



**STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA  
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

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**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** District Superintendents

**FROM:** Bradley Mitchell, Director  
Office of Virtual Education

**DATE:** September 14, 2015

**RE:** Professional Learning Opportunities for Read to Succeed Endorsement

We are pleased to announce that the [eLearningSC](#) Professional Development Program through the South Carolina Department of Education's (SCDE) Office of Virtual Education will offer approved, online Read to Succeed courses beginning fall 2015.

**Courses for Read to Succeed:**

The eLearningSC Read to Succeed courses for teachers and administrators support the requirements of the Read to Succeed Legislation (Act 284, for more information on the law, click [here](#)). The courses will cost \$85 each, and teachers will be awarded 60 renewal credits upon passing each course.

**Registration Dates and Deadlines:**

Below are the registration and course dates for the upcoming sessions. All courses last a total of seven weeks from start to finish. Once these courses initially run, they will be offered on a regular basis.

<b>eLearningSC Read to Succeed Courses for Endorsement</b>	<b>Session</b>	<b>Registration Dates</b>	<b>Course Dates</b>
R2S: Content Area Reading and Writing for Middle and High School Teachers	Fall 2015	09/08/15–10/02/15	10/12/15–12/02/15
R2S: Foundations of Reading	Fall 2015	09/08/15–10/02/15	10/12/15–12/02/15
R2S: Content Area Reading and Writing for Early Childhood and Elementary Teachers	Winter 2016	11/09/15–01/06/16	01/11/16–02/29/16
R2S: Instructional Practices	Spring 2016	01/18/16–02/26/16	03/21/16–05/09/16
R2S: Assessment of Reading	Spring 2016	01/18/16–02/26/16	03/21/16–05/09/16
R2S: Content Area Reading and Writing for Administrators and Non-Instructional Staff	Summer 2016	04/25/16–05/27/16	06/20/16–08/08/16

- Location:** Courses are completely online in SCDE’s Moodle Learning Management System.
- Cost:** Each course costs \$85 for an individual teacher registering and is worth 60 renewal credits.
- Cohort Option:** A cohort is a group of teachers from one district or school that takes a course together; a Memorandum of Understanding will be signed between the SCDE and the school or district. A minimum of 20 teachers will allow the district cohort to run at a discounted rate of \$80 per teacher per course, assuming the minimum number of 20 is reached.
- PACE:** Our **Read to Succeed** courses **are not approved** for PACE participants because they are not graduate courses.

**Read to Succeed Endorsements and In-Service Coursework:**

Endorsement Certification Areas	In-service Courses	Information
Early Childhood Elementary Special Education (all categories) ESOL (if primary area of certification) Montessori (PK–5K, Elementary I and II)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ R2S Foundations in Reading</li> <li>▪ R2S Instructional Practices</li> <li>▪ R2S Assessment of Reading</li> <li>▪ R2S Content Area Reading and Writing for Early Childhood and Elementary Teachers</li> </ul>	Teachers have 10 years or two renewal cycles to earn the R2S teacher endorsement.
Middle School (all content areas) Secondary (all content areas) PK-12 License areas Career and Technology Library Media Specialists	Teachers choose one applicable course: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ R2S Content Area Reading and Writing for Early Childhood and Elementary Teachers, or</li> <li>▪ R2S Content Area Reading and Writing for Middle and High School Teachers, or</li> <li>▪ R2S Content Area Reading and Writing for Media Specialists</li> </ul>	Teachers have five years or one renewal cycle to earn the R2S endorsement.
Administrator Guidance (Elementary and Secondary) Speech Language Therapists School Psychologists	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ R2S Content Area Reading and Writing for Administrators and Non-instructional Staff School Teachers</li> </ul>	Educators have five years or one renewal cycle to earn the endorsement.

For more information about online courses, contact SCDE staff member Tammy Hegler, [tthegler@ed.sc.gov](mailto:tthegler@ed.sc.gov).