



STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

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MEMORANDUM

TO: District Superintendents

FROM: Bradley Mitchell, M.Ed.
Director, Office of Virtual Education

DATE: December 4, 2018

RE: New Online PD Offerings: Advanced Read to Succeed Endorsements

We are pleased to announce that the [VirtualSC Professional Development](#) through the South Carolina Department of Education's (SCDE) Office of Virtual Education will be offering advanced endorsements that will build upon the Read to Succeed (R2S) courses.

These online graduate professional development courses add the Literacy Coach Endorsement or the Literacy Specialist Endorsement to your teaching certificate. VirtualSC Professional Development's graduate credit courses cost \$225 for each participant, and teachers will be awarded three graduate credits upon successfully passing each course.

R2S Literacy Coach Endorsement

The R2S Literacy Coach Endorsement was created for all certified educators who meet the following prerequisites:

- Two years of successful teaching experience;
- R2S Literacy Teacher Endorsement
 - This includes taking all four R2S courses: Foundations of Reading, Assessment of Reading, Instructional Practices, and Content Area Reading and Writing; and
- Two graduate courses: Principles of Literacy Coaching and Action Research in Literacy.

VirtualSC Professional Development is currently offering the two graduate courses: Principles of Literacy Coaching, and Action Research in Literacy Coaching.

R2S Literacy Specialist Endorsement

The R2S Literacy Specialist Endorsement was created for all certified educators who meet the following prerequisites:

- Four years of successful teaching experience;
- The required coursework for R2S Literacy Coach Endorsement, as outlined above; and
- Four additional graduate courses: Literacy Research, Administration and Supervision in Literacy, Curriculum Development, and Educational Leadership.

VirtualSC PD will offer the additional graduate courses: Literacy Research (spring 2019), Administration and Supervision in Literacy (summer 2019), Curriculum Development (fall 2019) and Educational Leadership (winter 2020).

Interested in forming a cohort?

A cohort is a group of teachers from one school or district that takes a course together; a Memorandum of Understanding will be signed between the SCDE and the school or district.

For more information, please contact Tammy Hegler at tthegler@ed.sc.gov.