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School of Teacher Education



San Diego State University

Reading Certificate Program

Includes On Line Coursework

Expand your expertise for literacy instruction and become a better classroom teacher! Work with the nationally recognized, outstanding literacy faculty at San Diego State University, and master proven effective assessment and instructional activities for K-12 students or at the community college level:

- 4 courses (13 units)
- Completion of the Reading Certificate in as few as 3 semesters
- Theories of literacy and methods for developing literacy in language, reading, and writing.
- Instructional methods and assessment techniques for children and adults, including English language learners and struggling readers and writers.

SDSU's Reading Certificate program has been accredited by the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing since CCTC inception in 2000. Courses in this program can also be applied to the MA in Teaching, MA in Reading/Language Arts, and Reading Specialist Credential. Applicants need three years of teaching experience by the time coursework is completed, in order to apply to the CTC for the Certificate.

Application to the Reading Certificate program at SDSU is a straightforward process:

- Students currently enrolled in graduate courses at SDSU can contact Dr. Sharan Gibson (sgibson@mail.sdsu.edu) in order to begin courses in the Reading Certificate program.
- New students not currently enrolled in graduate work at SDSU can apply to the program at <http://www.csumentor.edu> and submit a department application to Sharan Gibson, sgibson@mail.sdsu.edu <http://edweb.sdsu.edu/STE>.
- GRE scores not required!

“The Reading/Language Arts graduate program at San Diego State University truly impacted the way I teach. Many of the students who enter my class have huge gaps in their learning. I have been able to apply everything I’ve learned through the graduate program to help improve my students’ literacy skills and to help them achieve success.”

-Melissa Showman, Reading Specialist

