

# School Library Media Specialist



Today's **School Library Media Specialist** is a leader who works within the school community to support and foster lifelong learning and the love of reading. Working collaboratively with teachers, school library media specialists contribute to advanced learning by guiding and encouraging individual inquiry and engaging students to think critically about the world around them. The job outlook is bright for school library media coordinators as a large number of working librarians reach retirement age in the next 10 years.

The school media coordinator preparatory program at the School of Information and Library Science (SILS) at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill is designed for individuals seeking a NC 076 school library media coordinator license. This includes graduate students wishing to specialize in school librarianship, as well as individuals who already have a Master's in Library Science and seek to add the necessary course work to obtain licensure. North Carolina has reciprocity agreements with a number of states and the District of Columbia.

## Curriculum

Individuals interested in seeking the MSLS specializing in school librarianship from SILS will find:

- Intellectually rigorous courses emphasizing skills in curriculum development, management, technology integration and leadership
- Preparation for understanding and meeting the information needs of youth from diverse cultural backgrounds
- Exceptional faculty
- Dedicated community of peers
- Instruction in emerging technologies used in today's schools
- Hands-on experience in public school settings
- Personalized mentoring by licensed school library media coordinators and SILS faculty
- Preparation for the NC 076 school library media coordinator license

## Degree Requirements

The Master of Science in Library Science program requires 48 hours of graduate level coursework, completion of a satisfactory comprehensive examination in the field of library and information science, and satisfactory completion of a master's paper. Coursework includes a 150 hour field experience in either an elementary, a middle, or a secondary school under the supervision of a certified School Media Coordinator.

## Application Requirements

To obtain application information please visit the Web site: [sils.unc.edu/programs/graduate/admissions](https://sils.unc.edu/programs/graduate/admissions), call 919-962-7601 or send e-mail to [info@ils.unc.edu](mailto:info@ils.unc.edu).