

University of Wisconsin-Whitewater
Curriculum Proposal Form #6

Other Curricular Action

Effective Term: 2111 (Spring 2011)

Description of Action: Change in licensure

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Department(s): Ed Foundations

College(s): Education

Proposal Information:

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Proposal: **902 Licensure at the Initial or Professional with Stipulations Level
Instructional Library Media Specialist**

Total number of credit units in program:

Before change 30

After change 24 to 27 (see below)

1. Exact description of request:

Summary:

Drop LIBMEDIA 351 / 551 (*Building Library Media Collections*) from license.

Add ENGLISH 310 / 510 as an alternate to LIBMEDIA 343 / 543.

Add alternate practicum course for those who already have teaching license when starting coursework for 902 initial (professional with stipulations) license.

From (as listed in catalog and on AR)

- LIBMEDIA 343 / 543
- LIBMEDIA 350/550
- LIBMEDIA 351/551
- ELEMID 362 / 562
- LIBMEDIA 434/634
- LIBMEDIA 440 / 640
- LIBMEDIA 451/651

- LIBMEDIA 454 / 654
- LIBMEDIA 793e and 793s

To (to be listed in catalog and on AR)

- LIBMEDIA 343/543 **OR ENGLISH 310/510**
- LIBMEDIA 350/550
- ~~LIBMEDIA 351/551~~
- ELEMID 362 / 562
- LIBMEDIA 434/634
- LIBMEDIA 440 / 640
- LIBMEDIA 451/651
- LIBMEDIA 454 / 654
- (LIBMEDIA 793e and 793s) **OR LIBMEDIA 793c**

Justification:

The school library field and the world of information and technology has changed significantly in the last few years. The change in coursework reflects the change in the way libraries provide access to information by integrating the concepts of needs analysis, selection, acquisition, policies, and intellectual freedom and censorship into other courses in the program, eliminating LIBMEDIA 351, *Building Library Media Collections*. Many of these concepts have been touched on in the the children's and young adult literature courses, the reference and bibliography course, and the library administration course and will now become more developed aspects of those courses.

ENGLISH 310/510 was added as an alternate for the Young Adult Literature course (LIBMEDIA 343/543). It is currently accepted in the program as an alternate.

Students are required to do a practicum at both the elementary and secondary levels. For those with no teaching experience, they will still do two 3-credit practicum courses, one at each level. For those with teaching experience or working in a school library on an emergency license, the practicum will be modified to incorporate experiences in their own district in addition to a shorter time in both an elementary and a secondary setting outside their school. A new course, LIBMEDIA 793c, *Supervised School Library Practicum Combined*, has been created for this purpose.

All other requirements for the license remain the same (e.g., course portfolio, practicum portfolio). The GPA requirement for practicum was changed from 3.25 to 3.1 in library courses before the practicum to reflect the reduction in the number of courses.