



Central to Opening New Worlds.

Central's Sixth-Year Certificate in Reading & Language arts is an advanced degree program for educators interested in strengthening their skills in literacy instruction, diagnosis, and intervention, and then applying them in the classroom, as a reading specialist, and/or a language arts consultant. Program is aligned with the standards for the Preparation of Literacy Professionals 2017 of the International Literacy Association (ILA).

Program Options:

- **Reading Specialist (30 credits)**

Prepares teachers to become reading specialists in compliance with the state standards for certification in Remedial Reading and Remedial Language Arts (102 endorsement).

- **Literacy Education (30 credits)**

Prepares teachers for teaching reading and language arts to diverse groups of students in a classroom context.

- **Reading Specialist/Lang. Arts Consultant (33 credits)**

Prepares teachers to apply for the Connecticut state endorsements in Remedial Reading and Remedial Language Arts (102 certification) and Reading and Language Arts Consultant (097 certification).

Program Features

- Starts every January and August
- 30- to 36-credit program
- Attend full- or part-time
- Courses offered online and in hybrid format
- Alignment with the standards of the International Literacy Association and the International Dyslexia Association.
- Financial aid is available
- No GMAT/GRE required
- No essay, interview, or recommendation letters required for admission



What You'll Gain

- Ability to meet the ILA 2017 standards and/or the Connecticut state standards for advanced certifications in reading and language arts
- Leadership skills of modeling and mentoring to ensure that classroom teachers and other support staff acquire a wide range of instructional practice, and use curriculum materials to facilitate their reading and writing instruction
- Knowledge of various assessments appropriate for a wide range of diversity in the classroom
- Ability to mentor and support classroom teachers and other professionals in the selection, administration, and interpretation of assessments to enhance student learning and communicate results to education stakeholders
- Tools to support and mentor classroom teachers and other professionals in creating a literacy-rich environment to facilitate successful reading and writing for all children
- Commitment to be a lifelong learner and a scholar, through reading, research, and professional development
- Ability to be a leader in planning and implementing professional development programs for teachers and other professionals
- Advocacy skills to advance the profession and expand research-based practices

Applying for Admission

For consideration, applicants must submit the following:

1. A completed online application with supplemental materials (ccsu.edu/apply):
 - Copy of a current teaching certificate (one year of teaching experience is required)
2. Official undergraduate and graduate transcripts from a regionally accredited institution of higher education (GPA of 3.00 or higher)
 - Applicants must hold a master's degree in reading, education, or related field

Official transcripts may be sent directly to the Graduate Recruitment & Admissions Office:

By Mail: Central Connecticut State University
Graduate Recruitment & Admissions Office
1615 Stanley Street
Davidson Hall 116
New Britain, CT 06050

By Email: graduateadmissions@ccsu.edu

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ABOUT CENTRAL:

Central Connecticut State University is the largest university within the Connecticut State Colleges and Universities system. Founded in 1849, Central is also the state's oldest publicly funded university. Our campus is located in New Britain, Connecticut. Central is accredited by the New England Commission of Higher Education (NECHE).

