

ReadOhio Coaching Credential

All traditional districts and community schools seeking to support a district, community school, or building literacy coach to complete the ReadOhio Coaching Credential should first review the minimum requirements to confirm eligibility of their district or building coach(es) listed below. If the candidate meets these requirements, please review the steps to credentialing on page 2. District and building leaders that can confirm eligibility of their candidate coach(es) and can meet the credentialing requirements should submit an [intent to participate](#). Please indicate your intent to participate by May 31st, 2026.

Eligible candidates must meet the following are minimum requirements:

- A bachelor's degree in education.
- A minimum of three to five years of successful classroom teaching that includes reading/literacy instruction in grades K-12.
- Completion of a professional development program or course in evidence-based language and literacy instruction. (LETRS, Aim Institute, Top Ten Tools, Keys to Beginning Reading, Keys to Literacy course, Wilson certification, Orton Gillingham dyslexia certification, etc.).
- Completion of the Ohio Department of Education and Workforce's Ohio Science of Reading Course, and the Ohio Dyslexia Course.
- Expertise in how to improve student literacy learning through the implementation of high-quality evidence-based reading/literacy strategies.
- Experience **providing and coaching** structured literacy instruction.
- Evidence of previously producing professional development materials specific to language and literacy development.
- Experience with coaching and consulting skills, including mentoring and providing feedback about instruction to classroom teachers.
- Knowledge of how to collect, analyze, and use student and adult implementation data to drive instruction.
- Experience collaborating with and leading others.
- Experience facilitating and interpreting screening measures for identifying students at-risk for reading difficulties.

Steps to Becoming a Credentialed ReadOhio Coach

Steps 1 and 2

- Eligible candidates complete the Department's *Instructional Coaching for Literacy Course* via LMS modules
 - Participants must complete the 'response notebook' as a part of coursework
 - Participants must pass ending assessment to receive certificate
 - Participants must keep certificate of completion for LMS modules
 - Preferred completion of LMS module: late fall
 - Candidates will receive information and support in their online learning at their kickoff training
- Eligible ReadOhio credentialed coach candidates attend 2-day in-person ReadOhio Coaching Credential kickoff training event at their home base Educational Service Center (ESC) on the following dates:
 - East Central Ohio ESC: August 3-4
 - 834 E High Ave, New Philadelphia, OH 44663, USA
 - Northeast Ohio ESC: August 13-14
 - Educational Service Center of Northeast Ohio (6393 Oak Tree Blvd, Independence, OH 44131)
 - Gallia-Vinton ESC: August 5-6
 - Adena PACCAR Medical Education Center (446 Hospital Rd, Chillicothe, OH 45601)
 - MidOhio ESC West: August 19-20
 - Amos Memorial Public Library (230 E North St, Sidney, OH 45365)
 - MidOhio ESC Central: August 17-18
 - Columbus Metropolitan Library: Hilliard Branch (4500 Hickory Chase Way, Hilliard, OH 43026)

Step 3

- Building principals with eligible candidates attend a virtual kick-off meeting (date TBD early fall).

Step 4

- Eligible candidates participate in at least six of the nine Coaching Regional Network Meetings held at their home base ESC.
 - Network meetings will be offered monthly
 - Network meetings are supported first by Department content (AM), then by coaching coordinators (PM)
- Eligible candidates must submit coaching data throughout the school year using a common coaching log tool.
- After attending six network meetings, eligible candidates will receive a certificate of completion for attending the network meetings.
- **Candidates must keep certificate of completion**

- Building principals attend four virtual network sessions throughout the year.

Step 5

- Eligible candidates apply for ReadOhio Coaching Credential via the Department
- Candidates fill out Microsoft forms link and upload both the LMS certificate and the network meeting completion certificate as issued by partner ESCs.
- The Department verifies both certificates of completion and issues coaching credential.

Step 6

- The Department maintains record of coaching credentials via Microsoft Form.