

# EDUCATIONAL MEDIA (M.ED.) - LIBRARY MEDIA

## Degree Requirements

The Master of Education degree program in Education Media with a certificate in Library Media is designed to prepare students to plan, design, and administer library/media centers and qualify students to serve as School Library Media Specialists in a P-12 educational setting. This program is offered entirely online with two options:

Upon successful completion of the nationally recognized and accredited program, graduates may be able to qualify for certification in states other than Alabama. For certification as a library media specialist by the State Department of Education, one must have completed a basic program in a teaching field. Eligibility for certification requires two years of appropriate professional experience. See specific requirements for each program. The initial certificate is valid for five years.

Satisfactory progress in the program will be predicated on a combination of factors such as academic success, demonstration of competence in requisite skills, adherence to ethical standards, and appropriate interpersonal functioning. Students who do not demonstrate satisfactory competence with any of these critical areas of professional performance may be terminated from the program. Core faculty will evaluate students on a continuing basis to determine students' satisfactory progression through the program.

## Master of Education Degree with Certification in Library Media

Students entering this program must have valid baccalaureate-level or master's level professional educator certification in a teaching field. Program requirements include:

1. Completing a minimum of 30 semester hours as outlined below, with a minimum grade-point average of 3.25 on all work attempted. A minimum grade of "B" is required for all EDM courses, and a satisfactory performance is required in each of the internship experiences.
2. Passing a written comprehensive and portfolio examination.
3. Passing the PRAXIS II test for Library Media Specialist.

Code	Title	Hours
<b>Educational Media Core Courses see footnote table below (p. 1)</b>		
EDM 510	Microcomputing Systems in Ed	3
EDM 530	Workshop in Ed Media	3
EDM 540	Curr Media for Children & Yth	3
EDM 580	Information Literacy	3
EDM 581	Media Center Management	3
EDM 583	Library Media Programs	3
<b>Internship</b>		
EDM 595A	Internship A (see footnote table below (p. 1)) <sup>2</sup>	1
EDM 595B	Internship B (see footnote table below (p. 1)) <sup>3</sup>	1
EDM 595C	Internship C (see footnote table below (p. 1)) <sup>4</sup>	1
See additional information below		
<b>Instructional Support Courses</b>		
Select one of the following:		3

EPY 502	Psy Prin Learning	
EDF 515	Multicultural Education	
Advisor Approved Elective		
IDE 510	Educ Research and Evaluation	3
SPE 500	Nat-Needs of Exc Chld and Yth (see footnote table below (p. 1)) <sup>5</sup>	3
or EDU 567	Multicultural Exp in Schools	
<b>Total Hours</b>		<b>30</b>

## Footnote

- <sup>1</sup> With the exception of EDM 510, enrollment is limited to Educational Media majors only.
- <sup>2</sup> Prerequisite EDM 581
- <sup>3</sup> Prerequisite EDM 580
- <sup>4</sup> Prerequisite EDM 583
- <sup>5</sup> If a survey course in Special Education was previously taken at the undergraduate or graduate level, EDU 567 must be taken in lieu of SPE 500.

## Alabama Class "A" Certification in Library Media

To be eligible for admission to this program, students must have a valid Alabama master's level certification in a teaching field or a valid master's level certification in another area of instructional support and must have completed the equivalent graduate course work listed under Instructional Support Courses for the master's degree (9 semester hours).

Additional requirements for admission are found on the Program webpage at <https://www.southalabama.edu/colleges/ceps/cins/edmedia-med.html>

To apply - click here (<https://southalabama.liaisoncas.com/applicant-ux/#/login>) to get to the admissions login page.

Program completion requirements include:

1. Completing the Educational Media Core (21 semester hours) as outlined below, with a minimum grade point average of 3.25 in all core courses and a satisfactory performance in each of the internship experiences.
2. Passing a written comprehensive and portfolio examination.
3. Passing the PRAXIS II test for Library Media Specialist.

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See additional information below		
<b>Total Hours</b>		<b>21</b>

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In addition, an ALSDE-Approved diversity course is required if not previously taken with the Class A certification.

Students will be required to accumulate a total of 300 contract hours during the three internships: A, B, and C (100 hours in each). Of the 300 contact total hours, 150 must be accumulated in a P-12 school library. Although it is preferred that all internship hours are accumulated in a P-12 school library, other settings may be approved such as a public or university library. Internship A MUST be conducted in a school library. Of the 300 total hours, at least 100 must be at the elementary level (K-6) and at least 100 at the secondary level (7-12); the remaining 100 may be at the level(s) of choice. It is the students' responsibility to initiate the internship experiences by: identifying potential sites and obtaining on-site administrative approval. Final approval of internship arrangements will be made by program faculty. The supervising library media specialist must be certified, currently employed as a media specialist, and have at least three successful years as a media specialist.