K-12 SCHOOL LIBRARY MEDIA LICENSURE (NON-DEGREE)

Description
The K-12 School Library Media Licensure non-degree program is one of the three pathways available at Kent State University for students who are interested in obtaining multi-age licensure in school library media through the Ohio Department of Education (ODE). The M.L.I.S. degree with a K-12 School Library Media Licensure concentration and the Dual Degree M.Ed./M.L.I.S. with K-12 School Library Media Licensure programs are also available.

The K-12 School Library Media Licensure non-degree program is intended for students who already hold a teaching license and are interested in working in school libraries. The curriculum requires 29 credit hours of library science and instructional technology courses, including courses in management, cataloging, literature and services and is offered 100% online. A practicum, which provides students the opportunity to apply principles learned in graduate study to real world experiences and to network with professionals in the field, is also required. Applicants interested in obtaining school library media licensure or certification outside the state of Ohio should refer to the requirements established by their state education agencies.

Admission Requirements

- Official transcript(s)
- Three letters of recommendation
- Statement of purpose
- Writing sample
- A current resume or curriculum vita and English language proficiency scores for international students
- Additional requirements include a statement of exception (addressing circumstances and readiness for graduate education) and GRE scores if total GPA is below 3.0 in highest completed degree. In calculating the total GPA, all grades from all courses taken at relevant level (baccalaureate or master’s) from all institutions are required.

Prospective students should complete the application process no later than September 15 for spring admission, January 15 for summer admission and March 15 for fall admission. For further details on admission procedures and deadlines, prospective students should consult the school’s web site.

For more information about graduate admissions, please visit the Graduate Studies website.

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In Ohio, an individual must have attained a currently valid standard Ohio teaching license in order to add the multi-age supplemental library media licensure as an endorsement area. Out of state applicants should verify licensure reciprocity and library media licensure requirements with their state education agencies. Students are responsible for completing licensure paperwork requirements through the Kent State University College of Education, Health and Human Services near the end of or at the conclusion of the program.

Exam administered by the Evaluations Systems Group of Pearson is required for licensure.