

Library Media Specialist Licensure Partnership between Bemidji State University and St. Cloud State University.

- 1. You register with BSU to take your Pedagogy (HOW to Teach) courses. These will be provided through BSU - FasTrack.**

FasTrack PostBac Secondary Licensure Initiative

Those hoping to enroll in the FasTrack PostBac Secondary Initiative should have previously earned a Bachelor of Science, Bachelor of Arts, Master of Business Administration, Master of Science, Master of Fine Arts, Master of Arts or Doctor of Philosophy (or other) degree. **If you already hold a secondary licensure to teach in Minnesota, you are not a FasTrack candidate.**

FasTrack is a hybrid/online cohort initiative. **There are only THREE Face-to-Face meetings (in the Twin Cities) per year. However, attendance at these meetings is required.**

<http://www.bemidjistate.edu/academics/fastrack/>

IMPORTANT: You could apply for a secondary teaching job as soon as you enter the FTPB program. Approximately 25% of our FasTrack PostBac students are on what are called “limited licenses”. The Minnesota Department of Education allows districts to hire a “community expert,” usually degreed in the content area, for up to three years if they cannot find a licensed candidate. This would also provide you the opportunity to apply for a modified student teaching appointment.

- 2. Concurrently (or sequentially) you may register with St. Cloud State University for the Library Media Specialist Content (The WHAT you are going to teach) courses.**

Library Media Specialist Certificate

Those seeking licensure as a library media specialist should apply for the Library Media Specialist Certificate. Information about the certificate program and the link to the application form is found at <http://www.stcloudstate.edu/im/programs/graduate/lms.asp>.

Upon acceptance into the certificate program you will be assigned to an adviser who will review your transcript to determine what library media courses will be required for you to qualify for the licensure. Your adviser will also make recommendations as to the sequence of courses for the licensure.

All courses are available synchronously through distance technology. Students may attend classes through their computer and an Internet connection or in a traditional face-to-face manner. Students attending from a distance will be able to see and hear the instructor and the students in the classroom as well as any visuals being used. Students using a headset and microphone will be able to speak and be heard by all other students in the class. Classes are meet once a week in the evening during the academic year or during the day Monday through Thursday for five weeks in the summer.

For questions about the library media courses through St. Cloud State University, contact Mert Thompson at methompson@stcloudstate.edu or 320-308-4775.