LME Online Program Advising Information
LIBRARY MEDIA SPECIALIST CONCENTRATION & CERTIFICATION

Contact the Graduate Advisor – The official letter of admission from the Office of Graduate Studies that is sent to an applicant will include the name and email address of the assigned advisor for the master’s degree. The advisor must be contacted as soon possible to plan the program of study. Advisors are available by email, phone, or in person to work with students.

Completion of Form-B/C – The Academic Program Form B/C must be completed within the first term of enrollment or before completion of 12 sem. hours of course work. It is a contract between the student and advisor regarding the courses to be taken in the master’s program. The completed Form-C is forwarded to Teacher Certification. Teacher Certification then sends the form to the Office for Graduate Studies. A copy is sent to the student. A student may not be able to enroll in classes for the following semester because his/her registration will be delayed.

Enrollment in the Correct Courses – Students must be sure to take the courses listed on the Form B/C. Students must obtain the permission of their advisors before taking any courses not listed on their Form-C. The advisors then submit a Change of Program Form listing the course deleted and the course added. Most of the courses in the LME program are required, so there is little room for taking elective classes.

The LME faculty suggests that the following sequence of courses be followed:

1. 12-15 SEM. HOURS
   A. LME 501 Program Organization and Administration
   B. LME 502 Collection Management
   C. Research Tool (For a first master’s LME 519 Special Topics--Research in LME, EDFN 500 Research Methods, or EXED 534 Seminar: Research in Exceptional Child Education. If for a second master’s degree, the research class from the first one can be counted if it will not be older than 6 years by the completion of program. If not, a program area exam on research terminology is required. A closely aligned study guide is available. A minimum grade of B is required)
   D. LME 512 Issues in Library Media Education
   E. 3-6 sem. hours from other core courses:
      LME 535 Survey of Educational Technology Practices (Note: Prerequisite for LME 537)
      LME 537 Principles of Educational Technology Applications (Prerequisite: Completion of LME 535)
   F. Completion of Admission to Candidacy Form-D – After the research tool requirement is met and 12 sem. hours are completed but before the completion of 21 semester hours, the Admission to Candidacy Form-D must be filled-out, signed and sent to the advisor. The Form D can be printed from the Office for Graduate Studies website

2. 15 – 24 Sem. Hours
   A. 6 sem. hours from other core courses:
      LME 506 Classification and Cataloging
      LME 508 Information Sources and Services
3. 24 – 33 Sem. Hours

A. 3-6 sem. hours from other courses:
   - LME 506 Classification and Cataloging
   - LME 508 Information Sources and Services
   - LME 518 Advanced Children’s Literature
   - LME 527 Thematic Approach to Young Adult Literature

   NOTE: Depending on one’s primary certification and knowledge of the content for LME 518 and 527, electives may be substituted for these two courses: LME 410G Storytelling, LME 411G Creative Media Experiences, or the advanced technology classes (LME 545 and 547) for the edtech endorsement/certificate, or appropriate courses outside of LME with approval of the advisor.

B. 3-6 sem. hours from core courses:
   - LME 535 Survey of Educational Technology Practices (Note: Prerequisite for LME 537)
   - LME 537 Principles of Educational Technology Applications (Prerequisite: Completion of LME 535)

C. Practicum LME 590 (1-3 hour), LME 591 (1 hour) LME 592 (3 hour) – Depending on student’s program of study. The Practicum is taken in the last semester (fall/spring only). This class requires 120 field hours and a professional portfolio based on evidence produced across their program of study. (Note: Permission of the instructor plus prerequisites: Completion of 24 hours of course work including LME 501, 512, 535, and 537; and admission to candidacy. Students who do not hold teacher certification must be admitted to WKU Professional Education).

D. Register for the Praxis II Specialty Exam for Library Media Specialist – The PRAXIS exam is required for certification as a library media specialist and should be taken near the end of the program. The PRAXIS exam for library media specialists is administered by the Educational Testing Services. Additional information is online at http://www.ets.org. An information sheet for preparation for the exam is available from one’s academic advisor. Students who do not have any teacher certification must also take the PRAXIS II Principles of Learning and Teaching Exam.