

BIRTH TO GRADE 6 LITERACY EXTENSION, ACS

The Childhood B-6 Literacy Extension Advanced Certificate of Study (ACS) is designed for SBU graduates who have earned their MSED Adolescent Literacy 5-12 degree. This ACS extends their current Adolescent Literacy certification by adding qualifications to teach reading in early childhood and elementary grades from birth-6th grade.

If you completed St. Bonaventure University's MSED Adolescent Literacy program between 2000 and 2020,* SBU's School of Education has an incredible opportunity for you.

Prior to introduction of the Birth to Grade 12 (B-12) Literacy program in 2020, leading to dual certification in B-6 and 5-12 literacy, childhood literacy and adolescent literacy were separate programs leading to separate certifications. Since introduction of the B-12 program, past SBU graduates of the childhood and adolescent literacy programs have inquired about what it would take to achieve certification in the other area, making them dually certified. We're happy to now be offering that opportunity through our MSED B-6 and MSED 5-12 Literacy Extension Certificate programs.

The B-6 Literacy Extension ACS program meets New York state course requirements for B-6 Literacy certification.

***Note: This program is only available to St. Bonaventure University alumni who graduated between 2000 and 2020, the time period when childhood and adolescent literacy were separate degrees leading to separate certifications.**

Graduates who apply for this extension certificate will have earned a 30 credit-hour Childhood Literacy degree. Nine (9) credits including the NYS practicum will give the former SBU graduate the criteria to meet current NYS B-12 Literacy program requirements.

| Code | Title | Credits |
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| READ-520 | LANGUAGE ARTS | 3 |
| READ-565 | READING INSTRUCTION FOR INDIVIDUALS & SMALL GROUPS: ELEMENTARY/ADOLESCENT | 3 |
| READ-580 | CLIN/PRACT CHILD/LITERACY | 3 |
| READ-599A | LITERACY INTERNSHIP ACS | 0 |
| Total Credits | | 9 |

Admission to the program requires:

- Completed MSED Adolescent Literacy Degree (5-12) from St. Bonaventure University.
- A one-page letter explaining why you are seeking the ACS and what being a reading teacher/specialist means to you.
- Informal interview with the MSED Literacy program director.