

# Master of Education in Reading (M.Ed. Reading Education) MSDE Reading Specialist Certification National Board Certification Preparation

**BCPS Fall 2025 Cohort Information Session: June 3 @ 5:00PM**

**Zoom: <https://towson-edu.zoom.us/my/tu.smogge>**

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The purpose of this **M.Ed. Reading Education** program is to prepare future *leaders* in literacy education who will continue their careers as classroom teachers, reading specialists, and/or literacy coaches. The program prepares candidates with advanced literacy knowledge and experiences for leading literacy programs and instruction in schools and school systems.

Completion of the program leads to advanced certification with **MSDE** as a **Reading Specialist**. Additional elective coursework will support graduate students to prepare for **National Board Certification** (NBC) in "Literacy: Reading and Language Arts."

**The M.Ed. Reading Education [program](#) prepares literacy leaders to:**

- Provide quality classroom literacy instruction for all children.
- Provide specialized literacy instruction and assessment to students at all levels.
- Conduct professional development workshops on a variety of literacy topics.
- Coach and mentor colleagues.
- Advocate for best practices in literacy for students, teachers, and schools.
- Interpret literacy research and use it to support teaching and learning.
- Integrate social justice and multicultural content and practices into literacy instruction.
- Support multilingual learners in classrooms.

## **Program Overview**

- 12 courses (3 credits each), 36-credit program.
- Nine (9) required Reading Education courses.
- Three elective courses: Preparation for National Board Certification
- Part-time, evening courses: Three-four (3-4) courses per year
- Variety of course formats in the program: Online, hybrid, in-person
- Clinical Internships (REED 626 & 726) at TU Clinic on campus or in schools.

## **TU Towson Learning Network (TLN) –BCPS cohort advantages:**

- Reduced tuition, direct tuition payment to TU, waiver of application fee.
- Coordination with school system partners, support in program enrollment and course registrations.
- In-person classes taught in a local K-12 school or online

**Program Schedule:** This cohort typically starts in the fall and can be offered with three or four courses per year, in alignment with school system tuition reimbursement policies.

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For more information on the Graduate Reading Education Program, please visit

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