

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:

- Master of Education Degree with Certification in Library Media
- Alabama Class "A" Certification in Library Media.

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 (30 Semester Hours)

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.

Master Of Education Degree With Certification In Library Media	Credit Hours
Educational Media Core Courses	18
EDM 510	
EDM 530	
EDM 540	
EDM 580	
EDM 581	
EDM 583	
With the exception of EDM 510, enrollment is limited to Educational Media majors only.	
Internship	3
EDM 595-A (prerequisite EDM 581)	
EDM 595-B (prerequisite EDM 580)	
EDM 595-C (prerequisite EDM 583)	
See additional information below.	
Instructional Support Courses	9
EPY 502 or EDF 515 or Advisor Approved Elective	

IDE 510

SPE 500 or EDU 567 (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 (21 Semester Hours)

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](#) 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.
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See additional information below.	
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.

Department Information

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Assistant Professors	Ding, Gaston, McCarty, Moore, Upton, Zha

Department of Counseling and Instructional Sciences website
<https://www.southalabama.edu/colleges/ceps/cins>

Department Of Counseling And Instructional Sciences

The Department of Counseling and Instructional Sciences offers the Master of Education degree in Educational Media (leading to certification in Library Media), and in School Counseling leading to certification as a school counselor, and the Master of Science degree in Educational Media & Technology, Clinical Mental Health Counseling, and Instructional Design. The department also offers the Doctor of Philosophy degree in Instructional Design and Development. The department collaborates with the Department of Psychology in the College of Arts and Sciences to deliver the Ph.D. degree in Combined-Integrated Clinical & Counseling Psychology. Finally, the department offers the B.S. degree and minor in Instructional Design & Performance Improvement.

Interdepartmental Education

Faculty within the department offer foundational coursework in Education Technology, Educational Psychology, Educational Foundations, and Educational Research. These courses are offered for students in the undergraduate and graduate programs throughout the college and are designed to broaden and strengthen degree-area preparation.