

Reading Coursework Requirements for Michigan Teacher Certification

Michigan's [Teacher Certification Code](#) contains two distinct requirements in the teaching of reading that all teachers must complete, one of which must be completed prior to earning an initial standard teaching certificate, and the other of which must be completed prior to advancing to a professional teaching certificate.

Reading Methods Requirements for Standard Teaching Certification

In order to be recommended for an initial standard teaching certificate with elementary grade level authorization, teacher candidates must complete six (6) credit hours in the teaching of reading. In order to be recommended for an initial standard teaching certificate with secondary grade level authorization, teacher candidates must complete three (3) credit hours in reading instruction as appropriate to the content area in which they are seeking an endorsement. These requirements are set forward in R390.1123(2) of the Teacher Certification Code. Standards for the [lower elementary](#), [upper elementary](#), and [secondary](#) coursework are available on the Michigan Department of Education website. Teacher candidates who complete an approved alternative route program to teacher certification have satisfied this requirement.

Reading Diagnosis/Remediation Requirements for Professional Teaching Certification

In order to advance to a Professional Teaching Certificate, teachers must satisfactorily (grade of C or better or the equivalent) complete an additional three (3) credit approved course of study in the diagnosis and remediation of reading disabilities and differentiated instruction. This requirement is set forward in R390.1132(4) of the Teacher Certification Code, and Michigan Compiled Law [380.1531\(4\)](#) provides additional details on the content that this course of study must cover. The Office of Educator Excellence (OEE) maintains [a list of approved courses](#) offered by Michigan colleges and universities to satisfy this requirement. While it is possible to complete this requirement through an out-of-state institution, the OEE only approves and maintains a directory of courses from Michigan educator preparation providers. The OEE does not approve courses from out-of-state institutions, but rather requires teachers who complete a course of study offered by an out-of-state provider to submit a [verification form](#) signed by an appropriate authority at the provider attesting that particular courses completed by candidates for a professional certificate meet Michigan's requirements for this course of study.