SCHOOL LIBRARY MEDIA K-12 - M.L.I.S.

College of Communication and Information
School of Information
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About This Program
Looking to make a difference in K-12 education and library sciences? Kent State University’s Master of Library and Information Science degree with a School Library Media focus is the perfect way to jumpstart your career. You’ll gain practical skills and hands-on experience that prepare you for professional positions in public, private and charter schools, as well as special libraries and other information agencies. Pair the M.L.I.S. with the M.Ed. in Educational Technology for even more opportunities. Read more...

Contact Information
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• Connect with an Admissions Counselor: U.S. Student | International Student

Program Delivery
• Delivery:
  • Fully online

Examples of Possible Careers and Salaries*
Librarians and media collections specialists
• 5.0% faster than the average
• 146,500 number of jobs
• $60,820 potential earnings

Educational instruction and library workers, all other
• 4.4% about as fast as the average
• 141,400 number of jobs
• $41,570 potential earnings

Accreditation
The M.L.I.S. degree in School Library Media K-12 is approved by the American Library Association and accredited by the Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation (CAEP)

* Source of occupation titles and labor data comes from the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics’ Occupational Outlook Handbook. Data comprises projected percent change in employment over the next 10 years; nation-wide employment numbers; and the yearly median wage at which half of the workers in the occupation earned more than that amount and half earned less.

For more information about graduate admissions, visit the graduate admission website. For more information on international admissions, visit the international admission website.

Admission Requirements
• Bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university
• Minimum 2.750 undergraduate GPA on a 4.000-point scale
• Official transcript(s)
• Résumé or curriculum vita
• Student Profile form
• Application Essay
• Three letters of recommendation
• English language proficiency - all international students must provide proof of English language proficiency (unless they meet specific exceptions to waive) by earning one of the following:
  • Minimum 94 TOEFL iBT score
  • Minimum 7.0 IELTS score
  • Minimum 65 PTE score
  • Minimum 120 DET score

In calculating the total GPA, all grades from all courses taken at relevant level (baccalaureate or master’s) from all institutions are required. Applicants who do not meet the minimum 2.750 GPA requirement must submit a statement that addresses the circumstances that contributed to the GPA and preparation for success in graduate study. Applicants should include recent professional achievements that indicate an ability to perform at a higher academic level to be considered for conditional admission to the program.

International applicants who do not meet the above test scores will not be considered for admission.

Application Deadlines
• Fall Semester
  • Application deadline: April 15
• Spring Semester
  • Application deadline: November 15
• Summer Term
  • Application deadline: March 15

Applications submitted after these deadlines will be considered on a space-available basis.

Program Requirements
Major Requirements

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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

Culminating Requirement
LIS 60099 MASTER'S PORTFOLIO IN LIBRARY AND INFORMATION SCIENCE 1
LIS 60792 CULMINATING EXPERIENCE PRACTICUM IN K-12 LIBRARIES 3

Minimum Total Credit Hours: 37

Graduation Requirements

Minimum Major GPA 3.000
Minimum Overall GPA 3.000

• An electronic portfolio is required to obtain licensure in K-12 School Library Media
• No more than one-half of a graduate student’s coursework may be taken in 50000-level courses.
• Grades below C are not counted toward completion of requirements for the degree.

Licensure Information
Candidates seeking Ohio licensure are required to pass specific assessments in order to apply for licensure. Students should consult their advisors for specific program requirements and refer the Ohio Department of Education—Educator Preparation website for information on assessments specific to licensure type. 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.

Program Learning Outcomes
Graduates of this program will be able to:

1. Apply the field’s foundational theories, principles, values, ethics and skills to everyday practice in a school library context.
2. Critique and synthesize research and identify appropriate research methodologies to solve problems in the school librarianship field.
3. Analyze and engage in the changing cultural, educational and social roles and responsibilities of librarians and the educational environments they work in within the global society.
4. Evaluate systems and technologies relevant to a school librarianship context
5. Identify needs and connect kindergarten-to-grade-12 stakeholders (students, teachers, administrators) and communities with information that engages and empowers them.

Dual Degree with M.Ed. degree in Educational Technology
Student have the opportunity to complete a dual degree program with the M.Ed. degree in Educational Technology and the M.L.I.S. degree in School Library Media K-12. A separate application must be submitted for each program. Students can view admission requirements for each program on their respective catalog page.

The M.Ed./M.L.I.S. dual degree program leads to a multi-age initial licensure in school library media. This program prepares students to work in all types of libraries, including school libraries. The program of study includes professional educational requirements, along with library science and educational technology courses.

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ETEC 67420 RESEARCH ISSUES IN EDUCATIONAL TECHNOLOGY
ETEC 67425 MANAGING TECHNOLOGICAL CHANGE
ETEC 67426 MANAGING SCHOOL TECHNOLOGIES
ETEC 67434 EMERGING TECHNOLOGIES FOR EDUCATION
ETEC 67442 DESIGNING ONLINE AND BLENDED COURSES
ETEC 67444 TEACHING ONLINE AND BLENDED COURSES
ETEC 67445 DESIGNING INSTRUCTIONAL AND PERFORMANCE SOLUTIONS
LIS 60675 YOUTH LITERATURE IN THE DIGITAL REALM

Additional Library and Information Science (LIS) courses are accepted

Culminating Requirement
LIS 60892 CULMINATING EXPERIENCE FOR DUAL DEGREE 6

Minimum Total Credit Hours: 57

Graduation Requirements

• Students in M.Ed. degree have six years from the term of first enrollment to complete the degree.
• Students are responsible for completing licensure paperwork requirements through the College of Education, Health and Human Services near the end of or at the conclusion of their M.L.I.S. degree program. Exam administered by the Evaluation Systems Group of Pearson is required for licensure.
Licensure Information
Candidates seeking Ohio licensure are required to pass specific assessments in order to apply for licensure. Students should consult their advisors for specific program requirements and refer to the Ohio Department of Education-Educator Preparation website for more information on assessments specific to licensure type.

Full Description
The Master of Library and Information Science degree in School Library Media K-12 prepares students to apply for multi-age licensure in school library media. The program curriculum is based in both practice and theory and includes library science and educational technology courses. The theoretical content is aligned with the American Library Association, the American Association of School Librarians national standards and the Ohio state standards for school libraries.

Students are given opportunities to apply their learning in practical environments through a culminating experience and other options. Graduates are prepared to work in all types of libraries.

Professional Licensure Disclosure
This program is designed to prepare students to sit for applicable licensure or certification in Ohio. If you plan to pursue licensure or certification in a state other than Ohio, please review state educational requirements for licensure or certification and contact information for state licensing boards at Kent State's website for professional licensure disclosure.