

ALTERNATE ROUTE TO CERTIFICATION FOR TEACHERS TO BECOME LIBRARY MEDIA SPECIALISTS

Earn a Cross-Endorsement While you Continue to Teach!



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Alternate Route to Certification for Teachers to Become Library Media Specialists

What is the Alternate Route to Certification for Teachers to Become Library Media Specialists?

The Alternate Route to Certification for Teachers to Become Library Media Specialists is an innovative and exciting program developed by the Connecticut State Department of Education, approved by the Department of Higher Education, and administered by ACES to attract talented, successful Connecticut teachers to a new teaching career as school Library Media Specialists.

During the school year, participants engage in activities and attend seminars related to the role and structure of high-quality library media programs. During the summer, they participate in rigorous periods of intensive, full-time instruction.

Once a teacher successfully completes the program of instruction, he/she receives a Record of Completion and cross-endorsement as a school Library Media Specialist. This credential deems the teacher eligible for certification and employment as a Library Media Specialist in any Connecticut public school. The program does not carry college course credit.

Continued support is available during the first year of employment as a school Library Media Specialist.

Qualifications for Admission

To be considered for admission to this program for certification as a school Library Media Specialist, applicants must:

- Hold a valid Connecticut teaching certificate;
- Have worked full-time under a Connecticut teaching certificate for a minimum of four years during the previous seven years;
- Have completed a Master's degree prior to the beginning of the program;
- Have an interest in a high degree of information and technology competency and regular incorporation of the use of information and technology resources into instruction;
- Be currently employed by a Connecticut district during the course of study;
- Have a working email address.

The ARCLMS program is administered by Area Cooperative Educational Services.

Program Description:

Attend at least 15 hours of professional development activities, related to library media and/or technology, either within their school district, at a regional educational service center (RESC), at a college or university with library media preparation programs, or at events sponsored by library media/technology professional associations;

Attend five to seven evening seminars, three or four hours each, on topics such as information literacy, reading theory, technology, Internet resources, collaboration, curriculum mapping, the Big6™ and iConn.

Participate in three full-day shadowing experiences with school Library Media Specialists (one elementary school, one middle school and one high school);

Complete assigned reading of professional materials (e.g., Information Power) and representative children's and young adults' literature;

Complete additional homework and assignments;

Attend programming during the summer;

Exemplary Library Media Specialists, technology experts, and ACES staff will comprise the faculty for this program.

To Apply, Submit the Following:

- The three-page application form, completed
- A copy of your certification
- Your résumé
- Two letters of reference, including one from an administrator
- A non-refundable application fee of \$75.00

Information, program fees, and the application are available online at www.aces.org or by contacting ACES, PDSI Unit, at 203.407.4451.

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