
SCHOOL LIBRARY CERTIFICATION PROGRAM

University of Pittsburgh
Department of Library and Information Science

LIS 2922 PRACTICUM IN SCHOOL LIBRARY MEDIA CENTER PROGRAMS

SLCP Students Employed as Full-time School Librarians with Emergency Certification Endorsement Option

If you are employed as a full-time librarian hired on an emergency certification in a Pennsylvania public school district, you will complete your practicum requirement (LIS 2922 - 3 credits) in your school library.

1. You identify a librarian mentor/supervisor in the district or are assigned a mentor in another district. You may not be able to participate in some of the learning activities in which other practicum students participate.
2. You make every attempt to take several days to shadow a librarian in another school district—using personal days, professional days, different holiday schedules, etc.
3. You participate in all learning experiences that are part of the practicum experience:
 - Participation in briefing and debriefing meetings with Cooperating Teacher Librarian at beginning and end of term or conference calls for those away from the Pittsburgh area
 - Weekly seminars on specific topics with readings on campus; scheduled chat for FT students
 - Weekly electronic reflections on specific topics related to seminar topics
 - Complete Practicum Checklist of Competencies and Learning Activities documentation
 - Complete & Present Student Portfolio of Documented Competencies (skills, planning, process, product)

Registration: You should complete at least 18 credits before registering for 3 credits of LIS 2922 Practicum and participate in the Practicum Seminar during that term. Registration must be in either the Fall or Spring terms.

Grading for the LIS 2922 Practicum is on an S/N (Satisfactory/Not Satisfactory) basis.

January 30, 2006

Mary K. Biagini, Director, School Library Certification Program		
Telephone: (412) 624-2746	Email: mbiagini@mail.sis.pitt.edu	135 N. Bellefield Ave.
FAX: (412) 624-5231	URL: http://www.sis.pitt.edu	Pittsburgh, PA 15260