The School Librarianship program prepares individuals to meet the varied roles required of a school librarian in the 21st century - the roles of instructional partner, teacher, information specialist, leader and program administrator.

The master’s degree program is designed for licensed teachers who want to develop the additional skills needed to add an endorsement as a School Librarian in pre-kindergarten through grade 12; and for those individuals with a baccalaureate degree, but no teaching degree, who want to obtain professional licensure with a school librarian endorsement in pre-kindergarten through grade 12.

“My experience at Longwood University was very fulfilling and rewarding. The classes were relevant and delivered with a fine attention to detail. Being a mother of five children, my life is full of outside commitments. The mixture of online and face-to-face classes made it possible to balance the course work.”

– Judy Deichman M.S. ’10 librarian, Nottoway Middle School, Crewe, Va.
Program at a Glance:
• Program themes include collaboration, leadership and technology.
• The program introduces methods of information management and ideas to develop fully integrated programs in school libraries.
• Culminates in a supervised experience in a school library.
• Requires a professional portfolio which documents mastery of program standards.
• Successful completion meets current eligibility requirements for the Virginia Postgraduate Professional License with an endorsement as a school librarian in grades PreK-12.

Program Requirements
Core Program 31 Credits
• SLIB 500 Foundations of School Librarianship (3)
• SLIB 510 Collection Development (3)
• SLIB 520 Library Resources for Children (3)
• SLIB 530 Library Resources for Young Adults (3)
• SLIB 560 Information Sources and Services (3)
• SLIB 600 Emerging Trends in School Librarianship (3)
• SLIB 620 Instructional Design in School Libraries (3)
• SLIB 630 Organization of Information (3)
• SLIB 670 Administration of School Libraries (3)
• SLIB 680 Research Methodology for School Librarians (3)
• SLIB 691 Professional Portfolio (1)

Track One: Licensed Teacher
Total Program Hours Required: 36
Select one elective from the following:
• SLIB 570—Curriculum and Instructional Procedures for School Librarians (3)
• SLIB 595—Special Topics (3)
• SLIB 605—Features and Functions of School Libraries PreK-12 (3)
• SLIB 610—Promotion of School Libraries (3)
• SLIB 685—Research Study in School Libraries (3)
• SLIB 695—Advanced Special Topics (3)

Track Two: Initial Licensure
Total Program Hours Required: 39
• SLIB 570 Curriculum and Instructional Procedures for School Librarians (3)
• SLIB 689 Supervised Experience in School Libraries (5)
Prior to enrollment in SLIB 689, students must meet the Professional Studies Requirements for PreK-12 endorsements as established by the Virginia Department of Education.

Admission Requirements
• Graduate of a four-year regionally accredited college or university.
• A minimum, overall undergraduate GPA of 2.75 (on a 4.0 scale). If not, either a minimum mean score on two out of three parts (verbal, quantitative, analytical writing) of the General GRE test OR a GPA of 3.5 on 6 hours of Longwood graduate courses that are part of the degree program to which the applicant is applying taken as a non-degree registrant within the last 12 months.
• Personal essay of 500 words or more addressing reasons for seeking graduate education.
• Two recommendations related to your competence and effectiveness in your academic and professional work.
• Official transcripts from each college or university from which you earned a degree or additional course credit following the conferral of your degree.

For Track One: Licensed Teacher
• Valid Virginia teaching license or equivalent from another state.

For Track Two: Initial Licensure
• Passing Praxis CASE score or equivalent SAT or ACT scores or passing VCLA scores plus the equivalent SAT or ACT or passing Praxis CASE math score.

No more than nine Longwood non-degree graduate hours may be counted towards a degree, certificate or professional endorsement program. Students are expected to apply to a Longwood graduate program prior to enrolling in classes. At the latest, all application materials should be received before the completion of six hours.

Application Deadlines (good guideline, not absolute)

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Tuition and Fees
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