



ST. BONAVENTURE
UNIVERSITY

M.S.Ed. in Literacy (Birth-12th Grade)

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Program Overview

Offered 100% online and able to be completed within 12 months, our M.S.Ed. in Literacy B-12 program promotes initially certified teachers to professionally certified literacy professionals. Teachers become change-makers in children's lives by respecting diverse students' strengths and areas of need. The mission is to lead children to fall in love with reading and to create passionate, effective teachers while inspiring our graduates to become strong advocates for their students.

Courses provide pedagogical building through immersion in teaching methods, strategies, and theory with mentored experiences in various educational settings. Clinical experience hours can be completed at a student's workplace in their school setting and observations can be done virtually; for those not currently teaching, our School of Education's EPPC office will work with you to create an in-person or virtual placement.

St. Bonaventure alumni who earned graduate literacy degrees between 2000 and 2020 were certified in either childhood (B-5) or adolescent (5-12) literacy, but not both. With the introduction of the Birth to Grade 12 (B-12) Literacy program in 2020, new extension programs allow past graduates to obtain dual certification. The **Childhood B-6 Literacy Extension** is for those with an M.S.Ed. in Adolescent Literacy 5-12 degree, while the **Adolescent 5-12 Literacy Extension** is for those with an M.S.Ed. in Childhood Literacy B-6 degree. Each 9-credit certificate includes two classes and a practicum, covering only the additional coursework needed for dual certification.

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M.S.Ed. Program
with Certification

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Extension
Certifications

100%

Online
Coursework

Clinical Experience

Clinical experience is embedded throughout the program and may be completed in your job or in a school near you. You will conduct structured observations, work with individual students and small groups of students and, practice the skills you are learning in your coursework in order to meet the International Literacy Association standards.

The Literacy Practicum is the final step in the program where teachers apply and practice their literacy knowledge working one-on-one with young readers.

Information about Certification

The B-12 Literacy degree is a path to professional certification. Initial teacher certification in a matching area (Early Childhood, Elementary, and/or Secondary) needs to be completed within one semester of acceptance. The only candidates recommended for literacy certification by the School of Education are those who have completed the master's program in its entirety. All others apply for certification through BOCES (NY).

Admission Requirements

Admission to this degree program is based on:

1. Teaching certificate in matching area (Early Childhood, Elementary, and/or Secondary)
2. Official transcripts of all prior college work (3.0 GPA out of 4.0 is the working standard)
3. Two reference letters
4. Interview and one-page writing sample

Admission to one of the advanced certification programs is based on:

1. A completed M.S.Ed. in Childhood Literacy (B-6) or Adolescent Literacy (5-12) from St. Bonaventure University
2. A one-page letter explaining why you are seeking the ACS and what being a reading teacher/specialist means to you
3. An informal interview with the M.S.Ed. Literacy program director

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Degree Requirements* (33 credits)

EDUC 500	Research for the Education Professions
READ 501	Theories and Foundations of Literacy
SPED 510	Instructional Design & Strategies for Inclusive Educ.
READ 520	Language Arts and Writing
READ 525	Problems of Literacy in Secondary Schools
READ 540	Supervision and Curriculum Issues in Literacy
READ 550	Teaching Linguistically & Culturally Diverse Learners
READ 560	Literacy in the Content Areas
READ 565	Literacy Instruction for Individuals & Small Groups
READ 570	Assessment and Diagnosis of Literacy
READ 590	B-12 Literacy Practicum

Certification Requirements* (9 credits)

Graduates with a **Childhood Literacy degree** will take:

READ 520	Language Arts and Writing
READ 565	Literacy Instruction for Individuals & Small Groups
READ 580	Practicum Childhood Literacy

Graduates with an **Adolescent Literacy degree** will take:

READ 525	Problems of Literacy in Secondary Schools
READ 565	Literacy Instruction for Individuals & Small Groups
READ 595	Practicum Adolescent Literacy

Courses and requirements are subject to change. For current course requirements, go to www.sbu.edu/graduate and click on the Graduate Catalog link.

Exit Criteria

1. A cumulative GPA of at least 3.0
2. Satisfactory completion of clinical experience