



# 40 Hour Reading Requirement for Certificate Renewal

6A-4.0051 Renewal and Reinstatement of a Professional Certificate - paragraph (1)(a)

**Starting with the 2025 certification renewal year** the following certifications will have to complete at least two college credits, 40 in-service points, or a combination of the two in evidence-based instruction and interventions grounded in the science of reading, specifically designed for students with characteristics of dyslexia, including the use of explicit, systematic, and sequential approaches to reading instruction, developing phonological and phonemic awareness, decoding, and implementing multisensory intervention strategies.

**\*\* (7)(b)** An educator may use earned RDD credit for both the purposes of SWD and RDD. **\*\***

(RDD = Reading Difficulties, Disabilities, and Dyslexia)

These certifications:

- Elementary Education (K-6)
- Prekindergarten/Primary Education (age 3 through grade 3)
- Elementary Education (grades 1-6)
- Primary Education (grades K-3)
- Middle Grades English (grades 5-9)
- Middle Grades Integrated Curriculum (grades 5-9)
- English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) (grades K-12)
- Reading (Endorsement)
- English (6-12)
- Reading (K-12)
- English (1-6)
- Exceptional Student Education (grades K-12) (renewal beginning with a validity date of July 1, 2025)



**The BEESS Portal to Professional Learning Alternatives (fl-pla.org) offers a variety of online courses, at no cost to Florida educators, that may satisfy the requirement.** (External PD not needed – can be used for RDD and SWD)

- Science of Reading: An Introduction (bankable 5 points online independent course)
- Reading Difficulties, Disabilities, and Dyslexia (bankable 20 points online independent course)
- Structured Literacy through Multi-Sensory Approach (bankable 20 points online independent course)
- Exploring Structured Literacy (bankable 40 points online facilitated course)

**SDOC participants can register through MyPGS for the following courses, which may satisfy this requirement:**

- Exploring Explicit Reading Instruction - RDD (40 bankable points) (For RDD and SWD)
  - Reading Endorsement Competencies 1, 2 & 4 (60 bankable points per course)
- \*Qualifying courses (after Fall 2019\*) are identified with RDD in the title (ONLY for RDD, not SWD)

**The FLDOE/UF/ Flamingo Literacy Project includes these courses, at no cost to Florida educators, that may satisfy the requirement.**  
(Can only be used for RDD, not SWD)

- Elementary or Secondary Micro-Credential (60 bankable points) [Literacy Microcredentials](https://lastinger.center.ufl.edu/work/literacy/flamingo-literacy/literacy-microcredentials/)  
(<https://lastinger.center.ufl.edu/work/literacy/flamingo-literacy/literacy-microcredentials/>)
- Reading Endorsement Competencies 1 and 2 (60 bankable points each) [Literacy Matrix](https://lastinger.center.ufl.edu/work/literacy/flamingo-literacy/literacy-matrix/)  
(<https://lastinger.center.ufl.edu/work/literacy/flamingo-literacy/literacy-matrix/>)

\*Any costs associated with taking a course with an approved vendor is the responsibility of the participant. An External PD must be submitted to receive initial approval before beginning any external courses. (Unless noted above) If courses are taken with a vendor that is not on the approved list, credit will not be provided.

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