional hours of coursework in Reading. EDU 317, EDU 525 and EDU 530 are all available options.
 - UG Middle grades students will take EDU 304, Reading and Writing across the Curriculum, which will satisfy 3 hours of reading coursework. Middle Grades students will need an additional 9 hours of coursework in Reading. EDU 317, EDU 525 and EDU 530 are all available options.
 - IECE students will take EDU 554, Language Development and Emergent Literacy, which will satisfy 3 hours of reading coursework. They will need an additional 9 hours of reading coursework. EDU 317, EDU 525 and EDU 530 are all available options
2. Educators issued a license in early childhood (preK-3) or middle childhood (4-9) education or intervention specialist or early childhood intervention specialist areas on or after July 1, 2017, are required to take an additional licensure test in the foundations of reading (OAE 90). This test is aligned to Ohio's Reading Competencies. Passing this test will not result in a reading endorsement and does not replace the Praxis 5203 for teachers who are issued licenses before July 1, 2017. Find more information on the Foundations of Reading Test.
3. Most elementary, middle grades, or IECE students will leave the NKU UG program needing an additional 3- 6 hours of reading coursework that is required for an Ohio Four Year Resident Certificate. It is important to know that Ohio schools will hire you (and many NKU graduates are hired each year by Ohio schools) but you will need to complete the required reading coursework within your first four years of teaching, while completing the Ohio Resident Educator Program.
4. If you are a secondary or P-12 student, Ohio has the following requirement: A minimum of three semester hours in the teaching of reading in the content area shall be required for the professional adolescence to young adult license. EDU 530 should meet this requirement.