



THE UNIVERSITY OF
MEMPHIS

College of Education

School Library Science (K-12) LICENSURE

Master of Science Degree with Initial Licensure Department of Instruction and Curriculum Leadership

Advising Sheet

- Welcome to the School Library Science (SLIS) Program, which leads to a Master of Science Degree with Initial Licensure and a Tennessee License to teach grades K-12. This degree sheet is a guide for selecting and sequencing courses required for the M. S. with Initial Licensure Program.
- **For additional information, please contact Ms. Mary Lanier at mlanier@memphis.edu.**
- Teacher Education Program (TEP): Initial licensure candidates must apply for admission to TEP before the end of the second semester and fulfill all TEP requirements. Candidates must have a 3.0 graduate GPA to be admitted to TEP and maintain a 3.0 GPA while in the graduate program.
- Licensure Exams: Candidates are required to pass Praxis II exams in order to be licensed to teach in Tennessee. For registration information, costs and more details go to www.ets.org, click on Praxis and use the dropdown menu to find the correct required exams.
- Job Embedded Practitioner (JEP) License: For information go to: <http://www.memphis.edu/tep/licensure/jep-teaching-license.php>.
- edTPA: All candidates obtaining an initial licensure degree and a TN Teaching Licensure must complete The Professional Seminar (ICL 7993). Each candidate must complete and pass a nationally scored teacher performance assessment, edTPA.

Level 1 Course Work

Suggested Course Sequence

Fall Semester

- ICL 7133 School Library Administration
- ICL 773I Introduction to Bibliography

Spring Semester

- ICL 7132 Cataloging and Classification
- ICL 730I Literature in the PreK-12 School

Requirements Timeline

Fall Semester

- Begin studying/preparing for your Praxis Content Exam.
- Please access Praxis Resources [here](#).
- Begin taking your Praxis II Content exam(s).

Spring Semester

- Continue Praxis support and studying.
- Continue to take your Praxis II Content exam(s) if not already passed.
- Apply for TEP Admissions [here](#).
- If you are not admitted to TEP, you **will not be** able to continue to Level 2 course work.

Level 2 Course Work

Summer Semester

- ICL 7134 Internet in the School Library
- ICL 7730 Foundations of Librarianship

- SPED 7000 Introduction to Exceptional Learners
- EDPR 7117 Life-Span Human Development

Summer Semester

- Continue to take Praxis II Content exam(s) if not already passed.
- Apply for TEP Admissions.

- Complete Clinical Teaching application.

Level 3 Course Work

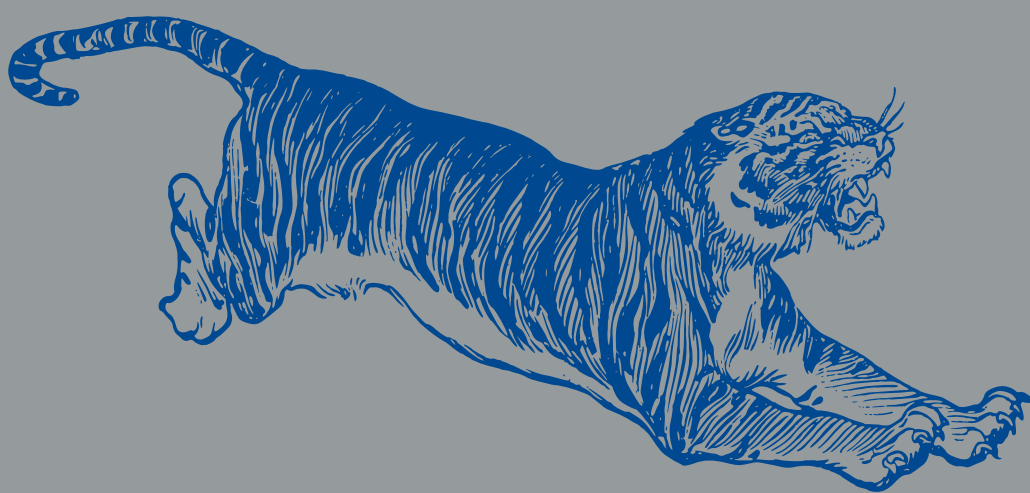
Fall / Spring Semester

- ICL 7808 – Clinical Teaching
- ICL 7993 – Professional Seminar (REQUIRED OF ALL CANDIDATES)

TOTAL HOURS: 33

JOB EMBEDDED PRACTITIONER HOURS: 27

- Candidates should have all courses completed and have passed:
- Library Information Specialist PreK-12: Praxis 5311 (Library Media Specialist) exam prior to enrolling in Level 3 Courses (ICL 7800 and/or ICL 7993).
- Apply for graduation through myMemphis.edu student portal at the beginning of the semester you plan to graduate. Please go to this link for information on the steps to graduate:
<https://www.memphis.edu/commencement/apply/>



- An application is required one (1) semester prior to The Clinical Teaching Semester – ICL 7808.
- All clinical teaching candidates must take the Professional Seminar to obtain licensure- ICL 7993.
- (No other courses may be taken with the clinical teaching semester and/or the ICL 7993 Professional Seminar).
- Candidates who have an active Job Embedded Practitioner License will be exempt from taking ICL 7808 – Clinical Teaching.
- Candidates must successfully pass ICL 7993 including the edTPA.



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