The master’s degree in Education for Reading Specialist Education is an advanced program designed for educators who hold professional certification and 3 years of teaching experience. The program provides extensive professional development in literacy, including reading, writing, language acquisition, instruction, assessment and professional leadership in the field.

**Important Notes:**
- Students assume primary responsibility for knowledge of and compliance with program requirements. Questions should be directed to the student’s advisor or the Department Head.
- Foundation courses MUST be taken prior to all others and paperwork for reading endorsement submitted to PSC upon completion. Failure to complete the Foundations first may result in removal from the program. Applicants who already hold a reading endorsement may transfer the endorsement courses into the M.Ed. Reading Specialist Education program.
RDEN 7880 Capstone Project – Field Experience is required.
Students are responsible for applying for graduation two semesters prior to their anticipated semester of program completion. Forms are available in University Hall, Room 269.
If a student holds a state of Georgia T-4 certificate and is currently a Teacher of Record in Georgia, a certificate upgrade may be obtained through his or her school system’s Human Resources Office. If a student holds an out-of-state certificate and is interested in obtaining a Georgia T-5 certificate, please see the Georgia Professional Standards Commission website (www.gapsc.com/Application/SelfEvaluation.asp) for more information.

Academic Probation and Academic Dismissal
Every student admitted to Armstrong with graduate student status must maintain a record of academic success. If a student earns two grades of C or below, the student will be dismissed regardless of overall GPA. After being academically dismissed, the student must wait one semester before reapplying for admission.

NOTE:
* All forms required by the College of Education and relevant instructions can be found at its web site – www.armstrong.edu/education. Click on “Student Resources,” then “Forms.”

** All Master of Education (M.Ed.) students use LiveText for the submission of specific course assignments. The Student-Standard Membership Edition may be purchased online (www.livetext.com) or at the Armstrong Bookstore. Students may use financial aid credit if purchasing LiveText through the Armstrong bookstore. If you are not a Teacher of Record (TOR), purchase the Field Experience Membership Edition.