

Courses for K-12 Library Information Specialist Entitlement

Below is the list of required courses offered at NIU for students seeking a K-12 Library Information Specialist Entitlement. This course of study provides the necessary standards-based course work for entitlement and is commonly taken in conjunction with a master's degree in instructional technology. You must hold an Illinois teaching license to receive Library Information Specialist Entitlement. Individuals may earn the K-12 Entitlement as an initial teacher license by completing additional course work and practicum experiences.

You must confer with the ETRA department's program advisor no later than the end of your first semester of course work to plan for appropriate course selection and sequencing.

Knowledge and performance standards required by the State of Illinois (as revised July 1, 2003) are met through completion of the following required courses. These required courses are subject to change at any time.

Entitlement Requirements

LIS Certification Requirements

LIS Core

- ETT 504 Cataloging and Classification
- ETT 508 Reference Theory and Practice
- ETT 523 Media for Young Adults
- ETT 527 Library Materials for Children
- ETT 533 School Library Media Centers
- ETT 542 Information Access and Social Responsibilities for Library Information Specialists

Technology core

- ETT 501 Pro-seminar in Instruction Technology
- ETT 510 Instructional Media and Technology
- ETT 511 Advanced Media Design (Message Design) or ETT 531 Visual Literacy
- ETT 530 IT Tools
- ETT 586 Internship or ETT 569 Practicum
- ETT Elective selected with the approval of the ETRA program advisor

Research Requirement

- ETR 520 Introduction to Educational Research (or a research/evaluation course) selected with the approval of the ETRA program advisor

Comprehensive examination in the form of a portfolio

In addition to the required library information specialist course work and unless already taken as part of their teaching certificate, students pursuing Library Information Specialist Entitlement must also successfully complete:

- Library Information Specialist Test (Endorsement and Entitlement)
- K-12 Assessment of Professional Teaching (APT) Test
- Test of Academic Proficiency
- A course in non-Western culture may be required
- A course in exceptional education (TLSE 557 at NIU) may be required
- ISBE Educator Licensure: <http://www.isbe.net/licensure/>
- Information for registration and dates of tests: Illinois Licensure Testing Systems
<http://www.il.nesinc.com/>

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