



STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

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MEMORANDUM

TO: District Superintendents

FROM: Bradley Mitchell
Director, Office of Virtual Education

DATE: March 2, 2017

RE: Professional Learning Opportunities for *Read to Succeed* Endorsement

We are pleased to announce that the [VirtualSC Professional Development](#) Program through the South Carolina Department of Education's (SCDE) Office of Virtual Education is offering approved online *Read to Succeed* courses.

Courses for *Read to Succeed*:

VirtualSC PD *Read to Succeed* courses for teachers and administrators support the requirements of the *Read to Succeed* Legislation ([Act 284](#)). The courses will cost \$85 for each participant, and teachers will be awarded 60 renewal credits upon passing each course.

VirtualSC PD *Read to Succeed* Courses for Endorsement:

R2S: Assessment of Reading
R2S: Content Area Reading and Writing for Administrators and Non-Instructional Staff
R2S: Content Area Reading and Writing for Early Childhood and Elementary Teachers
R2S: Content Area Reading and Writing for Media Specialists
R2S: Content Area Reading and Writing for Middle and High School Teachers
R2S: Foundations of Reading
R2S: Instructional Practices

Registration Dates and Deadlines:

Below are the registration and course dates for the upcoming sessions. All courses last a total of seven weeks from start to finish. The *Read to Succeed* courses will be offered each session.

Session/Semester	Registration Dates	Course Dates
Summer 2017	05/01/17–05/30/17	06/19/17–08/07/17
Fall 2017	08/28/17–10/02/17	10/23/17–12/11/17
Winter 2018	12/04/17–01/08/18	01/22/18–03/12/17

Location:

Courses are completely online in the SCDE's Moodle Learning Management System.

Cost:

Each course costs \$85 and is worth 60 renewal credits.

Cohort Option:

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. A minimum of twenty teachers will allow the cohort to run at a discounted rate of \$80 per teacher per course.

PACE:

The following courses are approved for PACE participants to meet their course requirement as well as their R2S requirement:

R2S: Content Area Reading and writing for Early Childhood and Elementary Teachers

R2S: Content Area Reading and Writing for Media Specialists

R2S: Content Area Reading and writing for Middle and High School Teachers

Visit [Read to Succeed Endorsements and In-Service Coursework](#) to see the matrix for certification areas.

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