New Students

University regulations and policies are in the MTSU Graduate Catalog. Search with Google for MTSU Graduate Catalog

Current library science information is available only on the Library Science website http://mtsuweb.mtsu.edu/kpatten

This program grants a Master’s of Education in Administration and Supervision with a concentration in Library Science. It is not a Master's of Library Science degree. In fall 2016 MTSU will offer a new Master of Library Science degree along with the Master’s of Education. Please contact the program coordinator for information Kathryn.Boudreau-Henry@mtsu.edu

The M.Ed. Degree From MTSU

The degree is accredited by the National Council for the Accreditation of Teacher Education, not by the American Library Association. ALA accredits only the MLS. If you want to work in the academic or special library fields, the M.Ed. is not the appropriate credential.

ALA Policy 54.2.2: "The master's degree in librarianship from a program accredited by the American Library Association or a master's degree with a specialty in school library media from an educational unit accredited by the National Council for the Accreditation of Teacher Education is the appropriate first professional degree for school library media specialists."

The MTSU program has been approved by the Tennessee State Department of Education. Before the endorsement will be granted, MTSU must recommend you for licensure.

The State Department of Education licensure standards require a 200 clock hour practicum. This is not negotiable--if you feel that you cannot take time from work to complete the two courses (100 clock hours each), do not pursue this degree.

The M.L.S. Degree

Accreditation by ALA will be sought, but not granted by fall 2016.

The Degree Plan

A degree plan is filed if you are seeking the degree as well as the license endorsement.

- If you are not seeking the degree (because you already have a Master’s degree), do not file a degree plan.
- If you are seeking the degree, file the degree plan before you finish 9 credits (3 courses) of Library Science coursework. Degree plan link at left on this page.
Try Out a Course

You may access a course in the program through this link and login

http://elearn.mtsu.edu  username=prospective  password=student

-- Choose this link --

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This is SPSE 6550 THE SUPERVISED FIELD EXPERIENCE

It is organized as most courses are in the program.

The Application

Go to the Grad Studies link http://www.mtsu.edu/future_grad/ to find the application and how to submit the transcripts, test scores (teaching license in place of test scores is allowed), and 3 letters of recommendation (Ed Leadership uses a form, not a standard letter. Find the form on this page).

When you are admitted to The College of Graduate Studies, you may take classes for one semester. Once you have an admission decision, as long as it says "Admission Process Initiated" and you don't have any holds on your account, you should be eligible to register the following day.

If you have do not have a Master's degree

You will want to keep an eye on your Graduate Application Status, online. The application packet must be complete (letters, transcripts, etc.) before it will be considered for admission to the program. The library science advisor receives no information on your application until it is complete and cannot grant admission to the program without a complete application. It is your responsibility to check on the progress of the materials needed for the application.

By the end of the initial semester, you must be admitted to the Library Science program before you can continue with coursework in the next semester. Your application packet must be complete in the Grad Studies office before admission to the program can be granted. High grades in the initial semester do not guarantee admission to the program since admission is based on GPA from prior college work, test scores, and recommendation letters.

You may seek initial licensure if you do not hold a teaching license. There are added requirements and a change in coursework for initial license.

Choose M.Ed. in Administration and Supervision Library Science as your program.
If you have an education related Master's degree you do not need to complete a second Master's degree. Admission as a non-degree seeking student in the grad school is sufficient.

You may seek initial licensure if you do not hold a teaching license. The requirements in coursework are different when seeking initial licensure.

Choose Endorsement

when you apply, do not choose the M.Ed. link.

Links

- Graduate Studies http://www.mtsu.edu/future_grad/
- Current tuition and fees are available at the Bursar's webpage http://w1.mtsu.edu/bursar/
- Financial aid http://w1.mtsu.edu/financialaid/
- Finding Scholarship Information

We have an extensive scholarship website with information about scholarship opportunities for various groups of students. It also includes a section on private scholarships, with information about where to find and how to win some of the millions of private awards given each year across the US. You may want to suggest that your students visit www.mtsu.edu/scholarships to take advantage of this resource.

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Once you are ready to enroll in classes, please read the other areas of this website.