



ONLINE MASTER OF SCIENCE IN: **LIBRARY MEDIA (TEACHER LIBRARIAN)**

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The Ralph C. Wilson, Jr. School of Education offers an online Master of Science in Library Media, which leads not only to initial certification as a library media specialist, but also to professional certification in your initial teaching certificate area.

As a student in this program, you will be prepared to undertake the productive, critical, and efficient use of libraries, media, and information technology. You will also learn the many ways in which you can contribute to student literacy and inquiry skills.

The program is designed for candidates and teachers who hold initial teacher certification and wish to specialize in library media. Graduates will be recommended to New York state for initial certification in library media, as well as professional certification in their original initial certificate area. Library media graduates may also apply for their certificate as public librarians.

ACCREDITATION

The Ralph C. Wilson, Jr. School of Education is accredited based on the Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation (CAEP) Standards through 2026.

Formerly the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE), CAEP is the sole nationally recognized accrediting body for educator preparation, and is recognized by the U.S. Secretary of Education and the Council for Higher Education Accreditation.

CURRICULUM

The online M.S. in library media is a 30 credit hour program designed to be completed in one calendar year. Requirements include:

- 24 credit hours of coursework at the graduate level specific to school librarianship
- 100 clock hours of supervised fieldwork
- Six credit hours of practicum

In addition to coursework, fieldwork, and practica, candidates must take and pass the New York State Teacher Certification Examination in Library Media Specialist and meet any additional requirements at the time they apply for certification.

LIFE AFTER FISHER

School of Education teachers and administrators work in public, charter, and private schools throughout New York state and across the country.



SAMPLE PROGRAM SCHEDULE

SUMMER

- GLMS 600 Introduction to School Librarianship (3)
- GLMS 602 Children's Literature, Media, and Literacy (3)
- GLMS 604 Adolescent Literature, Media, and Literacy (3)
- GLMS 606 Inquiry and the Library Media Program (3)

Total: 12 credits

FALL

- GLMS 608 Managing the Library Media Program (3)
- GLMS 610 Curriculum, Collaboration, and Leadership for the Library Media Specialist (3)
- GLMS 612 Information Literacy, Media Literacy, and New Literacies (3)

Total: 9 credits

SPRING

- GLMS 611 Organization of Information (3)
- GLMS 614 Practicum in the Library Media Center: Elementary (3)
- GLMS 616 Practicum in the Library Media Center: Secondary (3)

Total: 9 credits

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

- Completed online application
- Baccalaureate degree from an accredited college or university
- Official transcripts of all undergraduate and graduate work (if applicable)
- Two recommendation forms (submitted online)
- Current résumé
- Professional/career goals statement
- Results of the TOEFL (if native language is not English)
- Graduate Transfer Credit Request Form and supporting documents (submitted online, if applicable)
- A copy of New York state teaching certification **OR** proof of pending certification is required for students just completing their undergraduate studies.
- To comply with New York state regulations, applicants to graduate-level teacher professional certification programs **who do not have a master's degree** must provide Fisher with scores from either of the following:
 - Miller Analogies Test (MAT)*
 - Graduate Record Examination (GRE)*
- Applicants must have earned a minimum cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 3.0 for baccalaureate degrees from approved postsecondary institutions.

***Note:** Test scores are valid on these exams for five years. Applicants who already have a master's degree are exempt from submitting test scores.



ABOUT THE RALPH C. WILSON, JR. SCHOOL OF EDUCATION

The Ralph C. Wilson, Jr. School of Education provides numerous degree options to prepare education professionals for certification and careers in schools, elementary through high school. With the School's emphasis on social justice, you will learn how to engage your own students as they develop, making a lasting impact on individual lives and the greater community.

TAKE A CLOSER LOOK

If you have questions regarding the program or the application process, please contact the Office of Transfer and Graduate Admissions at (585) 385-8064 or email grad@sjfc.edu