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CHAPTER 290-3-3
TEACHER EDUCATION - PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

290-3-3-.35 Library Media (Grades P-12).

1. **Rationale.** Programs for library media specialists develop candidates for service and leadership in school libraries serving P-12 students. The study of library media begins at the Class A level. This Rule highlights those elements distinctive to the library media program. These standards build upon the InTASC Model Core Teaching Standards, ISTE Standards, and Alabama Specific Standards. The standards are consistent with the Praxis School Librarian Assessment and the current *Alabama Course of Study: Technology*. Implementation of the standards will be in the Alabama Continuous Improvement guidance.

2. **Program Curriculum.** The curriculum shall require coursework, key assessments, and field experiences in the following areas:

a. Prior to program completion, candidates will have time to develop **skills and knowledge in the application of content.**

b. Prior to program completion, candidates will have time to develop skills and knowledge in the **learner and learning environments.**

c. Prior to program completion, candidates will have time to develop **skills and abilities in planning for instruction.**

d. Prior to program completion, candidates will have time to develop **skills and abilities in program administration and organization and access to resources.**

e. Prior to program completion, candidates will have time to develop **an ability to plan, implement, assess, and reflect** upon research-based instruction to increase student motivation and enhance active learning for all learners.

f. Unique **Field Experiences, Practica, and Internship Placement Requirements.** Completion of a library media specialist internship which totals at least 300 clock hours, with at least half of the time in one or more P-12 school libraries, including both elementary and secondary grades. Must be supervised in P-12 schools by individuals who hold a valid master's level professional educator certificate in library media and who are employed as librarians.

3. **Requirements for Class A Certification in Library Media.** Readiness to serve as a library media specialist shall include:

a. An official transcript from an accredited institution documenting an earned master's degree in library media. Institution must be approved at the time of degree conferral.

b. Satisfactory completion of a library media program approved by the Alabama State Board of Education with a minimum GPA of 3.0 for all courses in the program.

c. Successful completion of an **internship.**

d. One year of full-time acceptable **professional educational work experience.**

4. **Testing** for Class A Certification Library Media. Applicants for initial Class A certification in library media must meet the requirements of the Alabama Educator Certification Assessment Program (AECAP) as a precondition for certification.

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