



Northern
Alberta
Reading
Specialists'
Council

MEMBERSHIP CRITERIA

(as per NARSC Bylaws & Amendments and ILA Reading Specialist Certification Standards)

As a Canadian special interest group of the International Literacy Association, membership in NARSC indicates that your qualifications align with ILA certification standards for Reading Specialists. To qualify for membership, you must have a Bachelor of Education degree or after-degree, a valid teaching certificate, teaching experience and must have a Master's degree focused on curriculum and pedagogy in literacy including graduate level coursework in the following areas:

Completed coursework must include a minimum 12 credit semester hours in the following three areas:	Example of applicable courses offered through the University of Alberta
A supervised practicum course on the diagnosis and remediation of reading difficulties involving direct work with children and other teachers.* (6 credits)	<i>Diagnostic Assessment of Reading and Writing, including a supervised practicum (EDEL 508) AND Intervention Strategies in Reading and Writing, including a supervised practicum (EDEL 509)</i>
Educational Theories in Language and Literacy (3 credits)	<i>Theories of Language and Literacy Education (EDEL 505)</i>
Educational Research Methodology (3 credits)	<i>Research Methodology (EDEL 567, 568)</i>

*Note: Reading Recovery Teacher Trainers who have completed an academic year of full-time professional development at a registered Reading Recovery Council of North America university training center in the United States or a regional institute in Canada may submit this documentation as fulfillment of the 6-credit supervised practicum course.

Completed coursework must also include a minimum of an additional 9 credit semester hours in graduate level courses in reading, language arts and related areas.	Example of U. of A. course areas include: <i>Leadership in Language Arts, Early Literacy Development, Children's Literature, Drama in Literacy, Theories and Models of Language, Contemporary Theories and Practices of Reading, Developing Writing Abilities, Assessment in Language Arts.</i>
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Your complete application package will include these FOUR items:

1. Letter to the Executive indicating your intent and eligibility.
2. Completed membership application form
3. Official university transcripts (and other applicable documentation)
4. Cheque to NARSC for membership fees

Please bring application with cheque made out to NARSC to fall Meeting or email to:

NARSC

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