LITERACY EDUCATION

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Are you a teacher looking to boost your marketability? Do you desire to become certified as a reading specialist in New York State?

If so, St. Bonaventure’s MSED in Literacy programs can help. Our MSED offers tracks for grade levels Birth-6 and 5-12, and includes all the courses and practical experiences you’ll need to sit for – and excel on – the NYS Reading Specialist Certification exam. This degree can also be used toward your professional (permanent) N.Y. certification. At St. Bonaventure, we prepare educators with a purpose.

St. Bonaventure offers two graduate (MSED) literacy programs:

- MSED in Childhood Literacy (birth – grade 6)
- MSED in Adolescent Literacy (grades 5 – 12)

Both tracks require 30 credits for the MSED. They each include relevant practical experiences and can be taken on a part or full-time basis.
Why Literacy Education?

Literacy is of critical importance, as it is foundational to all educational endeavors. The St. Bonaventure MSED will provide you with extensive research-based knowledge in literacy development and process. You’ll learn how to diagnose and remediate reading difficulties, how to teach diverse learners and how to supervise literacy programs. Literacy coursework has been specifically designed to ensure that, upon completion, you:

- Have a repertoire of appropriate planning activities for different learning styles
- Use data and research to facilitate effective learning
- Communicate effectively with learners and educational stakeholders
- Use technology effectively and appropriately
- Are familiar with different assessment tools and techniques
- Are receptive to feedback and demonstrate professionalism
- Create effective learning environments that value individual differences

Childhood Literacy

This track is designed for teachers who want to address literacy needs for children up through grade 6. The MSED in Childhood Literacy meets the coursework criteria for professional certification in New York State and allows literacy graduates to sit for the NYS Reading Specialist Certification exam – on which our graduates excel.

St. Bonaventure prepares you with the latest research-based information and pedagogy along with excellent practicum experience. You’ll graduate with the knowledge to identify reading-related issues and the skills to provide useful and age-appropriate remediation as needed. Students with prior certification may use this MSED to obtain the early childhood certification extension.

Adolescent Literacy

If you teach or plan to teach grades 5-12 and want to be equipped to incorporate literacy-building activities in your instruction, this graduate degree is for you. The MSED in Adolescent Literacy meets the coursework criteria for professional certification in New York State and allows students to sit for the NYS Reading Specialist Certification exam. Adolescent Literacy coursework addresses the developmental and learning issues unique to teenagers and will equip you with the skills to build literacy skills as you provide content instruction. Students from a variety of content areas (including math and the sciences) have taken this MSED program.

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Convenient Learning Formats!
You’ll love the flexible scheduling options available to you as a
St. Bonaventure University literacy education graduate student.

1 Weeknights at Our Main Campus
Take classes in the evenings at the main St. Bonaventure
campus in Olean, NY. Classes meet Monday through Thursday with each three-credit class meeting once per week.

2 Weekends at Our Buffalo Center Campus
Take classes at our Buffalo Center (on the Hilbert College campus) in Hamburg, NY on Friday evenings and Saturdays. The Buffalo Center offers dedicated St. Bonaventure University staff and the same excellent faculty that teach on our Olean campus.

At either location, your degree can be completed in as little as one calendar year.

3 Online
Some literacy courses can be taken online and many of our courses have online components.

Educators With A Purpose
Our focus on International Reading Association standards for reading professionals helps our graduates achieve a pass rate of 99% on New York State’s Content Specialty Test for Literacy.

Most of your professors will be full-time St. Bonaventure faculty, professionals with varied backgrounds and significant teaching experiences. Carefully chosen adjuncts supplement their efforts. All of our professors embrace and convey our Franciscan traditions of peace, respect and individual dignity.

Earning A Master’s Degree Is Hard Work
Really hard work. But we know you can do it! And, to help you along the way, we make a few small promises that can make a big difference:

- Small classes = great friendships and professional contacts
- Easy parking
- Free pizza and soda on Friday nights before class for Buffalo Center students
- No GRE required
- Financial aid available

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