

Mansfield University
School Library & Information Technologies Program
Mission Statement

The mission of the School Library & Information Technologies graduate program is to empower school library media specialists with the skills and knowledge to assume an essential role in their schools as leaders, instructional partners, information specialists, teachers, and program administrators of library and information services. The program supports fully the university's [Creed](#), which emphasizes Character, Scholarship, Culture, and Service.

Goals of the Program

The School Library & Information Technologies Master's degree program will:

- Prepare skilled and knowledgeable school library media specialists based on the national school library guidelines, *Empowering Learners: Guidelines for School Library Media Programs*.
- Offer a transformative, personal learning experience facilitated by successful practitioners who apply best practices from contemporary educational theory within a highly practical, problem-solving environment.
- Enhance learning with interactive technologies for all students, regardless of physical location in an online, web-based environment.

Certified teachers who enroll in the Master of Education degree program in Mansfield's School Library & Information Technologies graduate school are known as "candidates." Candidates who complete the degree program will meet the national standards established by NCATE (the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education) and AASL (the American Association of School Librarians), a division of the American Library Association. The [ALA/AASL NCATE Standards for School Library/Media Specialists](#) are embedded into the online courses, assessments, and competencies of the program.