



MOUNT ST. JOSEPH  
UNIVERSITY®

## READING SCIENCE

Master of Arts | Dyslexia Certificate |  
Ohio Reading Endorsement |  
Reading Science Certificate  
[www.msj.edu/reading-science](http://www.msj.edu/reading-science)

### WHAT WE'RE ABOUT

The Mount's program uses a scientifically based reading research model. Course work includes three courses in Orton-Gillingham Structured Literacy Instruction. Through our programs, students learn instructional approaches to teach reading, writing, and spelling using an explicit, sequential, structured language approach with multisensory methodology.

### LEARN MORE

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### A NATIONAL LEADER IN READING EDUCATION

- Mount St. Joseph University's Reading Science program is one of the first in the nation to be accredited by the International Dyslexia Association (IDA). Our program has earned the **Accreditation Plus level**.
- Designed for the working professional, the Mount's Reading Science Program is convenient to an educator's schedule, as it is available **fully online**.
- Three program options in reading science are offered:
  - **Master of Arts Degree:**  
requiring a total of 33 credit hours
  - **Dyslexia Certificate:**  
requiring 21 credit hours  
**Meets the IDA-CERI Structured Literacy/  
Dyslexia Interventionist Certification**
  - **Ohio Reading Endorsement:**  
requiring 18 credit hours
  - **Reading Science Certificate:**  
requiring 15 credit hours.



## TESTIMONIALS

"As a reading teacher, I now feel equipped, empowered, and confident that I have the skills to teach any student with dyslexia or other reading disabilities using best practices based on the most current and relevant research."

– Sandra  
Bermuda

"The Reading Science program at the Mount was exactly what I was looking for! It has been invaluable to my professional development as an educator."

– Jessica  
Fitchburg, Wisconsin

"The Mount combines the most informative, classroom-relevant instruction with an easy to manage format for the classroom teacher."

– Holly  
Morganza, Louisiana

"I am in my 10th year of teaching, and the Reading Science program has completely changed my outlook on teaching reading."

– Scott  
Cincinnati, Ohio

## ADMISSION CRITERIA

Applicants must submit:

- A completed graduate application at [www.msj.edu/apply](http://www.msj.edu/apply).
- A copy of current teaching license (only required for the Ohio Reading Endorsement).
- A letter of intent.
- A copy of your resumé.
- Contact information for two professional references.
- Official college transcripts showing a cumulative GPA of no less than 3.0; a GPA below 3.0 requires completion of the GRE.
- Acceptable criminal background check.

**May Cohorts:** Applications are accepted August 1st - Dec. 1st

**August Cohorts:** Applications are accepted Dec. 1st – March 1st

**January Cohorts:** Applications are accepted April 1st – August 1st

For more information about program requirements, please consult the online graduate catalog at [www.msj.edu/gradcatalog](http://www.msj.edu/gradcatalog).

## READING SCIENCE PROGRAM OPTIONS

### Master of Arts Degree (MA) (33 credits)

MA degree students will complete the core set of courses and continue with 18 additional credit hours. Most students complete the MA degree in 6 semesters.

### Dyslexia Certificate (21 credits)

The Dyslexia Certificate is issued by the University. Students also meet requirements for the **IDA-CERI Interventionist level certification**. Most students complete the certificate in 4 semesters.

### Ohio Reading Endorsement (18 credits)

The Endorsement can be attached to any current Ohio teaching license. Most students complete the endorsement in 3 semesters.

### Reading Science Certificate (15 credits)

The Reading Science Certificate includes our core set of courses (15 credit hours) and addresses best practices in teaching reading.

## READING SCIENCE COURSES

### Reading Science Certificate: 15 credit hours

RDG 505 Psychology of Reading (7 weeks)  
RDG 540 Fluency and Comprehension (7 weeks)  
RDG 530 Phonics and Linguistics (7 weeks)  
RDG 538 Data-Based Decision-Making I (7 weeks)  
RDG 591 Evidence-Based Practicum I Orton-Gillingham (16 weeks)

### Ohio Reading Endorsement: 18 credit hours

Five Core Reading Science Certificate courses plus:  
RDG 539 Data-Based Decision-Making II (7 weeks)  
Students must also take the two Ohio Reading Exams.

### Dyslexia Certificate: 21 credit hours

Five Core Reading Science courses plus:  
RDG 591b Evidence-Based Practicum 1B: Orton-Gillingham Continuation (16 weeks)  
RDG 532 Advanced Phonics (7 weeks)

### Master's Degree: 33 credit hours

Five Core Reading Science courses plus:  
RDG 539 Data-Based Decision-Making II (7 weeks)  
RDG 532 Advanced Phonics (7 weeks)  
RDG 542 The Integration of Reading Comp. and Writing Instruction (7 weeks)  
RDG 592 Evidence-Based Practicum 2 Vocabulary and Comprehension (7 weeks)  
EDU 500 Research and Statistics (7 weeks)  
EDU 604 Integrative Research Project (16 weeks)

### Program plans may be combined.

In addition to completing the required coursework, students must join a professional organization, attend a professional conference (six hours), and pass the Knowledge and Practice Examination for Effective Reading Instruction (KPEERI) exam.



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