

# BIRTH TO GRADE 12 LITERACY, MSED

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This literacy degree is designed for certified teachers in all grade levels to expand their employment opportunities and skills by acquiring a Master of Science in Education (MSED) degree, thus qualifying them to work with children from Birth to Grade 12. Graduates can go on to a variety of positions: reading teacher, literacy specialist, remedial reading teacher, early childhood specialist, literacy/instructional coach, and/or remain elementary or secondary classroom teachers who have an advantageously strong competence in the classroom. Certification in literacy will give teachers in all grade levels and content areas the knowledge of how to teach students to learn from every type of text across all disciplines. The heart of the program content is teaching students how to fall in love with reading. It includes stellar field experiences and a highly sought-after practicum known as the St. Bonaventure University Reading Center.

## Information About Certification

The B-12 Literacy program requires candidates to have met all requirements for initial teacher certification in a matching area (early childhood, elementary, and/or secondary) by the end of their first semester in the program.

The MSED B12 Literacy degree meets the criteria for additional professional certification area in New York.

Upon graduation, teachers will be recommended by the SBU EPPC Office to NYS for dual certification in Literacy Education: **Birth to Grade 6 AND Secondary Grades 5-12**, at which time the graduate can apply at the NYSSED website to take the literacy certification assessment.

## Admission Requirements

The admission committee reviews the following in considering candidates for this program:

1. Initial (or pending) Teaching certificate in elementary or secondary education
  - Note: Candidates can be admitted prior to initial certification (passed edTPA and all NYS required certification tests) with a grace period of one semester from the start of the program to complete certification.
2. Official transcripts of all prior college work (3.00/4.00 GPA)
3. Two letters of recommendation
4. Interview Impromptu writing sample (taken at interview)
5. EdTPA, GRE or MAT score

NOTE: State law requires SBU to collect immunization records from students taking six or more credit hours in any semester.

## Degree Requirements

Code	Title	Credits
READ-501	THEORIES/FOUND OF LITERACY	3
READ-520	LANGUAGE ARTS	3

READ-525	LITERACY SECONDARY SCHOOL	3
READ-540	SUPRV/CUR ISS-LITERACY PROGS	3
READ-550	TCHNG LINGUISTICALLY/CULTURALLY DIVERSE	3
READ-560	LITERACY IN THE CONTENT AREAS	3
READ-565	READING INSTRUCTION FOR INDIVIDUALS & SMALL GROUPS:ELEMENTARY/ADOLESCENT	3
READ-570	ASSESS/DIAG OF LITERACY	3
READ-580	CLIN/PRACT CHILD/LITERACY	3
READ-595	CLINICAL PRACT/ADOLE.LIT	3
READ-599	LITERACY COACHING INTERNSHIP	0
EDUC-500	RESEARCH METHODS IN THE EDUCATION PROFESSION	3
SPED-510	INST DESIGN & STRATEGIES	3
EDUC-599K	EXPERIENCE IN DIVERSE ENVIRONMENTS	0
<b>Total Credits</b>		<b>36</b>

## Practicum/Internship Requirement

One value of this online graduate program in literacy is the ability to learn from anywhere with individualized mentoring from a dedicated group of experienced teacher educators.

A hallmark feature of this program is the St Bonaventure University Reading Center (SBU RC) Practicum experience. It covers K-12 grade ranges ensuring that teachers get practical experience across grade levels to take with them into their careers.

The SBU RC is a highly sought after offering for local parents of the SBU area where students are paired in a unique 1:1 partnership with a NYS literacy certified graduate teacher candidate. This program can occur both on campus or through virtual learning.

## Exit Criteria

In order to be awarded the degree in Birth - Grade 12 Literacy, the MSED Literacy student must meet the following criteria:

1. A cumulative GPA of at least 3.0
2. Clinical practicum in literacy (100 hours)
3. Literacy/coaching internship (logged hours of field experiences, e-folio)
4. SBU School of Education MSED Literacy Comprehensive Exam (online, take home, pass/fail)