**40 hour Reading Requirement for Renewal**

# Rule Language

**6A-4.0051 Renewal and Reinstatement of a Professional Certificate.**

(7) Special provisions for training in the instruction of reading for grades K-6.

(a) As a component of the credit requirements specified under paragraph (1)(a) of this rule, an educator whose application for renewal of a certificate with a beginning validity date of July 1, 2020, or thereafter, must have earned at least two (2) college credits, forty (40) in-service points, or a combination thereof, in the use of explicit, systematic, and sequential approaches to reading instruction, developing phonemic awareness, and implementing multisensory intervention strategies if the educator is renewing any of the following coverages: Elementary Education (K-6), Prekindergarten/Primary Education (age 3 through grade 3), Elementary Education (grades 1-6), Primary Education (grades K-3), English (grades 1-6), Middle Grades English (grades 5-9), Middle Grades Integrated Curriculum (grades 5-9), English (6-12), Reading (K-12), Reading (Endorsement), and English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) (grades K-12).

(b) An educator may use earned credit for both the purposes of paragraphs (6)(a) and (7)(a) of this rule.

(c) An educator may use credit earned during the five (5) years immediately preceding the current validity period that meets the requirements of paragraph (7)(a) of this rule, if the credit was not already used for a prior renewal period.

# Coverages

The requirement applies to anyone with the following coverages:

* Elementary Education (K-6)
* Prekindergarten/Primary Education (age 3 through grade 3)
* Elementary Education (grades 1-6)
* Primary Education (grades K-3)
* English (grades 1-6)
* Middle Grades English (grades 5-9)
* Middle Grades Integrated Curriculum (grades 5-9)
* English (6-12)
* Reading (K-12)
* Reading (Endorsement)
* English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) (grades K-12)

# Renewal

## Timeframes

* If a teacher with one of these coverages renewed in 2020, the 40 hours must be earned by 2025.
* If a teacher with one of these coverages renewed in 2021, the 40 hours must be earned by 2026.
* If a teacher with one of these coverages renews in 2022, the 40 hours must be earned by 2027.
* If a teacher with one of these coverages renews in 2023, the 40 hours must be earned by 2028.
* If a teacher with one of these coverages renews in 2024, the 40 hours must be earned by 2029.

## Hours and Coursework

* Approved courses taken within ten years of renewal may be used for the requirement. (designated courses are below, they must have been taken during the current validity or the one prior)
* Coursework used to earn a certificate or endorsement may also be used to renew. If a course is not on the approved list, a copy of the course syllabus may be sent to our office for review.

**Courses Meeting the 40 Hours Requirement**

**Brevard Approved Listing**

* (60 hours) Brevard Public School- Reading Competency 2 (Reading Endorsement Program Course)
* (60 hours) Brevard Public Schools-Reading Competency 4 (Reading Endorsement Program Course)
* (40 hours) PDA Online Module: Exploring Structured Literacy (FDLRS/BESE Facilitated Course)
* (20 hours) PDA Online Module: Reading Difficulties, Disabilities and Dyslexia ([BESE Independent Study Course](https://fl-pda.org/#/home))
* (20 hours) PDA Online Module: Structured Literacy through Multi-Sensory Approach ([BESE Independent Study course -should take Reading Disabilities, Difficulties, and Dyslexia course first](https://fl-pda.org/#/home))
* (60 hours) PDA Differentiating Reading Instruction for Students: Making it Explicit (FDLRS/BESE Facilitated Course)\*This course is also equivalent to Reading Comp 4
* (20 hours) [Beacon Educator- Reading Challenges 1: Dyslexia and More (course fee required)](https://www.beaconeducator.com/offerings.aspx)
* (20 hours) [Beacon Educator-Reading Challenges 2: Structured Literacy (course fee required)](https://www.beaconeducator.com/offerings.aspx)
* (60 hours) [UF Literacy Micro-credential for Elementary and Secondary](https://lastinger.center.ufl.edu/work/literacy/flamingo-literacy/literacy-microcredentials/) (Emerging course does NOT count toward the requirement, only Elementary and Secondary)

**FAQ - 40 hour reading requirement**

**Q. I am currently not teaching in Elementary Education K-6, but it is on my certificate, do I need to take the 40 hour course?**

A. Yes, to renew your certificate you will need to take the 40 hour course if you have a subject coverage listed in the statute.

**Q. I just took a Reading Competency 4 course in 2020-2021 school year, will I need to take another 40 hour course?**

A. No, If you are renewing in 2025 and just took the course you would have the required 40 hours. You must take the course during the current validity period or the one prior.

**Q. I have one of the required subject coverages and my certificate expires on 6/30/2024. I will be renewing in September of the 2023-2024 SY, will I need to have the course?**

A. No, the first group of teachers affected by this new legislation are those with a certificate validity period of 7/1/2020-6/30/2025. The teacher above would not need the course until they renew in 2029.

**Q. When I look at my ProGOE transcript I see that I have 56 hours in the reading category, will that meet the requirement?**

A. Possibly, you would need to look at the actual courses you took within the validity period, or the period prior, and see if they are on the approved list. The statute requires specific content in the use of explicit, systematic, and sequential approaches to reading instruction, developing phonemic awareness, and implementing multisensory intervention strategies. Not all coursework has all of the necessary components.

**Q. Will the 40 hour reading course also count toward my requirement for taking the 20 hours of SWD courses?**

A. Yes, all of the approved courses contain instructional strategy for working with students with disabilities, and will meet both the 40 hour requirement and satisfy the 20 hours as well.

**Q. If I took Exploring Structured Literacy, or one of the other approved courses, and am using the course to satisfy the 40 hour reading requirement and the 20 hour SWD requirement, will I need a total of 60 hours?**

A. No, The 40 hour courses on our approved list will satisfy both requirements, with a total of 40 inservice points. The teacher will then need 80 inservice points of general/core inservice.