



## Reading Endorsement

Program questions may be directed to:

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WSU's Reading Endorsement provides the skills and strategies necessary for those who wish to increase dramatically their knowledge of the teaching of reading as well as their cultural competence—awareness, sensitivity, and support of diverse populations—in relation to the literacy growth of students in P-12. Knowledgeable teachers are what matter most to students' literacy achievement. Our program, therefore, embeds curriculum development, pedagogical skills, and diagnostic assessment with tutoring experience. In order to complete a Reading Endorsement, candidates must complete 13-22 credits, complete requirement paperwork, and pass the WEST-E assessment.

For application materials and/or more information about endorsement programs, please go to:

<http://education.wsu.edu/student-services/endorsements/>

### **Endorsement as part of a master's degree?**

Course work from the Reading Endorsement may be applied to a master's degree. Consult your degree specialization requirements for specific information, as degree offerings vary by campus.

## Program Faculty

**Dr. Jane Kelley** teaches courses in children's literature, comprehension and writing. She taught various grade levels in elementary schools for ten years, and taught ESL at the elementary, middle, and high school levels. Her areas of interest include critical multicultural analysis of children's literature, social foundations of literacy, and literacy education.

**Dr. Barbara Ward** teaches courses in children's and young adult literature, psychology of reading, and assessment. She taught reading, writing, and social studies to elementary, middle and high school students for 25 years as well as working with gifted students. Her areas of interest include literacy education, teacher education, and incorporating children's and adolescent literature in the classroom.

**Dr. Terrell Young** teaches courses in children's literature and literacy education. He taught elementary school for ten years and has published numerous articles, book chapters, and books on literature and literacy related topics. The focus of his scholarship is literature-based practices in elementary and secondary classrooms. His particular interests are English language learners, struggling readers, content literacy, and comprehension. Dr. Young was honored to receive the International Reading Association Outstanding Teacher Educator in Reading Award in 2006.

## K-12 Reading Add-On Endorsement Required courses, 13 to 22 credits

The add-on reading endorsement requires the following:

### Four Required Endorsement Courses and Exam

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T&L 528	Content Area Reading (3)
T&L 551	Psychology of Reading (3)
T&L 553	Assessment and Instruction in Reading K-8 (4)
T&L 558	Improving Comprehension through Literature (3)
Exam	Pass West-E Reading

In addition, the Reading Endorsement requires course work in children's literature, reading and writing K-8, and ESL K-8. If students have not met these requirements the following **elective courses** are available on Pullman, Spokane and TriCities campuses:

### Children's or Young Adult Literature Course

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T&L 544	Advanced Children's Literature (3)
T&L 547	Teaching Folk Literature to Children and Adolescents (3)

### Writing Course

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T&L 546	Teaching Writing in the Elementary School (3)
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### Culture and Literacy Course

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T&L 507	Developing Literacy in a Multicultural Setting (3)
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Please review the **Reading Endorsement self-evaluation worksheet** for a comprehensive list of required courses and possible substitutions.

## Course Offering Schedule

FALL	SPRING	SUMMER
T&L 544 (TriCities 2011,2013) T&L 551 T&L 558	T&L 544 (Pullman 2013) T&L 546 T&L 507	T&L 528 T&L 544 (Spokane 2012,2014) T&L 548 T&L 553

## Application procedure

Teachers pursuing an add-on endorsement may complete requirements as a graduate or non-degree post-baccalaureate student. Application materials may be found at: <http://education.wsu.edu/studentservices/endorsements/> Non-degree seeking post-baccalaureate students should be prepared to submit the following materials to the College of Education:

- Completed program application.
- Copy of valid teacher certificate.
- Official transcripts for applicable course work.
- A self-evaluation worksheet if you have taken courses you believe will count toward the endorsement you are pursuing.
- \$50 check payable to WSU for evaluation/application fee.