
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 Teachers: Endorsement Option

If you are employed as a full-time, certified teacher in a Pennsylvania public school district, you may complete your 3 credits of LIS 2922 Practicum in your school district if you can meet the following conditions:

1. Your principal permits you to use your planning periods and any required before and after school times and duty periods to work under the supervision of the librarian in your school or another nearby school in your district.
2. The librarian in your school or in a nearby school is willing to serve as your Cooperating Teacher Librarian and work with you during these times.
3. You have sufficient time over the course of the school year to accumulate at least 175 hours of work in the library (the equivalent of 25 days).
4. You submit written permission from the principal and the librarian to the SLCP Director and document all hours worked on the Practicum Checklist of Competencies and Learning Activities form and share it with the SLCP Director throughout the school year.
5. 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.
6. 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)

7. You realize that your experience may not be as unified and concentrated and that you may not be able to participate in some of the learning activities that other students participating in full-day practicum experiences have.

Registration: You should complete at least 18 credits before beginning the practicum. You should register for 3 credits of LIS 2922 Practicum in the term that you begin the practicum experience and participate in the Practicum seminar during that term. You will earn an "I" (In Progress) grade until you complete all practicum requirements.

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

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