



SCHOOL LIBRARIANSHIP

Master of Education Degree



“Longwood’s School Librarianship degree gave me the confidence, tools, and skills I need to develop my own library program. As a classroom teacher, the face-to-face and online format of the coursework provided the right amount of feedback and flexibility. I still rely on the connections I made with professors and classmates years after completing my degree.”

– Kari Joyner M.S. '12 librarian, Randolph-Henry High School, Charlotte Court House, Va.

The School Librarianship program prepares individuals to meet the varied roles required of today’s school librarian - 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.



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.
- With 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 (2)
- SLIB 521 Library Resources for Children Workshop (1)
- SLIB 530 Library Resources for Young Adults (2)
- SLIB 531 Library Resources for Young Adults Workshop (1)
- SLIB 560 Information Sources and Services (3)
- SLIB 600 Emerging Trends in School Librarianship (3)
- SLIB 620 Instructional Design & Assessment in School Libraries (2)
- SLIB 621 Instructional Design & Assessment in School Libraries Workshop (1)
- SLIB 630 Organization of Information (3)
- SLIB 670 Administration of School Libraries (2)
- SLIB 671 Administration of School Libraries Workshop (1)
- SLIB 680 Research Methodology for School Librarians (3)
- SLIB 691 Professional Portfolio (1)

Track One: Licensed Teacher

Total Program Hours Required: 36

- SLIB 690 Clinical Experience in School Libraries (2)
- 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.
 - 2.75+ undergraduate GPA* (on 4.0 scale)
- *options available if you do not meet this requirement
- Personal essay of 500 words or less.
 - 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 or professional endorsement. 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)*

Enrolling Semester	Deadline
Fall	Jul. 15
Spring	Dec. 1
Summer	Apr. 15



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Tuition and Fees

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