

**Certification-Only Information for Media Specialist  
Department of Curriculum, Leadership, and Technology**

**Introduction**

This information is for individuals expressing interest in the Media Specialist Certification Program in the Department of Curriculum, Leadership, and Technology. This program is designed for individuals who have obtained a Master's Degree or Education Specialist Degree in another program area and are now interested in becoming eligible for Media Specialist Certification. Initial certification in this area is generally at the Master's level (S-5); there is no certification at the baccalaureate level. Individuals who hold an Education Specialist degree who complete all of the requirements for initial Media Specialist certification will be eligible to be certified at the S-6 level.

**Certification Evaluation**

The program of study required for the Professional Service Media Specialist certification varies depending upon what courses have been completed in previous programs. A review of all previous coursework will be compared with the required courses as listed on the attached pages to determine an individualized certification plan leading to the Media Specialist Professional Service certificate. Relevant courses may be considered by the evaluator to satisfy the areas of competency required by the Professional Standards Commission. Students are expected to provide all college transcripts and any other documentation needed to verify which expectations have been met and which have not. In order to begin the process of transcript evaluation, students should contact the Office of Educator Certification in the College of Education (229.249.2786 or email [brwhitmer@valdosta.edu](mailto:brwhitmer@valdosta.edu)) and

### **Certification Test Requirements**

The Library Media certificate requires successful completion of the GACE Content Assessment examination in Media Specialist (Tests 101 and 102). Students are considered eligible to take the assessment once all coursework, other than Internship, has been completed. Registration materials and information about the test is available at the Georgia Professional Standards Commission web site: [www.gapsc.com](http://www.gapsc.com) and on the ETS web site: \_\_\_\_\_

### **Required Areas of Competency**

The Library Media Option of the Instructional Technology program offered by the Department of Curriculum, Leadership, and Technology is an **approved program** for preparation of Media Specialists by the authority of the Professional Standards Commission (PSC). Certification-only students are not required to complete all of the courses in the program; however, they must take courses that address all of the following areas of competency required by the PSC. **If no such courses appear on the transcript, those courses will be included in the POS.**

Coursework (undergraduate or graduate) addressing the needs of **diverse learners**/E1026 M1012(rw6mRu10ae)8

## VSU Courses

The areas of competency listed above may be satisfied by the following courses at Valdosta State University. Students should be aware that the Media Specialist Certification Program is fully online but the internship is completed onsite in school media centers.

Media Specialist Professional Service Certification Requirements Area of Competency	VSU Course(s)	Prerequisites	When/How Offered
Diverse Learners (Exceptional Children)	SPEC 3000		Irregular Online and Face-to-Face
Children's Literature <i>Must include literature for children and youth</i>	MLIS 7420/ 7421 or other comparable course		Irregular Online
P-12 Curriculum	CIED 7060 Curriculum, Instruction, and Technology Integration		3 X Year Online
Instructional Design	ITED 7300 Instructional Tech Tchg, Lrng & Assess		2 X Year Online
Information Sources and Uses	ITED 7200 Information Sources and Uses		2 X Year Online
Information Resources and Services	ITED 7201 Information Resources and Services		1 X Year Online
Bibliographic Organization	ITED 7202 Bibliographic Organization		1 X Year Online
Computer and Network Technology	ITED 7400 Digital Learning Environments		2 X Year Online
Administration	ITED 7203 Administering School Media Centers		1 X Year Online
Internship	ITED 7299 Internship in School Media Centers	Approval of advisor	2 X Year Online

## Certification Steps

1. Student satisfactorily completes all coursework and internship designated by program of study.
2. Student takes and passes the GACE Content Assessment exam (Tests 101 & 102).
3. Student contacts Office of Educator Certification (OEC) in the VSU College of Education (229.249.2786; email brwhitmer@valdosta.edu) to request paperwork for certification application.
4. Student returns completed paperwork to OEC along with a copy of GACE results.
5. Student notifies Advisor of intent to apply for certification.
6. Advisor prepares two copies of a packet including Certification Requirements Completion form and completed copy of the program of study.
7. Advisor sends one copy of the packet to the Office of Educator Certification and files the other packet in the advising folder.
8. Advisor turns in advising folder to department secretary for placement in the inactive file.
9. OEC assembles the certification package including paperwork, GACE results, official transcript.
10. OEC submits the certification package to the Professional Standards Commission (PSC)
11. PSC sends student notification and documentation of certification to MyPSC account.