

School Library Track Virtual Advising, Fall 2021

School of Information Sciences (SIS)

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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
 - ▶ Keep in mind the minimum 36 grad hours needed for MSIS
- ▶ **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 (only available to TN teachers)
 - ▶ *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
 - ▶ 506 - edTPA Seminar (1 hr) for initial license and JEP only
- ▶ Electives?
 - ▶ 1 or more, depending on how many degrees/credentials involved
- ▶ CEHHS courses - initial licensure only
 - ▶ EDPY 401 and SPED 402

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Advising Sheet: School Librarian

School of Information Sciences - University of Tennessee

Name _____ Date _____

First Semester at SIS _____ Anticipated graduation date _____

Students WITHOUT Teacher Certification

	Title	Year	Term	Hours
Required For MSIS degree	511	Information Concepts & Foundations		3
	512	Information Organization & Retrieval		3
	514	Information Technology Foundations		3
	Elective	(Please specify)		3
	Elective	(Please specify)		3
Required For School Library Licensure	506	edTPA Seminar (taken concurrently with 551)	Fall	1
	551*	School Libraries	Fall	3
	560	Development & Management of Collections		3
	571	Children's Materials	Spring	3
	572	Young Adult Materials	Summer	3
	595**	Student Teaching in School Libraries	Fall or Spring	9
	EDPY 501***	Professional Studies: Applied Educational Psychology		3
	SPED 503***	Professional Studies: Special Education and Diverse Learners		3
	TOTAL			37-43***

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Advising Sheet: School Librarian - WITH Pre-existing Teacher Certification

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Name _____

Semester Entering SIS _____ Anticipated graduation date _____

Students WITH Teacher Certification

	Title	Year	Term	Hours	
Required For MS degree	511	Information Concepts & Foundation		3	
	512	Information Organization & Retrieval		3	
	514	Information Technology Foundations		3	
	Elective	(Please specify)		3	
	Elective	(Please specify)		3	
	Elective	(Please specify)		3	
	Elective	(Please specify)		3	
	Elective	(Please specify)		3	
	Required For School Library Information	551*	School Libraries	Fall	3
		560	Development & Management of Collections		3
	571	Children's Materials	Spring	3	
	572	Young Adult Materials	Summer	3	
	596**	Field-based Experience in School Libraries (total of 100 clock hours in a school library)	Fall or Spring	2	
	TOTAL			38	

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School Library Endorsement only, valid Tennessee teaching license required

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Name _____

Start date _____ Anticipated finish date _____

	Title	Year	Term	Hours
	511	Information Concepts & Foundations		3
	512	Information Organization & Retrieval		3
	514	Information Technology Foundations		3
	551*	School Libraries	Fall	3
	560	Development & Management of Collections		3
	571	Children's Materials	Spring	3
	572	Young Adult Materials	Summer	3
	596**	Field-based Experience in School Libraries (100 hours total)	Fall or Spring	2

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
 - ▶ 506 - edTPA Seminar (1 hr - NEW), taken concurrently with 551 if you don't have your license
- ▶ 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!

Keep in mind re coursework - 2

- ▶ 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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