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Alabama	Reading Specialist	Alabama accepts completion of a state-approved graduate degree in reading and literacy from a regionally accredited university. Alabama learners will first need to earn a Minnesota license with a Reading endorsement before applying in Alabama. Applicants must hold an Alabama teaching license. Completing Capella's program and holding an Alabama Professional teaching license may not be enough depending on the applicant's prior experience. Please contact the Alabama board for additional information.
Alaska	Reading Specialist endorsement	Alaska accepts a state-approved reading and literacy preparation program from a regionally accredited university. Applicants must hold an Alaska teaching certificate 2 years or greater in length.
American Samoa	N/A	Capella University has not yet determined whether this program meets the educational requirements for licensure in American Samoa. Learners who are interested in pursuing a American Samoa professional license should contact the relevant state board. American Samoa Department of Education, Pago Pago, American Samoa 96799 (011) 684-633-5237 http://www.doe.as
Arizona	Reading Endorsement (K-12)	Arizona learners will first need to earn a Minnesota license with a Reading endorsement before applying in Arizona. Applicants must hold a valid Arizona Elementary, Secondary, Special Education, or Early Childhood teaching certificate. Applicants must have 3 years of full-time teaching experience.
Arkansas	N/A	As of October 30, 2014 Capella is not accepting applications from Arkansas residents for Capella's MS in Education with a specialization in Reading and Literacy.
California	Reading and Language Arts Specialist (K-12)	California accepts completion of a state-approved graduate degree in reading and literacy, with a grade "C" or better in all coursework. Applicants must hold a valid basic California teaching credential. There may be additional requirements depending on the type of California teaching credential held. Please contact the California board for additional information.
Colorado	Reading Specialist	Colorado accepts completion of a state-approved master's degree in reading and literacy from a regionally accredited university. Applicants must hold a valid Colorado teaching license and have at least 3 years of licensed teaching experience.
Connecticut	N/A	Connecticut requires completion of a state-approved remedial reading and remedial language arts that includes 12 quarter credits of clinical practices and a course in special education. Capella's MS in Reading and Literacy will not meet Connecticut's licensure requirements.

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Delaware	School Reading Specialist	Delaware accepts completion of a state-approved and CAEP-accredited reading and literacy preparation program from a regionally accredited university. Applicants must hold a valid Delaware Initial, Continuing, or Advanced teaching license and have at least 3 years of teaching experience.
District of Columbia		The District of Columbia accepts completion of a master's degree in reading and literacy. Applicants must have a valid District of Columbia teaching license and at least 2 years of classroom teaching experience.
Florida	Certification in Reading	Florida learners must first apply for the reading endorsement with the Florida board before enrolling in a program. Applicants must hold a Florida educator license.
Georgia		Georgia accepts completion of a state-approved reading and literacy preparation program. For the Professional Reading endorsement, applicants must hold a Level 4 or higher renewable professional certificate in any teaching, service, or leadership field. For the Supplemental Induction reading endorsement, applicants must hold a Level 4 or higher Induction certificate in any teaching, service, or leadership field. Capella's MS in Reading and Literacy program is not designed to help learners move from a Non-Renewable, Non-Professional Certificate to a Clear and Renewable or Induction Certificate. Capella's program will not lead to the Clear and Renewable Certificate (Non-Tiered Certification model) or the Induction Certificate (Tiered Certification model) in Georgia.
Guam	N/A	Capella University has not yet determined whether this program meets the educational requirements for licensure in Guam. Learners who are interested in pursuing a Guam professional license should contact the relevant state board. Guam Department of Education P.O. Box DE, Agana, Guam 96932 (671) 475-0461 http://www.gdoe.net
Hawaii	Reading Specialist	Hawaii accepts completion of a state-approved reading and literacy preparation program. Applicants must hold a valid and active Hawaii teacher license.
Idaho	Literacy (K-12)	Idaho accepts completion of a state-approved and CAEP-accredited reading and literacy preparation program. Applicants must hold a 5 year renewable Idaho certificate.

