School Library Track
Virtual Advising, Fall 2021

School of Information Sciences (SIS)/College of Education, Health, & Human Sciences (CEHHS)
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Agenda

- Review the program parts
- Discuss coursework
- Point to helpful resources
- Discuss the practicum
- Admission to CEHHS Teacher Preparation Program
- Q & A, at any time really

- Anything to add?
Program Components

- Coursework - varies by degree and credentials
- Admission to the CEHHS Teacher Prep Program
  - For JEP and initial license, but NOT already licensed teachers
- Practicum
  - 595 (student teaching), 596 (licensed already), 596-JEP (taken twice)
- Specialty Exams
  - School Librarian Specialty Exam, aka “Praxis” - everyone
    - after you’ve taken 571, 572, EDPY 401 and SPED 402 (if applicable)
  - edTPA - initial licensure & JEP only - final semester
How many parts are YOU doing??

3 - MSIS, initial TN teaching license, and PreK-12 School Library Endorsement (initial license and JEP)
   - SIS core + specialized courses + 1 elective + 2 CEHHS courses + 2 specialty exams

2 - MSIS, and endorsement to (pre-existing) teaching license
   - SIS core + specialized courses (and quite a few electives!) + 1 specialty exam

1 - Endorsement
   - SIS core + specialized courses + 1 specialty exam
Coursework varies by degree/credentials

- SIS core - everyone!
  - 511, 512, and 514

- Specialty classes - everyone!
  - 551, 560, 571, 572, 59X

- Electives?
  - 1 or more, depending on how many degrees/credentials involved

- CEHHS courses - initial licensure only
  - EDPY 401 and SPED 402
Advising Sheet: School Library

Students without Teacher Certification

STUDENTS WITHOUT TEACHER CERTIFICATION

- This course should be taken as the last class before your student teaching semester.
- This course is a culminating course and should be taken in its own in the final semester prior to graduation.
- These two undergraduate courses offered by the OTK College of Education, Health and Human Services (CEHHS) may be transferred in from a four-year regionally accredited institution, however permission to do this must be received in writing from CEHHS. Contact Dr. Weik at cnweik@utk.edu for more information.
- The school librarian must have their library teaching license required.

Advising Sheet: School Librarian

School of Information Sciences - University of Tennessee

Anticipated graduation date ____________________________

Semester Entering SIS ____________________________

Name ____________________________

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Name ____________________________

Date ____________________________

Advising Sheet: School Librarian

School of Information Sciences - University of Tennessee

Anticipated graduation date ____________________________

Semester Entering SIS ____________________________

Name ____________________________

School of Information Sciences Advising Sheet: School Librarian

Name ____________________________

Date ____________________________
Keep in mind re coursework - 1

- Advising sheets are in numerical order, not the order you take the classes

- 551 - taken right before practicum for initial licensure
  - 596 (already licensed) can take it concurrently
  - JEP take it as soon as it makes sense

- 59X - always your final semester(s)
  - JEP’s final two semesters, take along with other classes
  - 596 - final semester, can take other classes as well
  - 595 - taken on its own, no other classes!
Some classes are only ever offered once a year, or may be offered only in certain semesters, e.g. (but not limited to!):
- 571 - only ever in spring
- 572 - only ever in summer
- 551 - only ever in fall
- 577 - every other summer

Watch for prerequisites
- 551 - take everything else first, taken in last or next-to-last semester
- 573 - 571 and 572 are prerequisites

That’s why it’s important to complete an updated advising sheet every semester and email it to Dr. W, whether you need to consult on a question or not

Don’t wait to register; classes will fill and it may impact your ending date!
Helpful resources on the SIS site

Web tour
59X: Practica

- **595 - Student Teaching**
  - For initial license
  - Full immersion, all day, all week, all semester, 3 placements (elem, ms, hs)
  - All this plus coursework for the practicum class

- **596 - Fieldwork Experience in School Libraries**
  - For those already licensed
  - 100 clock hours in school libraries - NOT in your own school
  - 3 placements (elem, ms, hs)
  - All this plus coursework for the practicum class

- **JEP - Job-Embedded Program**
  - Only available for initial license
  - Hired as school librarian, plus coursework, 1 placement
  - All this plus coursework for the practicum class
How do I get into my placements?

- **Knox County**
  - Partnership agreement in place?
  - Feel free to talk to school librarians BUT you work through me to get placed
  - Extra application/registration/fingerprinting step

- **Everywhere else (in the United States)**
  - Partnership agreement in place?
  - Contact Central Office (or HR) and ask about their procedures
  - You find your own placements
  - They may require documentation from me, just let me know what you need and where to send it
Practicum FAQ - except JEPs

► When do I do this?
  ► Start looking for placements at any time, and start nailing them down at the beginning of the semester before you need them
  ► If you don’t know where to start, ask people about the schools in their area; use the TN State Report Cards on schools

► What do I say?
  ► ”I’m a school library student and I am interested in working with school librarians in your district/school. What do I need to do?”

► What if they need something from UT?
  ► I’m standing by, let me know what they need and where (and who) to send it (to)
JEP: Job-Embedded Program

- Only available to initial licensure people
- You are hired/paid as a full-time school librarian, you do the job plus coursework, plus exams; you’re evaluated just like everyone else in the school (plus coursework and exams) ... it’s a tough road, so think carefully about applying
- You need to have completed a minimum of 18-21 hours in our program
  - You’ll do 596-JEP 2 semesters to meet the 10-month minimum internship requirement
- You apply for jobs, they offer you a job, this starts the process
- Must apply to CEHHS for their job-embedded program (in addition to the teacher prep prog)
  - They will come to me for a recommendation. Remember that in all your courses you’re creating an impression; be someone I can recommend!
CEHHS Teacher Prep Program

- Initial license and JEP only; NOT licensed teachers
- Academic content comes from SIS but *licensure comes through CEHHS, so you must be accepted into their teacher preparation program if you are seeking initial licensure*

- When - apply on the **CEHHS web site** during your first semester in SIS
- What - application, fingerprinting, background check, ProCADS, and (eventually) the admissions interview
- Where - details are on the **CEHHS web site**,  
  - Note that some of their requirements do not apply to you: the initial transcript review and advising appointment are already done through me. Ignore the interview dates, for now. If you have questions, email me.

- Admissions interview?
  - Yes, once you have completed application, fingerprinting, background check and ProCADS, I will be notified that you are ready for interview
  - 30-minute interview with me and two other school library professionals, scheduled as needed, both fall and spring (but not summers)
This is a LOT to remember !?!

... yes, yes it is. So ...

- **Every** semester during advising prior to registration, you send me an updated SLM-specific advising sheet and we can consult (if needed)

- This session is recorded, and the slides and recording are available on the SIS web site

- Every fall there is a virtual advising session to update the info

- You can always email me with questions or concerns
Questions??
What do you need?

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