

Library Media Specialist

Library Media Specialists guide and direct library media programs in schools and provide leadership in the planning, management and evaluation of school library media programs. Instruct students on a formal and informal basis in skills related to reading, research, productions of materials, and the use of information and instructional technologies. Provide access to information and ideas by assisting students and staff in identifying information resources and in interpreting and communicating intellectual content.

Legislation

Statute: NH RSA 186

Administrative Rules: Chapter Ed 507.20 - 507.21

Certification Requirements

- Submit application for certification and non-refundable application fee
- Alternative methods of qualification for certification:

Alternative 1: Completion of an approved program of professional preparation in library media

Alternative 2: Completion of a comparable program outside of New Hampshire

Alternative 3: Qualification based on Demonstrated Competencies and Equivalent Experiences, requiring both written examination and oral review

Alternative 4: Individualized Professional Development Plan, for positions on the Critical Shortage List

- Specific educational requirements by position as follows:
 - **Library Media Coordinator**
 1. Have at least completed a Master's degree program in library science, library and information studies, or a closely related field such as education, and
 2. Have completed a minimum of three years of experience as a library media specialist as documented by positive recommendations or evaluations from the candidate's supervisor(s) which demonstrate that the candidate has acquired the competencies outlined in Ed 507.21
 - **Library Media Specialist K-12**
 1. Bachelor's degree
 2. Have specific skills, competencies, and knowledge gained through a combination of academic and supervised practical experiences

Examination

Initial certification requires passing the PRAXIS I pre-professional skills test (PPST) and PRAXIS II, if applicable. The State Board has approved a composite score option for PRAXIS I. Candidates must have an overall score of 518 or higher and a minimum passing score of 172 for Reading; 170 for Writing; and 170 for Mathematics. PRAXIS I and PRAXIS II exemptions are allowed for educators with either a Master's degree or higher, or who have seven or more years of educational experience under a credential issued by another state.

Regulatory Agency

Bureau of Credentialing

Division of Program Support
New Hampshire Department of Education
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Continuing Education

Staff development activities totalling 75 clock hours (or alternative to clock hours) in the school district and/or school administrative unit staff development plan during the three-year certification period

Reciprocity

Permitted with over 41 states according to the provisions of the Interstate Contract

Active Licenses

Not provided

Related Training

School Librarian/School Library Media Specialist

Fees	
Three-year certificate	\$130.00
Three-year renewal	\$130.00
Competency review, Alternative 3	\$300.00
Late filing fee	\$50.00
<i>Exam fees are set by the exam administrator, Educational Testing Service (ETS)</i>	

O*Net Codes	
25-4021.00	Librarians

Additional Information Sources
ETS-The Praxis Series <www.ets.org/praxis/nh/requirements>
New Hampshire School Library Media Association <www.nhslma.org>