This M.A. degree program is designed to fulfill course requirements for P-12 School Media Librarian Specialization and Certification. The program must be PREPLANNED with one’s advisor and shall consist of 33 semester hours of graduate level coursework for the endorsement track and 36 semester hours of graduate level coursework for the initial certification track. During the first nine weeks of LIB 600, the student will complete the graduate program form and submit it to the specified advisor. The Program form is approved by a graduate advisor and the Collegiate Graduate Coordinator. Graduation from the program qualifies for a rank change: candidates with a previous bachelor’s degree may apply for a Rank II, while those for whom this is a second master’s degree may apply for a Rank I.

Continuous Assessment: Once a student is admitted to the program, a GPA of 3.0 must be maintained.

**Admission to the Program**

1. Bachelor’s degree from an accredited institution with a minimum of 2.75 GPA
2. Application to MSU Graduate School
3. Application to Library Media program
4. Successful completion of Praxis Core Academic Skills for Educators (CASE 5712, 5722 and 5732) (or GRE) (initial certification only)

**Midpoint Assessment**

1. Successful completion of LIB 620 and the practicum LIB 626, indicating professional and collaborative skills in a school setting.
2. Successful completion of either LIB 630 and the practicum LIB 636 or LIB 640 and the practicum LIB 646 or EDU 626 and the practicum LIB 656

**Exit Criteria**

1. Pass graduate portfolio.
2. Successful completion of Praxis Library Media Specialist exam (5311) and Principles of Learning & Teaching (5622, 5623 or 5624) (initial certification only)
3. A minimum GPA of 3.0