

District of Columbia

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Certification Requirements

Teacher Licensure Needed: Yes

Master's Degree Needed: Yes

Praxis II Library Media Content Test Needed: Yes: School Library – 151 or above

Other Testing Needed: No

Description: In the District of Columbia, all of the teacher and staff licensing is done through the Federal department of Education. The District of Columbia offers a School Librarian/Media Specialist.

Evaluation Process for Licensure:

Criteria for eligibility includes completion of the following requirements:

A conferred master's degree from an accredited institution; and,

Twenty-one (21) semester hours in library or information science content that includes the following:

- Cataloging and classification;
- Computerized applications of library automation and information access;
- Instructional media design and production;
- Organization of school library media programs and collections;
- Reference sources and services;
- Evaluation, selection and utilization of instructional media for children and young people; and
- Integration of library resources in the curriculum; and
- Directed field experience in a school library media center with an experienced media specialist; OR two (2) years of successful recognized teaching experience; OR one (1) year of library experience.
- Achieved a passing score for the DC-required school library media specialist content exam or has passed a comparable exam in another state where an active school librarian credential is held.

For additional information please visit: <https://osse.dc.gov/page/standard-school-service-provider-ssp-certification>

Reciprocity: The District of Columbia is a participant in the National Association of State Directors of Teacher Education and Certification (NASDTEC) Interstate Agreement. This can be found at: <https://www.ecs.org/teacher-license-reciprocity-state-profiles/>

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