

Checklist for Students Interested in the Dual MLIS & School Media Specialist Certification

- ✓ Understand that:
 - The dual path requires 51 semester hours, while the MLIS alone requires 39 hours.
 - The dual path requires several additional purchases; see below.
 - The dual path requires some in-person attendance in Valdosta; see below.
- ✓ Students must be admitted into the MLIS program categorized as a student on “regular” status for entry into the dual MLIS degree-SMS certification program. Admission under any other status will render you ineligible, until your status is converted to “regular.”
- ✓ The advisors for the Dual MLIS & School Media Specialist Certification are Dr. Ondrusek and Dr. Yontz. If you are assigned to someone else, complete the Change of Advisor Request form (MLIS homepage, click on Resources for Students).
- ✓ Students must apply to the VSU Graduate School for Admission to the CLT Department as a non-degree seeking student. This is done **after** admission to the MLIS program on regular status, **after** being assigned to either Dr. Ondrusek or Dr. Yontz as advisor, and **after** discussing your interest in this track with that advisor.
- ✓ Students must pass or exempt the GACE I exam: <http://www.gace.nesinc.com/>.
- ✓ **Prior to taking the first IT-LM course**, students must submit to a criminal background check and obtain liability insurance. Travel to the VSU campus may be required to arrange the background check and liability insurance.
- ✓ **Prior to taking the first IT-LM course**, students will need to purchase Live Text software for course assessment documentation. CLT faculty will provide you with purchasing information and instructions on how to use Live Text.
- ✓ In several IT-LM courses students are required to purchase and learn to use the Adobe Acrobat software. This is the full program, *not* just the free reader.
- ✓ CLT faculty recommend any of the following courses as a starting point for IT-LM courses:
 - ITED 7300 Instructional Design (online course)
 - CIED 7060 Curriculum, Instruction, and Technology Integration (online only)

- ITED 7201 Information Resources and Services (part online, part face-to-face)
- ✓ Students who have declared youth services as a career goal are strongly encouraged to take the following MLIS electives:
 - MLIS 7420 Youth Literature
 - MLIS 7999 Multicultural Youth Literature
 - MLIS 7220 Public Libraries
 - MLIS 7422 Programming for Children and Young Teens
- ✓ Students must complete all course work on the MLIS-SMS Program of Study form.
- ✓ Students must pass a test of technical proficiency specified by the College Education.
- ✓ Students must pass the GACE II exam.