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Illinois	Reading Teacher or Reading Specialist K-12	<p>Illinois accepts completion of a state-approved master's degree in reading and literacy.</p> <p>Illinois requires the practicum to include at least 5 students at both the elementary and secondary levels.</p> <p>Additional coursework is required in the areas of Exceptional Children, Reading, and English as a Second Language. The Illinois State Board of Education has reviewed and approved several Capella courses that meet these required areas.</p> <p>The following courses will need to be added to the Reading and Literacy program:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Cross-categorical methods of the exceptional child: ED5707 - Instruction for Students with Disabilities (4 quarter credits) 2. Methods of reading and reading the in the content area: (Choose one course): ED5551 - Developing Fluent Readers (3 quarter credits), ED5552 - Teaching Comprehension Strategies (3 quarter credits), ED5554 - Sociocultural Context of Reading Instruction (3 quarter credits) 3. ESL/bilingual methods: ED5728 - Methods, Curriculum, and Materials for English Language Learners (4 quarter credits) <p>Applicants must hold an Illinois Professional Educator License endorsed in a teacher field, and at least 2 years of full-time teaching experience.</p>
Indiana	Reading (addition to content areas)	<p>Indiana accepts completion of a state-approved reading and literacy preparation program.</p> <p>Applicants must hold an Indiana instructional license.</p> <p>Applicants may be able to add the Reading endorsement by exam.</p>
Iowa	Reading Specialist	<p>Iowa accepts completion of a master's degree in reading and literacy with coursework in specific content areas.</p> <p>Applicants must hold an Iowa teaching license and have at least 3 years of experience which included the teaching of reading as a significant part of the responsibility.</p> <p>Capella is currently reviewing the rules to determine if its MS in Reading and Literacy program meets Iowa's requirements. Completing Capella's program and holding an Iowa teaching license may not be enough, depending on your experience and prior education.</p>
Kansas	Reading Specialist (PK-12)	<p>Kansas accepts completion of a state-approved graduate degree in reading and literacy, with a 3.25 GPA.</p> <p>Kansas learners will need to earn a Minnesota license with a reading endorsement before applying in Kansas.</p> <p>Applicants must have a Kansas teaching license.</p>
Kentucky	N/A	<p>As of July 7, 2014, Capella is not accepting applications from Kentucky residents for Capella's MS in Education with a specialization in Reading and Literacy.</p>
Louisiana	Reading Specialist	<p>Louisiana accepts completion of a state-approved graduate degree with specific reading and literacy coursework.</p> <p>Applicants must hold a valid Type B or Level 2 Louisiana teaching certificate.</p>

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Maine	Literacy Educational Specialist Certificate	Maine accepts completion of a state-approved master's degree in reading and literacy from a regionally accredited university. Maine requires completion of an approved "Teaching Exceptional Students in the Regular Classroom" course. Maine learners will need to complete this requirement outside of Capella. Applicants must have 2 years of teaching experience or a professional certificate with a subject area endorsement.
Maryland	Reading Specialist K-12	Maryland accepts completion of a state-approved master's degree in reading and literacy from a regionally accredited university. Applicants must have a Maryland teaching certificate in an early childhood, elementary, or secondary education area. Applicants must have at least 3 years of teaching or clinical experience, or both.
Massachusetts	Reading (Specialist; All Levels)	Massachusetts accepts completion of a state-approved reading and literacy preparation program in a state which has signed the NASDTEC Interstate Agreement. Massachusetts requires completion of a 150-hour practicum. Massachusetts learners will need to add 105 hours to their practicum to meet the Massachusetts's hours requirements. Applicants must hold at least an initial Massachusetts teaching license and at least 1 year of teaching experience.
Michigan	Reading Specialist	Michigan accepts completion of a state-approved reading and literacy preparation program from a regionally accredited university. Applicants must hold a Michigan teaching certificate.
Minnesota	Teacher of Reading endorsement	Minnesota accepts completion of a Minnesota-approved reading and literacy preparation program. Applicants must hold a Minnesota teaching license valid for 1 or more of the following levels: elementary, middle, or secondary; K through 12 special education; English as a second language teaching; or adult basic education teaching.
Mississippi	Reading Endorsement	Mississippi accepts completion of a state-approved reading and literacy preparation program. Mississippi learners must first earn a Minnesota license with a reading endorsement before applying in Mississippi. Applicants must hold a valid Mississippi 3-year or 5-year teaching license.
Missouri		Missouri offers a Special Reading endorsement, but Capella's MS in Reading and Literacy is not designed to meet that type of certification requirement.
Montana		Montana accepts completion of a state-approved reading and literacy preparation program. Applicants must have a Montana Class 1 or 2 license.
Nebraska	Reading Specialist (PK-12)	Nebraska accepts completion of a state-approved reading and literacy preparation program. Applicants must hold a regular Nebraska teaching certificate and have at least 2 years of teaching experience.

