

# STARTING THIS FALL!!

## NEW FAST-TRACK ADOLESCENCE EDUCATION MASTERS PROGRAM LEADING TO NYS CERTIFICATION

Designed for career-changers and others who have a background in one of the academic content areas (Biology, Chemistry, English, Social Studies or Math)\*, this is a fast-track program leading to certification in Adolescence Education, Grades 7-12. After one intensive fall and spring, you will be qualified for NYS Internship Certification, which will permit you to begin teaching at the secondary level. Then take up to two years to complete your degree

Course number	Course Title	Number of credits
<b>Fall 2009</b>		
TAL 801	Issues in Urban Education	3 credits
TAL 812	Lives of Adolescents	3 credits
TAL 841	Curriculum in the Secondary School	3 credits
<b>Spring 2010</b>		
TAL 842	Teaching Methods in the Secondary School	3 credits
Content Area Course OR TAL 802	A graduate course in the student's subject area ** Language and Literacy	3 credits
TAL 817	Teaching Literacy 5-12	3 credits
<b>Total number of credits to this point:</b>		<b>18 credits</b>
Students take the Liberal Arts and Sciences Test (LAST)		
<b>Students obtain <u>Internship Certification</u> and can start teaching at the 7-12 level</b> After obtaining the Internship Certificate, students have up to <u>TWO years</u> to complete their M.S. Ed. degree		
<b>Fall 2010</b>		
TAL 883 A	Student Teaching: Adolescence	3 credits
<b>Courses to Complete within Two Years of obtaining <u>Internship Certification</u></b> Students also take other NYSTCE tests required: ATS-W & CST		
Content Area Graduate Course	A graduate course in the student's subject area ***	3 credits
TAL 830	Classroom Inquiry I	3 credits
Content Area Course OR TAL 802	Language and Literacy	3 credits
TAL 880	Classroom Inquiry II	3 credits
TAL 971	Final Inquiry Seminar	3 credits
<b>GRADUATION</b>		

**FOR MORE INFORMATION, Please contact: Dr. Sara Salloum, Coordinator of  
Adolescence Urban Education Program**

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\* Students must have at least 24 undergraduate and/or graduate credits in one of the following areas: Math, Biology, Chemistry, English, or History.

\*\*Students with at least 3 graduate credits in their subject area do not need to take the initial content area course.

\*\*\*Students with 6 or more graduate credits in their subject area do not need to take any additional content area courses.

**A STEP BY STEP PROCEDURE  
FOR APPLYING TO THE FAST TRACK PROGRAM  
in ADOLESCENCE URBAN EDUCATION**

**REQUIREMENTS FOR APPLYING**

- ✓ Do you have a minimum of 24 credits in the following areas (or very closely related areas):  
Mathematics, Biology, Chemistry, English, or History?
- ✓ Is your undergraduate G.P.A 2.75 or above?

**If the answer is YES to both questions, you are set to apply for the  
FAST TRACK Program!**

**STEP I: THE APPLICATION PROCESS**

- ✓ Materials needed for the application:
  - Bachelor's degree from an accredited institution
  - 2.75 minimum GPA
  - Two letters of recommendation
  - Statement of professional goals
- ✓ Apply to the M.S.Ed. Program in Adolescence Urban Education on the following website:  
<http://www.brooklyn.liu.edu/bbut02/apply/admissions/Graduate/index.html>

**STEP II: ADMISSION & REGISTRATION IN FALL FAST-TRACK PROGRAM**

- ✓ Take the TAL assessment, a test of writing ability, at LIU's Testing Center. (For more information please visit <http://www.brooklyn.liu.edu/testingcenter/>).
  - A level 3 score is required for admission to the Fast-Track Program.
  - Students scoring less than Level 3 may be admitted to our traditional program in Adolescence Education and can register for no more than 6 credits a semester.
  - Students who have passed the Liberal Arts and Sciences Test (LAST) of the NYS Teacher Certification Exam are exempt from this requirement.
- ✓ Complete Fast-track application form included in your LIU Admission package and return it to: Dr. Sara Salloum • One University Plaza, Pratt 210 • Brooklyn, New York 11201-8423
- ✓ Come to the School of Education (Room 210 in the Pratt Building) to meet our academic advisors and register for classes outlined in the table above.

**NOTE:** There is no deadline for the application, but you are encouraged to complete Step I & II at least four weeks before the Fall classes begin.

# Flowchart for the M.S.Ed. FAST TRACK PROGRAM in ADOLESCENCE EDUCATION

## REQUIREMENTS FOR APPLYING

- ✓ Minimum of 24 credits in content area
- ✓ undergraduate G.P.A 2.75

## STEP I: APPLY

- ✓ Apply to the M.S.Ed. Program at:  
<http://www.brooklyn.liu.edu/bbut02/apply/admissions/Graduate/index.html>

## STEP II: REGISTER

- ✓ Take TAL Assessment (a level 3 score is needed) or present documentation of a passing score on LAST.
- ✓ Register for classes (as outlined by Table on page 1)

## STEP III: COMPLETE CREDITS

- ✓ Complete 18 credits within the M.S.Ed. program in the Fall and Spring
- ✓ Take the LAST

## STEP IV: INTERNSHIP CERTIFICATE

- ✓ TAL Department endorses you for an Internship Certificate for teaching

## STEP V: START TEACHING

- ✓ Seek and obtain a teaching position
- ✓ Register for Student Teaching (TAL 883 A)

## STEP VI: FINISH DEGREE

- ✓ Complete M.S.Ed. courses within TWO YEARS of obtaining the Internship Certificate
- ✓ Take other NYSTCE tests required for certification: ATS-W and CST.

## FINALLY

**M.S.Ed. and NYS Initial Certification in Adolescence Urban Education**