

Library Media Specialist

Library Media Specialists/Coordinators 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 500

Certification Requirements

- Qualify through one of the available Alternative Pathways for licensure described on NH Department of Education webpage.

There are two Library Media endorsements, each with different licensure requirements:

- **Library Media Coordinator**
 - 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
 - Have completed a minimum of three years' 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 required in Ed 508.06
- **Library Media Specialist K-12**
 - Bachelor's degree
 - Have specific skills, competencies, and knowledge gained through a combination of academic and supervised practical experiences

There are multiple levels of credentials, each with varying requirements:

- **Intern Authorization**
 - Have met the requirements for a Statement of Eligibility
 - Currently be employed in the field of education in a New Hampshire public or non-public school
 - Intern authorizations are granted for the duration of the individualized professional development plan
 - Educators who hold a valid intern authorization receive a beginning educator license after the Bureau approves the required report of completion under the individualized professional development plan

Regulatory Agency

Bureau of Credentialing

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- **Beginning Educator License**

- Beginning educator licenses are issued for an initial period of three years
- Upon completion of three years of full-time educator experience while maintaining a valid credential, a beginning educator is qualified for an experienced educator license only if the educator is determined to be “effective” or better under the local supervision and evaluation system for at least two consecutive years.

- **Experienced Educator License**

- Upon completion of three years of full-time educator experience while maintaining a valid credential, a beginning educator is qualified for an experienced educator license only if the educator is determined to be “effective” or better under the local supervision and evaluation system for at least two consecutive years.
- An experienced educator credential shall be issued for three years

Examination

Applicants may be required to take the Praxis test and pass with the minimum qualifying score for New Hampshire. For more information please visit the Bureau of Credentialing website.

Continuing Education

Staff development activities totaling 45 Professional Education continuing education units and 30 continuing education units per endorsement during the three-year licensure period.

Fees

Three-year licensure	\$120.00
Three-year renewal	\$120.00

Additional fees vary by pathway for licensure and number of endorsements applied for.

Exam fees are set by each testing company.

Reciprocity

Permitted in accordance with the NASDTEC Interstate Contract

O*Net Codes

25-4021.00 Librarians

Active Licenses

Not provided

Related Training

School Librarian/School Library Media Specialist

Additional Information Sources

National Association of State Directors of Teacher Education and Certification (NASDTEC)
www.nasdtec.org

New Hampshire School Library Media Association
www.nhslma.org