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Nevada	Reading Specialist (K-12)	Nevada accepts completion of a state-approved master's degree in reading and literacy. Applicants must hold a Nebraska educator certificate.
New Hampshire	Code 0034 Reading and Writing Teacher	New Hampshire accepts completion of a state-approved master's degree in reading and literacy from a regionally accredited university. Applicants must hold a New Hampshire teaching license and have at least 3 years of classroom teaching experience.
New Jersey	Reading Specialist Endorsement - Educational Services Standard Certificate	New Jersey accepts completion of a state-approved master's degree in reading and literacy with coursework in specific content areas. Applicants must have a New Jersey teaching license and at least 2 years of fulltime teaching experience.
New Mexico	Reading Endorsement (K-12)	New Mexico accepts completion of a reading and literacy preparation program. Applicants must hold an existing New Mexico teaching license. Applicants may be able to add the reading endorsement by passing an exam.
New York	Literacy Initial or Professional Certificate (Birth-Grade 6 or Grades 5-12)	New York accepts completion of a state-approved reading and literacy preparation program with coursework in specific content areas. New York requires a 50 hour practicum with experience at the lower level and upper level of the certificate. If New York learners are seeking both Literacy certificates, Birth - Grade 6 and Grade 5 -12, 25 hours of practicum should be completed at each level. New York learners will need to have 5 hours to their practicum to meet New York's requirements. Applicants must hold a valid New York Classroom Teaching Certificate.
North Carolina		North Carolina accepts completion of a state-approved and CAEP-accredited reading and literacy preparation program. Applicants must hold a North Carolina clear teaching license with no restrictions. Applicants may be able to add the Reading K-12 endorsement by exam.
North Dakota	Reading (K-8)	North Dakota accepts completion of a master's degree in reading and literacy. Applicants must hold a valid North Dakota teaching license. Applicants may be able to add the reading endorsement by exam only.
Northern Mariana Islands	N/A	Capella University has not yet determined whether this program meets the educational requirements for licensure in Northern Mariana Islands.
Ohio	Literacy Specialist	Ohio accepts completion of a state-approved reading and literacy preparation program from a regionally accredited university. Applicants must hold a valid Ohio teaching license.

