



Reading Certificates and Specialist Teaching Credentials in Reading and Language Arts Issued

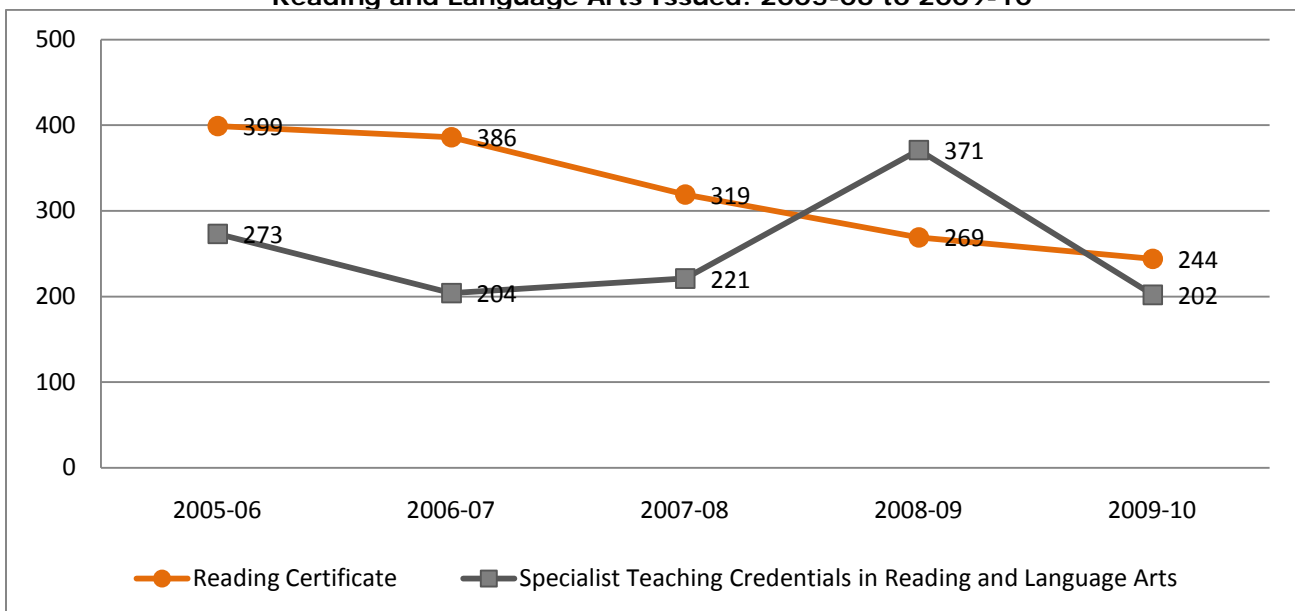
The Reading Certificate authorizes the holder to assess student reading and provide direct reading intervention and specialized reading instruction in response to those assessments. Reading Certificate holders are also authorized to develop, implement, and adapt the reading content curriculum and assist classroom teachers in these areas. Holders of the Reading Certificate may perform those services at the school site level, at the grade levels authorized by their prerequisite teaching credential.

The Specialist Teaching Credentials in Reading and Language Arts authorizes the holder to provide the following services as a reading specialist in any grade level K-12, including preschool or in classes organized for adults:

- Assist and support the classroom teacher in reading instruction and teaching strategies
- Select and adapt reading instruction materials; plan and conduct reading staff development
- Assess student progress and monitor student achievement in reading
- Provide direct reading intervention and specialized reading instruction for students with severe reading difficulties
- Develop, design, implement, evaluate and coordinate a comprehensive literacy plan at the school, district, or county level

In 2009-10, the Commission issued about 250 Reading Certificates and more than 200 Reading and Language Arts Specialist Credentials. The number of Reading Certificates issued declined almost by 39 percent between 2005-06 and 2009-10. The number of Specialist Teaching Credentials in Reading and Language Arts issued fluctuated substantially during the past five years, with an overall decrease of 26 percent. There was a significant increase of about 150 credentials between 2007-08 and 2008-09.

Number of Reading Certificates and Specialist Teaching Credentials in Reading and Language Arts Issued: 2005-06 to 2009-10



Also, among the certificates and credentials issued in 2009-10, nearly two-thirds (64%) of the Reading Certificates were issued by Private Colleges and Universities, 22% by the University of California programs, and 14% by the California State University programs. By contrast, a majority (82%) of the Specialist Teaching Credentials in Reading and Language Arts were issued by California State University, 15% by Private Colleges and Universities and only 3% by University of California.

Note: New standards for these programs were approved in September 2010 and some programs are transitioning this fall.