Applicants for the Baldwin Wallace program leading to the Ohio K-12 Reading Endorsement may be eligible for a one-course waiver of the introductory course in the endorsement: EDU 541 Foundations of Reading and Language Arts.

Ohio applicants who completed the state-mandated 12 hour reading core that went into effect in 1998 will have their transcripts reviewed for the possible course waiver. BW will review for a waiver on a case-by-case basis. A waiver of EDU 541 will be dependent on the applicant’s overall academic record as reflected on transcripts and grades of “B” or better in the individual courses leading to the Ohio 12 hour reading core.

Any coursework considered for the waiver must have been completed within the past 6 years. Clarification: the last course in the 12 hour core must have been completed no more than 6 years from the time of enrollment.

Limitations of the BW Waiver

1. This waiver policy applies to applicants with Ohio PreK-3 licenses only.

2. Endorsement applicants who go on to complete BW’s MAEd degree in Literacy will have to complete three additional hours of graduate work in their minor in order to meet the 31 total hours needed for the MAEd degree in literacy.

3. Waiver of EDU 541 does not absolve candidates of the responsibility for pre-requisite knowledge in subsequent literacy courses or for the required state licensure exam.

Exclusions

Reading endorsement applicants who completed initial licensure programs outside of Ohio, regardless of their license status in Ohio, will not be eligible for the BW waiver.