SCHOOL LIBRARY MEDIA LICENSURE (NON-DEGREE)

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Description

The 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 comprises coursework in library science, educational technology, management, cataloging and literature. A required practicum provides students the opportunity to apply principles learned in graduate study to real-world experiences and to network with professionals in the field.

This 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. The other two pathways are the M.L.I.S. degree in School Library Media K-12 and the dual degree M.L.I.S. in School Library Media K-12/M.Ed. in Educational Technology.

Fully Offered At:
• Kent Campus

Accreditation

The School Library Media Licensure non-degree program is accredited by the American Library Association and the Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation (CAEP).

Admission Requirements

• Bachelor’s degree from an accredited college or university
• Official transcript(s)
• GRE scores if total GPA is below 3.0 in highest completed degree¹
• Current résumé or curriculum vita
• Student Profile Form
• Application essay
• Statement of exception addressing circumstances and readiness for graduate education
• Three letters of recommendation
• English language proficiency - all international students must provide proof of English language proficiency (unless they meet specific exceptions) by earning one of the following:
  • Minimum 525 TOEFL PBT score (paper-based version)
  • Minimum 71 TOEFL IBT score (Internet-based version)
  • Minimum 74 MELAB score
  • Minimum 6.0 IELTS score
  • Minimum 50 PTE score

For more information about graduate admissions, please visit the Graduate Studies admission website. For more information on international admission, visit the Office of Global Education’s admission website.

¹ In calculating the GPA, all grades from all courses taken at relevant level (bachelor’s or master’s) from all institutions are required.

Program Requirements

Licensure Requirements

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School Library Media Electives, choose from the following: 6

- ETEC 57400 TRENDS IN EDUCATIONAL TECHNOLOGY
- ETEC 57427 TECHNOLOGY AND LEARNING
- ETEC 67420 RESEARCH ISSUES IN EDUCATIONAL TECHNOLOGY
- ETEC 67425 MANAGING TECHNOLOGICAL CHANGE
- LIS 60675 YOUTH LITERATURE IN THE DIGITAL REALM

Minimum Total Credit Hours: 27

Licensure Information

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.

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.