

XIV. Professional Growth

Graduate programs

Although Maine does not have any accredited library masters programs, students can earn an ALA accredited degree via the distance-learning program in conjunction with the University of South Carolina. The 36 credit hour Master's in Library and Information Science is transmitted to Maine students by live, interactive television to EdNET viewing sites in Maine. Most on-site meetings are held at the University of Maine at Augusta.

Certification as a School Library Media Specialist can also be achieved through the Master's of Education/Instructional technology program offered at the University of Maine at Orono. For more information, contact Gail Garthwaite abigail@umit.edu.

ALA-accredited library and information programs

The following programs can be done primarily online with some face-to-face courses required:

Emporia State University
Syracuse University
University of Alabama
University of Arizona
University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign
University of Kentucky
University of North Texas
University of Pittsburgh
University of South Carolina
University of South Florida
University of Washington
University of Wisconsin - Madison
Valdosta State University

Masters degrees are also available via 100% online programs:

Clarion University of Pennsylvania
Drexel University
Florida State University
North Carolina Central University
Rutgers, the State University of New Jersey
San Jose State University
Southern Connecticut State University
Texas Woman's University (Conditional)
University of Alabama
University of Puerto Rico
University of Southern Mississippi



University of Tennessee
University of Wisconsin - Milwaukee
Wayne State University



Alphabetical list of institutions with ALA-accredited programs

Alabama, University of
www.slis.ua.edu

Albany, State University of New York
www.albany.edu/cci/informationstudies/index.shtml

Alberta, University of
www.slis.ualberta.ca

Arizona, University of
www.sir.arizona.edu

British Columbia, University of
www.slais.ubc.ca

Buffalo, State University of New York (Conditional)
www.gse.buffalo.edu/programs/lis/

California - Los Angeles, University of
www.is.gseis.ucla.edu

Catholic University of America (Conditional)
<http://slis.cua.edu>

Clarion University of Pennsylvania
www.clarion.edu/libsci

Dalhousie University
<http://sim.management.dal.ca/>

Denver, University of
www.du.edu/LIS

Dominican University
www.gslis.dom.edu

Drexel University
www.ischool.drexel.edu

Emporia State University
<http://slim.emporia.edu>

Florida State University
www.ci.fsu.edu

Hawaii, University of
www.hawaii.edu/lis

Illinois, University of
www.lis.uiuc.edu

Indiana University
www.slis.indiana.edu

Iowa, University of
<http://slis.uiowa.edu/~slisweb/>



Kent State University
www.slis.kent.edu

Kentucky, University of
www.uky.edu/CIS/SLIS

Long Island University
www.liu.edu/palmer

Louisiana State University
<http://slis.lsu.edu>

McGill University
www.mcgill.ca/sis/

Maryland, University of
www.clis.umd.edu

Michigan, University of
www.si.umich.edu

Missouri-Columbia, University of
<http://sislt.missouri.edu>

Montreal, University of
www.ebsi.umontreal.ca

North Carolina - Chapel Hill, University of
<http://sil.unc.edu>

North Carolina - Greensboro, University of (Conditional)
<http://lis.uncg.edu>

North Carolina Central University
www.nccuslis.org

North Texas, University of
www.unt.edu/slis

Oklahoma, University of
www.ou.edu/cas/slis

Pittsburgh, University of
www.sis.pitt.edu

Pratt Institute
www.pratt.edu/sils

Puerto Rico, University of
<http://egcti.upr.edu>

Queens College, City University of New York
<http://qcpages.qc.cuny.edu/GSLIS>

Rhode Island, University of (Conditional)
www.uri.edu/artsci/lsc/

Rutgers University
www.scils.rutgers.edu



St. John's University
www.stjohns.edu/libraryscience

San Jose State University
<http://slisweb.sjsu.edu>

Simmons College
www.simmons.edu/gslis

South Carolina, University of
www.libsci.sc.edu

South Florida, University of
www.cas.usf.edu/lis

Southern Connecticut State University
www.southernct.edu/ils

Southern Mississippi, University of
www.usm.edu/slisis

Syracuse University
www.ist.syr.edu

Tennessee, University of
www.sis.utk.edu

Texas - Austin, University of
www.ischool.utexas.edu

Texas Woman's University (Conditional)
www.twu.edu/cope/slisis

Toronto, University of
www.fis.utoronto.ca

Valdosta State University
www.valdosta.edu/mlis/

Washington, University of
www.ischool.washington.edu

Wayne State University
www.lisp.wayne.edu

Western Ontario, University of
www.fims.uwo.ca/mlis/index.htm

Wisconsin - Madison, University of
www.slisis.wisc.edu

Wisconsin - Milwaukee, University of
www.uwm.edu/Dept/SOIS/

Associate's Degree

The University of Maine at Augusta offers an Associate's Degree in Library and Information Science. The purpose of this degree is to prepare individuals for immediate entry into positions that support library and information service professionals. The program is also a way to upgrade the skills of staff who are presently working in school, public, academic and special libraries and other information intensive positions and organizations.

