

# 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 scaffolded clinical experiences and a flexible clinical practicum.

## 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 certification in Birth - Grade 12 Literacy Education.

## 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 with a grace period of one semester from the start of the program to attainment of certification.
2. Official transcripts of all prior college work (3.00/4.00 GPA)
3. Two letters of recommendation
4. Interview and writing sample (prompt will be sent to interested students)

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-590	CLINICAL INTERNSHIP IN LITERACY	3
EDUC-500	RESEARCH METHODS IN THE EDUCATION PROFESSION	3
SPED-510	INST DESIGN & STRATEGIES	3
<b>Total Credits</b>		<b>33</b>

## 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 (50 hours)