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Oklahoma	Reading Specialist	Oklahoma accepts completion of a state-approved graduate degree in reading and literacy. Applicants must hold an Oklahoma teaching license.
Oregon	Reading, Early Childhood (3-grade 4), Elementary (grade 3-8), Middle (grades 5-10) or High School (grades 7-23)	Oregon accepts completion of a state-approved reading and literacy preparation program in a state which has signed the NASDTEC Interstate Agreement. Oregon learners must first obtain a Minnesota license with a reading endorsement before applying in Oregon. Applicants must hold an Oregon educator license.
Pennsylvania	Reading Specialist (PK-12)	Pennsylvania accepts completion of a state-approved reading and literacy preparation program. Applicants must hold a Pennsylvania instructional teaching license.
Puerto Rico	N/A	Capella University has not yet determined whether this program meets the educational requirements for licensure in Puerto Rico.
Rhode Island	Reading Specialist/Consultant	Rhode Island accepts completion of a state-approved reading and literacy preparation program. Rhode Island requires a field experience that includes at least 300 hours of internship. Rhode Island learners will need to add 255 hours to their fieldwork to meet Rhode Island's requirements. Applicants must hold any full Rhode Island teaching certificate and have at least 3 years of teaching experience.
South Carolina	Literacy Specialist	South Carolina accepts completion of a state-approved and CAEP-accredited master's degree in reading and literacy from a regionally accredited university. Applicants must hold an initial or professional certificate at the early childhood, elementary, middle, secondary, or PK-12 level. Applicants must have at least 2 years of teaching experience. Applicants may be able to add the Literacy Teacher endorsement by exam.
South Dakota	K-12 Reading Specialist	South Dakota accepts completion of reading and literacy coursework in specific content areas. Applicants must hold a valid South Dakota teacher license. Applicants may be able to add the reading endorsements by exam.
Tennessee	Reading Specialist	Tennessee accepts completion of a state-approved reading and literacy preparation program. Applicants must hold a valid Tennessee educator license. Applicants may be able to add the Reading Specialist endorsement by exam.
Texas	Reading Specialist Certificate (Early Childhood-12)	Texas accepts completion of a state-approved master's degree in reading and literacy from a regionally accredited university. Texas learners must first obtain a Minnesota license with a reading endorsement before applying in Texas. Applicants must hold a Texas teaching license and have at least 2 years of classroom teaching experience.

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US Virgin Islands	N/A	Capella University has not yet determined whether this program meets the educational requirements for licensure in US Virgin Islands.
Utah	Reading Level 1 or Level 2 (K-12)	Utah accepts completion of a state-approved graduate degree in reading and literacy with coursework in specific content areas. Utah recommends obtaining board approval of coursework before enrolling in a program. Utah learners must obtain a Minnesota license with a reading endorsement before applying in Utah. Applicants must have a Utah teaching license.
Vermont	Reading/English Language Arts Specialist or Coordinator	Vermont accepts completion of a state-approved master's degree in reading and literacy. Vermont requires a "B" grade or higher for coursework to be accepted. Vermont requires a practicum in reading instruction and assessment that addresses both the Elementary and Secondary levels. Applicants must hold a valid Vermont educator license and hold or be eligible to hold endorsements in early childhood, elementary education, middle grades, secondary content areas, special education, or English as a Second Language. Completing Capella's program and holding a Vermont teaching license may not be enough, depending on your experience and prior education.
Virginia	Reading Specialist	Virginia accepts completion of a state-approved master's degree in reading and literacy from a regionally accredited university, with a practicum that includes experience in the diagnosis and remediation of reading difficulties. Applicants must hold a Virginia teaching license and have at least 3 years of classroom teaching experience in which the teaching of reading was an important responsibility.
Washington	Reading Endorsement (P-12)	Washington accepts completion of state-approved reading and literacy preparation program. Applicants must have a Washington teaching certificate. Washington does not require all out-of-state universities to have authorization to provide field placements for learners. Capella does not currently have such authorization. However, some schools or districts in Washington may only accept interns from authorized universities.
West Virginia	Reading Specialist (PreK-Adult)	West Virginia accepts completion of state-approved reading and literacy preparation program in a state which has signed the NASDTEC Interstate Agreement. Applicants must hold a valid West Virginia teaching certificate.
Wisconsin	Reading Specialist	Wisconsin accepts completion of a state-approved master's degree in reading and literacy. Applicant must hold or be eligible to hold a valid Tier II, III, or IV teaching license or pupil services license, and have at least 6 semesters of full-time classroom teaching experience or 6 semester of experience as a pupil services professional with 540 hours of classroom teaching experience.

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Wyoming	Reading Endorsement, Elementary (K-4), Middle (5-8), or Secondary (9-12)	Wyoming accepts completion of a state-approved reading and literacy preparation program from a regionally accredited university. Wyoming requires that if the applicant does not already hold a teaching endorsement at the grade level(s) of the added endorsement, the practicum must include experience at the grade level(s) of the added endorsement. Applicants must hold a current valid Wyoming license in 1 teaching endorsement area.