NON-DEGREE GSE CERTIFICATE IN LITERACY INSTRUCTION

I. PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

This twelve-credit Graduate Certificate is available to students enrolled in master’s and doctoral programs in many fields at Rutgers, and is open to all with a bachelor’s degree. The certificate program is designed to allow educators to develop expertise in the teaching of literacy, enabling them to optimize literacy learning opportunities for students at the elementary, middle and high school levels. Graduate students from programs outside of the field of education are also welcome; those students will acquire knowledge about the processes of literacy development and current instructional methodologies.

Students who complete the Certificate Program and then apply and are accepted into the Reading Specialist Ed.M. or endorsement programs in the GSE within five years may apply the twelve credits taken in the Certificate Program to those program requirements.

II. ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS

Official academic transcripts. Applicants must hold a bachelor’s degree or higher from a regionally accredited college or university. Applicants are not usually admitted with a GPA of less than 2.75 in their most recent degree.

III. APPLICATION AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

All applicants who are not currently in a Graduate/Non-degree program and don’t have an active RU ID # will need to complete a Graduate Study application online through http://gradstudy.rutgers.edu.

Applicants are responsible for reviewing and confirming that they meet program requirements before the application is submitted. Rutgers Graduate School of Education WILL NOT refund the application fee if an applicant is not accepted.

To Apply:
2. Click on Apply Now and follow the instructions given.
3. Choose "Non-Degree Application", for Application Type.
4. For Program Name choose "Professional Credit Programs" from the drop down menu.
5. Under “Education: Literacy Instruction Certificate 15000LR” choose the semester in which you wish to participate.
6. For Enrollment Year, select the corresponding year closest to when you plan on taking your first course.
7. Select "No" for Full-Time Study
8. Supporting materials must be submitted online or mailed to the Graduate Admissions office at Office of Graduate and Professional Admissions (New Brunswick), Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey, 56 College Ave, New Brunswick, NJ 08901-8530:
   ▪ Undergraduate and Graduate transcripts (Official sealed copies must be mailed or submitted electronically directly from the institution).
9. Continue and complete the application, pay the $65, and exit the program.
When the entire application process is complete, students simply register for the courses in the program as described on the program handouts and on the GSE website [gse.rutgers.edu](http://gse.rutgers.edu). Students who are accepted into the Graduate Certificate in Literacy Instruction program will select four courses, with advisement from program faculty, from the list below. It is the responsibility of the student to enroll in all of the required courses through Rutgers University. No program requirements may be met at any other institution. Students are expected to maintain a “B” or better average as a non-degree student in the Literacy Instruction Program. Accepted students will have 5 years to complete the program.

## IV. PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

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Select two or three courses

Select one or two courses

With prior approval from the program coordinator, courses approved for the Reading Specialist Ed.M. may be substituted.

**TOTAL MINIMUM CREDITS** 12

* Currently offered in an online format (may be offered face-to-face as well)

** Currently offered as a one-week summer course

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