Requirements for Professional Certification-Reading Specialist

Students seeking the Reading Specialist certificate are eligible to seek approval to test for the state Reading Specialist exam when they have:

- Completed required coursework and Practicum
- Currently in the last semester of the Reading Specialist program

**State Exam Registration:**

Students are required to submit an Eligibility Form found at the UTSA TExES website, [education.utsa.edu/texes](http://education.utsa.edu/texes) and fax the form to the TExES Office, 210-458-5794, for exam approval.

Allow two business days for exam approval. Students can check their approval status by going to their account at the Texas Education Agency (TEA) website. TEA: [www.tea.state.tx.us](http://www.tea.state.tx.us)

Registration for the state Reading Specialist exam will be completed on the ETS website: [www.texas.ets.org](http://www.texas.ets.org)

This exam is only offered as a paper-based test (PBT) at this time. Check the UTSA TExES website or the ETS website for exam schedules and registration deadlines.

**Applying for State Certification:**

Once the UTSA course requirements have been completed and the state exam for Reading Specialist is passed, go to the TEA website to apply for the Reading Specialist certificate. In addition, students may apply and pay for the Master Reading Teacher endorsement and UTSA will recommend for both certificates.

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