ACCREDITED ONLINE COURSEWORK FOR TITLE I READING CREDENTIAL
The Title I Reading Credential program is intended for students pursuing a major, or professionals with a current endorsement, in elementary education. Based on Title I of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965, the purpose of the Title I credential is to put qualified teachers in the field to ensure that all children have a fair, equal and significant opportunity to obtain a high-quality education and reach, at minimum, proficiency on challenging State academic achievement standards and state academic assessments (U.S. Department of Education).

STUDY ONLINE
All coursework leading to the Title I Reading Credential is offered online from VCSU.

PRACTICAL EXPERIENCE
EDUC 431 is a sixty-hour field experience in which a student is placed with a certified Title I teacher in an elementary school setting.

NOTE
The courses completed within the Title I Reading Credential are listed on the VCSU transcript, however the credential is not specifically listed like a minor or major. To obtain the actual reading credential, students make application to the North Dakota Department of Public Instruction (DPI) after graduation and attainment of their initial North Dakota license for elementary teaching. The credential, along with a valid teaching license, is the minimum requirement necessary to work in a Title I reading program in a North Dakota school setting. Credential and teacher licensure requirements vary by state.

TITLE 1 READING CREDENTIAL
1. Hold a valid North Dakota educator’s professional license.
2. Have a major or endorsement in elementary education.
3. Complete the following courses:
   EDUC 375 Teaching Reading in the Content Area
   EDUC 430 Diagnosis and Correction of Reading Difficulties
   EDUC 431 Practicum in Corrective Reading (Elementary)
4. Complete a minimum of eight semester hours in no fewer than three courses. The coursework must consist of no more than two classes from each of the following areas:
   Early Childhood
   EDUC 310 Introduction to Early Childhood Education
   EDUC 313 Language & Literacy in Early Childhood Education
   Research & Literature in Reading/Language Arts
   EDUC 321 Foundations of Reading Instruction
   EDUC 323 Methods of Reading in the Elementary School
   EDUC 330 Children’s Literature
   Exceptional Child
   EDUC 240 Educating Exceptional Students
   EDUC 340 Learning Disabilities

TECHNOLOGY
• Notebook computers with DVD burners and multimedia capabilities
• Digital cameras, video cameras, and other peripherals
• Blackboard online learning environments

CAREER SERVICES PROVIDES
• Career, job search, placement services free to all students
• Field trips, employer on-campus visits
• Information, networking opportunities and skill development
• Visit www.vcsu.edu/careerservices/

ACCREDITATIONS
• National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE)