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
- 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.texas.gov
- Registration for the state Reading Specialist exam will be completed on the testing vendor’s website at http://www.tx.nesinc.com/.
- This exam is offered as a Computer Administered Test (CAT) with limited administration sessions available. Check the testing vendor’s website for the Limited-Administration schedule.

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.

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