

Read to Succeed Endorsements and In-Service Coursework Overview| Updated 10/01/2015

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All in-service teachers and school staff must earn an appropriate endorsement:
R2S Literacy Teacher, R2S Literacy Requirement (Instructional) or (Non-Instructional).

Endorsement	In-Service Courses / PD
<p>R2S Literacy Teacher</p> <p>Certification areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Early Childhood • Elementary • Special Education (all categories) • ESOL (if primary area of certification) • Montessori (PK-5K, Elementary I, and Elementary II) <p>Teachers have ten years or two renewal cycles to earn the R2S Teacher endorsement.</p>	<p>Courses offered as 12-credit hours of college coursework or 240 hours of professional development.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. R2S Foundations in Reading <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Standards 1 Standard 6 2. R2S Instructional Practices <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Standard 2 3. R2S Assessment of Reading <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Standard 3 4. R2S Content Area Reading and Writing for Early Childhood and Elementary Teachers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - All Standards with Emphasis on Standards 4 & 5 (7 optional)

Endorsement	In-Service Courses / PD
<p>R2S Literacy Requirement (Instructional)</p> <p>Certification areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Middle Level (all content areas) • Secondary (all content areas) • PK-12 license areas • Career and Technology • Library Media Specialist <p>Teachers have five years or one renewal cycle to earn the endorsement.</p>	<p>Courses offered as 3-credit hours of college coursework or 60 hours of professional development.</p> <p>Teachers choose most appropriate one:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • R2S Content Area Reading and Writing for Early Childhood and Elementary Teachers OR • R2S Content Area Reading and Writing for Middle and High School Teachers, OR • R2S Content Area Reading and Writing for Media Specialists

Endorsement	In-Service Courses / PD
<p>R2S Literacy Requirement (Non-Instructional)</p> <p>Certification areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Administrator • Guidance (Elementary and Secondary) • Speech Language Therapist • School Psychologist <p>Educators have five years or one renewal cycle to earn the endorsement.</p>	<p>Courses offered as 3-credit hours of college coursework or 60 hours of professional development.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • R2S Content Area Reading and Writing for Administrators and Non-Instructional Staff School Teachers

Renewal Timetables for Read to Succeed Endorsements

R2S Literacy Teacher Endorsement

License Renewals	Earn First Half (6 credit hours or 120 professional development hours)	Earn Remaining Half (6 credit hours or 120 professional development hours)
2015	2015-2020	2020-2025
2016	2016-2021	2021-2026
2017	2017-2022	2022-2027
2018	2018-2023	2023-2028
2019	2019-2024	2024-2029

R2S Literacy Requirement Endorsements – both (Instructional) and (Non-Instructional)

License Renewals	Earn 3 credit hours or 60 professional development hours with course (R2S Content Area Reading and Writing)
2015	2015-2020
2016	2016-2021
2017	2017-2022
2018	2018-2023
2019	2019-2024

Endorsement FAQs

Do teachers have to pay for endorsement courses?

Costs, if any, should be minimal. Depending on their areas of licensure, educators have five to ten years to earn the required endorsements. In that time, districts, vendors, and institutions of higher education (IHEs) will have submitted to have coursework/PD approved; some of these courses are likely to be free or offered at minimal cost to educators through their school districts. For example, the SCDE Office of Virtual Education has developed a number of these courses which are being offered to educators at less than \$100 per course.

Note: Regulations still require that any educator who has not earned a master’s degree must earn at least sixty of the required renewal credits (three semester hours) in a given cycle in graduate-level coursework to renew his or her current license. Educators who hold a Career and Technology Education Work-Based License exclusively are not required to fulfill the graduate-level coursework requirement.

Where can I find a list of approved in-service courses and providers?

This list can be found on the Read to Succeed website at <http://ed.sc.gov/instruction/read-to-succeed/>.