For more information, go to the L&IS Home Page at
<http://www.uma.edu/libraries/pagesspclubinfo.html>.

Or contact the L&IS Program Coordinator, Jodi Williams 1-888-850-5379
lnitcoord@maine.edu.

Bachelor's Degree

The University of Maine at Augusta also offers a Bachelor of Science Degree in Library and Information Science. This course of study offers students the opportunity to develop specialized technological skills and to increase their creative and critical thinking abilities. Students completing the BS in L&IS will be prepared to enter the field of library and information technology as specialized paraprofessionals, able to work independently in many settings.

For more information, go to the L&IS Home Page at
<http://www.uma.edu/libraries/pagessplibinfo.html>.

Or contact the L&IS Program Coordinator, Jodi Williams 1-888-850-5379
lnitcoord@maine.edu.

Certificates

UMA offers a certificate in *Library and Information Science*. The Certificate Program is intended for people wishing to take only library science courses. Courses provide practical skills for entry-level employment as support staff in information centers and libraries.

<http://www.uma.edu/catalog-ilscert.html>

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Continuing Education Units

“Continuing education units” (C.E.U.) means units of academic study from an accredited institution of higher education or from a training and development program approved by the Council for the Continuing Education...” (Chapter 115) Continuing Education Units are awarded after the successful completion of a professional development activity or graduate course work. CEUs may be used for *re-certification only*, not initial certification.

Additionally, some school districts allow teachers to use earned CEUs for movement on the salary scale.

One CEU is the equivalent of 10 contact hours of professional development activity.

Find out the policies for awarding CEUs in your district.

Scholarships

The Maine Association of School Libraries (MASL) offers several scholarships for professional growth

Walter J. Taranko School Library Media Scholarships

A maximum of five scholarships up to \$1,000 are available to MASL members with a professional degree or who are pursuing study in the library/media field for a professional degree. The guidelines are:

1. The applicant must have been a member of MASL for one year
2. The applicant must be enrolled in a library science/educational media course / program, OR seeking 071 certification in the state of Maine OR seeking professional development.
3. Payment of scholarships awarded will be made upon evidence of successful completion of the course, workshop or conference. For a course, payment of scholarships awarded will be limited to tuition and required resources, up to \$1000. Official certified documentation of grade transcripts and expense receipts must be sent to the Scholarship Chair or directly to the MASL Treasurer.
For a conference, payment of scholarships awarded will be limited to registration, accommodations, transportation, and meals served as part of the conference. Receipts for each expense must be submitted to the Scholarship Chair or directly to the MASL Treasurer. Receipts must be accompanied by an assessment of the course or conference, to be no more than one page long and including new learning and how it will be applied in your employment position. For a conference, please list workshops attended. Other educational events will be adjudicated by the scholarship committee.
4. The applicant must be a Maine resident or enrolled in a Maine based program, or employed in a Maine institution.
5. Applications must be received at least one month prior to the beginning of the course or conference.

Audrey Conant Scholarship

Asgard Foundation began this scholarship but it is now managed by MASL.

"Audrey's creative and inspiring enthusiasm reached out to everyone around her, especially to budding librarians just beginning their careers. The Audrey Conant Scholarship Fund is designed to help Maine librarians in many different ways, particularly to help others carry on the work to which Audrey was so dedicated."

MASL Board Minutes 9/8/01

MASL School Library Ed Tech Scholarship

A maximum of five scholarships of up to \$500 are available to MASL members pursuing study in the library/media field for an associate or bachelor's degree. The guidelines are:

1. The applicant must have been a member of MASL for one year .
2. The applicant must be enrolled in an associate's or bachelor's degree library science/educational media program, or library technology program, or seeking ed. Tech. endorsement, or professional development.
3. Payment of scholarships awarded will be made upon evidence of successful completion of the course, workshop or conference. For a course, payment of scholarship awarded will be limited to tuition and required resources, up to a total of \$500. Official certified documentation of grade transcripts and expenses must be sent to the Scholarship Chair or directly to the MASL Treasurer. For a conference, payment of scholarships awarded will be limited to registration, accommodations, transportation, and meals served as part of the conference. Receipts for each expense must be submitted to the Scholarship Chair or directly to the MASL Treasurer.

Receipts must be accompanied by an assessment of the course or conference, to be no more than one page long and including new learning and how it will be applied in your employment position. For a conference, please list workshops attended. Other educational events will be adjudicated by the scholarship committee.

3. The applicant must be a Maine resident or enrolled in a Maine based program, or employed in a Maine institution
4. Applications must be received at least one month prior to the beginning of the course or conference.

Scholarship awards will be made at the Fall Maine Libraries Conference. Payment of scholarships awarded will be made upon evidence of successful completion of the first semester or course. A copy of grade transcripts must be sent to the Scholarship Chair or directly to the MASL Treasurer.

Applications should be mailed to:

Barb Hammond bhammond@msad43.org
Library/Media Specialist
21 Cross St.
Mexico, ME 04257

Maine Education Association offers scholarship opportunities.

