

Kansas School Library Media Licensure Requirements

A person may apply for an initial school library media specialist license, which becomes a professional license as indicated below.

Initial License - A person is eligible for an initial library media license if she/he has a professional teaching license or a current 5-year certificate, has completed the core courses (28 credit hours), has an advanced degree, and has passed the PRAXIS school library media content test with a minimum score of 153. If the library media specialist (LMS) is not employed as a LMS in a public school during the time of the first two-year initial license, she/he may apply within five years of issuance of the first two-year initial for a two-year extension (another two-year initial license). If a person does not apply within five years of issuance of the first two-year initial, she/he can retake the content test provided it has not been completed within one year or take eight graduate semester hours in Library Media.

Professional License - To learn how to move from an initial license to a professional license, it is best to discuss your own situation with Shannon Hall, The Teachers College Licensure Officer at shall6@emporia.edu. As of July 15, 2008, the postgraduate school library media internship requirement (LI878 and LI879) has been replaced with a year-long district mentoring program as directed by KSDE. For those who have been under an initial (formerly called "conditional") school specialist license for a full year and have completed the post-grad internship (LI878 and LI879), you should apply for the professional license.

PRAXIS School Library Content Test

The school library media specialist content test is given by the Educational Testing Service (ETS). The content test for Library Media Specialist is number 0311. Please indicate "Emporia State University" (code number is 6335) as a score recipient. The content test must be completed and the results received at ESU by the time an individual completes the program and makes application for the endorsement. ETS Registration booklets are available at any junior college or four-year institution of higher education, or visit <http://www.ets.org/praxis>

For more information about Kansas Teacher Education and Licensure visit <http://www.ksde.org/Default.aspx?tabid=1648>