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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### School Library Endorsement only, valid Tennessee teaching license required

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**START DATE**  

**Anticipated Finish Date**  

**TOTAL** 100
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!
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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