The Clyde Russell Scholarship Fund makes grants, loans, or gifts to citizens of Maine or to educational institutions or departments thereof and may participate in any education aid program for such individuals whether publicly or privately sponsored.

For more information, visit <http://www.clyderussellscholarshipfund.org/>.

Maine Education Services also offers several scholarship opportunities.

Maine Legislative Memorial Scholarship Fund

Sixteen \$1,000 awards (one per county) are made annually to students going to a two- or four-year degree granting Maine school. Scholarships are available to graduating high school seniors or full/part-time post-secondary students accepted or enrolled in a Maine college. Graduate students are also eligible. Awards are based on academic excellence, school and community contributions, financial need, letters of recommendation, and a required essay.

Maine State Chamber of Commerce Scholarship

One \$1,500 scholarship is given to an adult learner planning to pursue an education at a two-year degree granting college. Preference may be to a student attending a Maine college and seeking a degree in a business- or education-related field. Awards are based on an adult being 23 years or older and having legal dependents other than a spouse.

For more information, visit <http://www.mesfoundation.com>.

Finance Authority of Maine (FAME) A sampling:

Barking Foundation Scholarship is open to Any Maine resident seeking higher education. Open to students entering and in college, pursuing their first bachelors degree.

Maine Community Foundation's Scholarship Program

The Maine Community Foundation is one of the largest sources of scholarship support in the State of Maine with over 200 funds that benefit Maine residents.

Rodney C. Harmon Memorial Scholarship

Who is eligible to apply? Any Maine resident who is currently enrolled, or will enroll, full-time in an accredited postsecondary educational institution and is pursuing an associates or higher degree is eligible to apply.

National Board for Professional Teaching Standards

<http://nbpts.org>

The National Board for Professional Teaching Standards (NBPTS) is an independent, nonprofit, nonpartisan and nongovernmental organization. It was formed in 1987 to advance the quality of teaching and learning by developing professional standards for accomplished teaching, creating a voluntary system to certify teachers who meet those standards and integrating certified teachers into educational reform efforts. Teacher must have taught in their current subject matter for a minimum of three years.

The process of becoming Nationally Board certified is rigorous and research-based. Similar to board-certified doctors and accountants, teachers who achieve National Board Certification have met high professional standards through intensive study, expert evaluation, self-assessment and peer review. NBPTS offers 25 certificates that cover a variety of subject areas and student developmental levels. National Board Certificates are valid for a period of ten (10) years.

The State of Maine provides a \$3000 yearly stipend for Nationally Certified Teachers for the life of the certificate, as long as the teacher is employed as a classroom teacher in the field of certification. That's \$30,000 over the course of the certificate! In addition, some school districts in the state provide additional compensation and reimbursement for costs incurred in achieving National Board Certification.

Not only can Library Media staff provide professional resources for teachers seeking National Board Certification, they may also seek National Board Certification themselves!

A Portfolio of four entries must be prepared and presented. A written assessment test must be passed in order to achieve National Board Certification. Candidates may take up to three years to certify. "Take One" (the presentation of one video portfolio) as an opportunity for anyone who want to try the process before committing to pursuing National Board Certification. The time commitment for Take One is 40-50 hours and may be completed in a year and a half. For more information on Take One visit http://nbpts.org/products_and_services/take_one1.

There are National Board Certified Teacher Candidate Support leaders throughout the state. It is not necessary to be helped by another librarian although it doesn't hurt. The following are National Board Certified Librarians in Maine, with their certification year:

Peggy Becksvoort	2002	Falmouth Middle School
Ellen Spring	2005	Rockland District Middle School
Suzan Nelson	2006	Falmouth High School
Nancy Grant	2008	Penquis Valley High School



MEA provides workshops lead by National Board Certified Teacher to provide guidance and assistance in the process. For more information go to http://www.maine.nea.org/National_Board_flyer_07_08.pdf.

A list of trained candidate support providers is available at http://www.maine.nea.org/dir4/NBPTS_Announce.htm.

There are several fees involved in the process, however, the Maine Department of Education offers \$1250 scholarships for candidates and provides \$700 in aid for two retake examinations. For more information visit <http://www.maine.gov/education/cert/nbpts.html>.

NBPTS Standards for Library Media/Early Childhood through Young Adulthood:

What Library Media Specialists Know:

- Knowledge of Learners
- Knowledge of Teaching and Learning
- Knowledge of Library and Information Studies

What Library Media Specialists Do:

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- Integrating Instruction
- Leading Innovation through the Library Media Program
- Administering the Library Media Program

How Library Media Specialists Grow as Professionals:

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- Reflective Practice
- Professional Growth
- Ethics, Equity, and Diversity
- Leadership, Advocacy, and Community Partnership

For more details on National Board Certification, visit
<http://www.nbpts.org/>.

OR

www.ala.org/ala/aasl/aasleducation/nationalboardcer/nationalboard.cfm

The American Library Association (ALA) has several links to provide support and guidance as you pursue National Board Certification.