

TEXAS WOMAN'S UNIVERSITY / LIBRARY AND INFORMATION STUDIES

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School Librarian Certification Program

SCHOOL LIBRARIAN CERTIFICATION

To be eligible to receive the School Librarian Certificate, the State of Texas requires all applicants to:

1. Successfully complete a school librarian preparation program.
2. Successfully complete the School Librarian's TExES. (Approval to take the TExES is granted by the preparation program.)
3. Hold a master's degree from an accredited institution of higher education.
4. Have two years of classroom teaching experience from a public or accredited private school.

(Texas Administrative Code Title 19, Part 7, Chapter 239, Subchapter B)

The School Librarian Certification preparation program offered by the School of Library and Information Studies meets all requirements of the State Board of Educator Certification for students preparing for certification in public schools in Texas. The program is offered within the Master's of Library Science (MLS) degree.

To qualify for another state's library certification, please check with that state for their specific requirements.

APPLICANTS FOR SCHOOL LIBRARIAN CERTIFICATION PREPARATION

For admission to the School Librarian Certification/ MLS program, submit an application for admission directly to the Graduate School, and have transcripts sent to the Graduate School. Consult the online SLIS Master's Handbook available from the school's web site for detailed information regarding admissions requirements.

THE SCHOOL LIBRARIAN CERTIFICATION CURRICULUM

Courses required for the MLS leading to School Librarian Certification (a total of 36 credit hours): (These courses are required unless student qualifications indicate course work that could substitute for the courses listed.)

- *LS 5813 Information Professions
- LS 5013 Information Storage and Retrieval
- LS 5143 Technical Services
- *LS 5603 Literature for Children and YA
- *LS 5233 Multimedia Materials and Services
- *LS 5333 School Library and Media Center
- *LS 5443 Librarians as Instructional Partners
- *LS 5003 Collection Development
- *LS 5103 Cataloging and Classification
- *LS 5843 Practicum
- 2 electives

*Courses required for School Library Certification for students already holding a master's degree in another field.

Note: If you are admitted for certification study leading to School Library Certification only and subsequently decide to pursue an MLS degree in addition to your already held master's degree, you must reapply to the program. A maximum of 12 graduate credit hours earned for certification may subsequently apply toward a graduate degree.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION ON THIS PROGRAM CONTACT:

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State Board for Educator Certification
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