



# Frequently Asked Questions

## What are the dates of the conference?

Leadership and Preconference Institutes: Saturday, February 8, 2020 from 9:00 am-3:30 pm

Full Conference: Sunday – Tuesday, February 9-11

## Where is the conference being held?

The conference is held in two adjoining facilities, the Greater Columbus Convention Center and Hyatt Regency Hotel at 350 North High Street, Columbus, OH.

Most of the sessions will be held at the Hyatt Regency Hotel, which is connected to the Convention Center. These venues are located in downtown Columbus and only 8.26 miles (15 to 20 minutes drive) from the John Glenn Columbus International Airport (formerly Port Columbus International Airport); airport code is CMH.

## Who should attend the conference?

As a worldwide conference, we welcome those with a passion for K-6 literacy education to attend, including classroom & EL teachers, literacy coaches & specialists, school administrators, Title I teachers & coordinators, curriculum & language arts specialists, interventionists, Reading Recovery professionals, college/university faculty, media specialists, and school psychologists.

## I've never attended the National Reading Recovery & K-6 Literacy Conference. What can I expect?

The 2020 National Reading Recovery & K-6 Literacy Conference offers keynotes, featured speakers, and a host of presenters that have a proven track record of effective instruction that supports student success. Each will build upon your knowledge and skill set to enable you to address your students' needs back in your schools and districts. You can expect to have an unforgettable and highly educational experience. This conference has so much to offer it's difficult to put in one paragraph. The registration booklet and conference website are perfect resources to inquire more Conference information.

## Can I attend for part of the conference only?

Flexible registration options give you the ability to register for the **entire Conference, a partial Conference, and/or a Leadership or Preconference Institute**. Create your own unique experience by attending sessions on topics such as K–6 and 5 – 8 classroom literacy, early intervention, administration, comprehensive literacy, literacy coaching, English learners, children's literature, Literacy Lessons, and Reading Recovery.

## Are there discounted registration fees?

1. Be a current RRCNA member or renew your membership. This must be done prior to registering (Dues are \$75).
2. Register and submit payment by December 15, 2019 (PO's do not qualify as payment).
3. See page 11 of the Registration Brochure for possible professional development grants and criteria.

## Are meals included in the registration fee?

With a full conference registration, free box lunches are available on Sunday and Monday. Name badge and tickets are required for all lunch meals. A food court with varied restaurants is also available onsite. You are welcome to bring non-perishable, light snacks to your sessions. *Breakfasts and dinners are not included.*

## What are the official conference hotels?

**The Hyatt Regency Hotel is the conference headquarters hotel and where the majority of the sessions will be held.** The other contracted hotels for this conference are Crowne Plaza, Drury Inn and Hampton Inn & Suites. Two of the hotels are connected to the Hyatt and the other is less than a block away. All the hotels are within walking distance to many downtown restaurants and activities. To make a reservation go to the [Conference webpage](#).

## Does this conference provide Clock Hours or a Certificate of Attendance for attending the conference?

As a recognized professional development provider, you may earn up to 17.5 professional development clock hours for attending a Leadership or Preconference Institute (5.5 hours) and the Full Conference (12 hours). RRCNA will provide attendees with a Certificate of Attendance listing clock hours of conference sessions. The certificate serves as documentation for professional development that may be applied towards teaching license renewal. Be sure to check with your district for

information about specific clock hour requirements in your state and district. The Certificate of Attendance is available online at the end of the attendee evaluation survey, which is emailed to all attendees within the first week after the conference.

### Does this Conference offer Graduate Credit?

Yes, one semester hour of graduate credit is available through Ashland University for attending 12.5 hours of conference sessions. The cost per semester hour is \$180 and is paid directly to Ashland University. Registration for credit will take place near the Conference Registration Center on [Sunday, February 10](#) and [Monday, February 11](#). Please contact Ashland University Columbus Center in advance of the conference for further details at 614-794-4850 or 877-557-9497.

### Can I purchase items from the exhibitors at the Conference?

You will experience the latest publications and newest educational products available from many exhibitors throughout the Conference! Publishers and other vendors will display their products in Battelle Hall South, **Saturday, February 8, 3:00-6:00 pm (Grand Opening and Reception – exclusive time with exhibitors)**, Sunday, February 9, 8:00 am-5:30 pm, and Monday, February 10, 8:00 am-5:30 pm. **There are no exhibits on Tuesday, February 11.** Many companies sell books and other educational products during the Conference. If you are looking for something specific from a vendor, ask, they may be able to order the product or offer a solution.

### How can I become a member of RRCNA?

Visit the [RRNCA Membership website](#) to learn the benefits of becoming a member and to join online, or call the RRCNA Membership Office at 614-310-7323. Becoming an RRCNA member **prior** to registering for the Conference, will allow you to receive discounted rates for the National Conference.

### I require special accommodations. How can I request them?

If you require special accommodations as defined by the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), please indicate this at time of online registration. Manual wheelchairs can be reserved through the Convention Center and scooter rentals can be reserved with Pride Ride through the Convention Center Guest Services Center or by calling 614-827-2531 (weekdays) or 614-827-2547 (evenings and weekends).

### Can I bring my children with me to the conference?

This conference is designed for adult professional learners. RRCNA does not permit the attendance of children in sessions. Infants who are nursing are the only exception. If an infant would begin to become noisy, as a courtesy to others, it is expected that the parent will take the infant out of the Conference session right away until the child is quiet again. Please have consideration for other conference attendees who are listening to the presenters. Due to fire marshal regulations, strollers cannot block any doors or be positioned near Fire Exits or in the main aisles of the session rooms. A nursing mother's room, equipped with electrical outlets, is available at the Convention Center located under the Battelle North Foyer. The Hyatt also offers a nursing mother's room, inquire at the hotel's front desk.

### If the weather is bad and I can't make it to the conference, can I get a refund?

**The Conference will be held despite weather conditions!** Before you complete your registration, we recommended that you carefully review our **Cancellation, Transfer and Refund policy** (see below):

If you must cancel your registration, you can transfer it to another person by notifying the Conference Office by email at [conferenceinfo@readingrecovery.org](mailto:conferenceinfo@readingrecovery.org) or fax to 614-310-7342 by midnight EST on January 31, 2020. **Refunds will be given if written notice is postmarked or emailed by midnight EST on December 15, 2019.** No phone call cancellations will be accepted. There will be a \$50 administrative charge for all refunds. Please note that submission of this registration is a commitment to pay if the Conference is held, regardless of weather conditions. **No-shows will be invoiced and subject to collections for the full amount.** Unpaid registrations, including no-shows, will necessitate barring registration for future Reading Recovery conferences, academies, and institutes sponsored by RRCNA. **REFUNDS WILL NOT BE GRANTED AFTER DECEMBER 15, 2019.**