



THE GRADUATE SCHOOL

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MASTER OF EDUCATION LIBRARY MEDIA STUDIES ONLINE

PROGRAM OBJECTIVES:

The Library Media Studies online degree program prepares students for a successful career as a library teacher. Educators and library professionals can earn their degree and become licensed in two and a half years, entirely online!

After successfully completing this master's program, graduates work with children and young adults in the hub of the school, the library media center. The program provides the education and skills that a library media specialist needs to run a successful school library media program. The Master of Education in Library Media Studies program allows students to complete a master's degree while developing the necessary qualifications to meet the Commonwealth of Massachusetts requirements for initial license as a library teacher. Applicants to this program may choose to complete this program in one of two ways: online or onsite. As a part of the online program, students take courses entirely online. The onsite program provides the opportunity for students to take courses on campus with a flexible schedule.

Some important details about the program:

- Accredited by the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE).
- Only master's degree program in Library Media Studies offered at a public college in Massachusetts.
- Limited number of students accepted to each cohort.
- Cohort model provides students with high-quality academic program, collegial online environment, and a graduate education suited to the busy lifestyle of students who work full-time.
- Knowledgeable and experienced faculty introduce students to practical applications, sophisticated electronic resources, and traditional tools.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS:

- A completed application form, available from the Graduate School Office, and a \$35.00 non-refundable application fee made payable to Salem State College.
- A complete, official transcript documenting the award of a bachelor's degree.
- Official transcripts of any graduate courses taken or degrees held.
- Three completed Reference for Graduate Admission forms. These forms are available with the application. Please include references from people who have known you in both professional and academic capacities. Completed reference forms may have a letter attached to them.
- Official copy of test results taken within the last five years documenting satisfactory performance on either the Graduate Record Examination (GRE) or the Miller Analogies Test (MAT). Those who hold a master's degree are exempt from this requirement.
- All students for whom English is not a first language must submit satisfactory scores on the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL), in addition to their GRE or MAT scores.
- A 500-1,000 word, double-spaced statement of purpose addressing the following questions: What factors in your personal and professional history have influenced you in the past and now lead you to seek admission to this program at Salem State College? What are your long-term professional goals, and how will this program help you meet them? Is there any other information that you think would help the admissions committee evaluate your application?
- A photocopy of your teaching license(s) and/or scores on the Communication and Literacy Skills Test of the Massachusetts Tests for Educator Licensure (MTEL).

APPLICATION DEADLINE: **June 1 for Fall Admission**

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS:

Upon acceptance into the program, you will complete a Plan of Study in consultation with the program coordinator. You must request that any transfer credits be considered at this time. PLEASE NOTE THAT NO MORE THAN THREE COURSES TAKEN AT SALEM STATE COLLEGE BEFORE ADMISSION CAN BE COUNTED TOWARDS THIS PROGRAM. You should meet regularly with the program coordinator to discuss your progress and revise your plan of study as needed. Consult with your program coordinator about which courses require field experience or provide the opportunity to complete pre-practicum hours.

PLAN OF STUDY:

Core Courses

- EDU738 Educational Research across the Curriculum 3
- EDU876 Global Perspectives in Cultural Diversity 3
- EDU737 Theories of Thinking and Learning 3

Library Science Courses

- LBS710 Reference Materials and Research 3
- LBS720 Cataloging and Classification: Print and Non-Print Materials 3
- LBS724 Electronic Technologies for Information Retrieval 3
- LBS730* Administration of the School Media Center 3
- LBS750* Information Literacy and the School Curriculum 3
- LBS815* Instructional Resources Selection and Curriculum Development K-12 3

Course in Media

- EDU869A Design and Production of Media Materials for All Learners 3

Children's Literature elective

- LBS803 K-12 Literature Survey 3

Practicum

- LBS900N** Practicum Experience for the Library Teacher 3

Total Credits for Degree: 36

* Classes require 25 hours of pre-practicum work

** A 200-hour practicum experience must be conducted in a school library setting that must meet all requirements set by the Massachusetts Department of Education and Salem State College.

Subsequent to publication of this flowsheet, the Graduate School reserves the right to make changes in courses, program requirements, policies and regulations as circumstances dictate. There is no guarantee that any listed course will be offered in any given semester.