

Dear Henderson County Board Members,

My name is Kristina Mills and I am currently teaching at North Middle School here in the Henderson County School District. I am requesting a leave of absence for the upcoming 2022-2023 school year for educational purposes. If approved, I will be attending Murray State University full time in order to complete the Library Media program and get my Media Specialist certification. I would like to attend the program full-time to not only save money, but to ensure that I can dedicate myself fully to my studies without it being a detriment to my students. If there is anything you need from me to make this possible, please let me know.

Thank you for your time,

Kristina Mills
Teacher
North Middle School

Murray State University
2020-2021 Academic Bulletin
Curriculum Guidesheet
Master of Arts in Education (M.A.) – Library Media 30 hour program

Candidate Name: Kristina Mills _____ M#: _____ Date: May 3, 2022 _____

Home Address: _____ email: _____ Home/Cell Phone: _____

This M.A. degree program is designed to fulfill course requirements for P-12 School Media Librarian Specialization and Certification. The program must be PREPLANNED with one's advisor and shall consist of 30 semester hours of graduate level coursework for the endorsement track. During the first nine weeks of LIB 600, the student will complete the graduate program form and submit it to the specified advisor. The Program form is approved by a graduate advisor and the Collegiate Graduate Coordinator. Graduation from the program qualifies for a rank change: candidates with a previous bachelor's degree may apply for a Rank II, while those for whom this is a second master's degree may apply for a Rank I.

Course Number	Course Title	Credit Hrs	Tentative Schedule	Date Completed	Grade
Professional Education Courses (3 credit hours)					
EDU 626	Integrating Educational Technology	3	<u>Summer 2022</u>		
Specialization Courses (27 credit hours)					
LIB 600	Libraries and Education (must be taken in first semester of program) (10 observation hours)	3	<u>Fall 2022</u>		
LIB 610	Collection Development	3	<u>Summer 2022</u>		
LIB 616	Children's Literature for Libraries	3	<u>Spring 2023</u>		
LIB 617	Research in Young Adult Literature	3	<u>Fall 2022</u>		
LIB 620	Library Administration (10 observation hours)	3	<u>Fall 2022</u>		
LIB 630	Organizing & Managing Library Collections (10 observation hours)	3	<u>Spring 2023</u>		
LIB 640	21 st Century Skills & Services (10 observation hours)	3	<u>Spring 2023</u>		
LIB 650	Research in School Libraries	3	<u>Fall 2022</u>		
LIB 698	Exit Seminar	3	<u>Summer 2023</u>		

- At least 21 semester hours must be earned at MSU, and the requirements for the program must be completed within eight years of the time a student initially enrolls in any course applicable to the program.

Continuous Assessment: Once a student is admitted to the program, a GPA of 3.0 must be maintained.

Admission to the Program		Midpoint Assessment		Exit Criteria	
1) Bachelor's degree from an accredited institution with a minimum of 2.75 GPA	<input type="checkbox"/>	1) Successful completion of LIB 620, indicating professional and collaborative skills in a school setting.	•	1) Pass graduate portfolio.	•
2) Application to MSU Graduate School	•	2) Successful completion of either LIB 630 <u>or</u> LIB 640	•	2) Successful completion of Praxis Library Media Specialist exam (5311)	•
3) Application to Library Media program	•	<u>or</u> EDU 626		3) A minimum GPA of 3.0	•

Candidate Signature _____ Date _____ Faculty Advisor Signature _____ Date _____