



# *Reading Endorsement Program*

## **Class Descriptions and Candidate Requirements**

This three-course series required by the Georgia Professional Standards Commission to earn the Reading Endorsement. The series consists of three courses 1) *Foundational Reading and Evidence-Based Instructional Practices* 2) *Structured Literacy Instruction and Assessment* and 3) *Literacy Alignment for Curriculum Improvement*

The program consists of a total of 50 hours of instruction. Admission to the program requires the recommendation of candidates by school and system administrators. Candidates must be approved for admission before being eligible to register for the first course. The Reading Endorsement courses are conducted in a cohort format and will be offered several times each year. Candidates will be required to complete the endorsement program only in the sequence listed above.

**Note:** This Endorsement is fully aligned with HB538 and the latest State Literacy Policy & Practice.

Eligibility requirements include documentation of the following:

- A minimum of one full year of successful teaching experience;
- A valid Georgia teaching certificate Level 4 or higher
- A full-time contracted position
- Recommendations from the school principal or district leader.

## **Attendance Policy**

A strict, non-negotiable attendance policy will be enforced for each of the three courses in the Reading Endorsement program. Candidates will be expected to attend all class meetings in their entirety. No credit may be awarded to candidates who miss more than 10% of class time in any of the three courses.

## **Program Application**

Interested applicants should first download and complete additional documents found below and then complete the Electronic Endorsement Application. Incomplete application packets will not be processed. Applicants will receive notification regarding acceptance and instructions on how to register for the appropriate endorsement once approved.

**PLEASE DO NOT REGISTER ONLINE BEFORE RECEIVING OFFICIAL NOTIFICATION OF ACCEPTANCE FROM THE PL DEPARTMENT.**

- 1) Click [here](#) to download the Endorsement Memorandum of Understanding.
- 2) Click [here](#) to download the Candidate Nomination Form.
- 3) Click [here](#) to complete the Electronic Endorsement Application.
- 4) Email a copy of your GaPSC certificate **and** completed items from 1) and 2) in **one email** to your district designee or to [professionallearning@griffinresa.net](mailto:professionallearning@griffinresa.net)

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