

**Department of Educational Technology, Research and Assessment
Northern Illinois University**

**Type 10 Library Information Specialist Certificate
Course of Study Planning Checklist**

Below is the list of required courses offered at NIU for students seeking a Type 10 Library Information Specialist (LIS) certificate. **You must hold an IL teaching certificate to receive library information specialist certification. Non-teachers should contact the ETRA advisor for additional requirement.**

This course of study does not lead to a graduate degree, but does provide the necessary standards-based course work for certification. We strongly recommend that you pursue the Instructional Technology master's or doctorate degree in conjunction with this program.

Whether seeking a graduate degree or certification only, you **must** confer with the ETRA department's program advisor no later than the end of your first semester of course work to file copies of this *Course of Study Planning Checklist* and the *Student Information Sheet*.

During the final semester of course work, you should: take the Library Information Specialist test, the Assessment of Professional Assessment (APT) test, and contact the program advisor regarding certification completion procedures.

Last Name, First Name, Middle Initial	Social Security Number	MM/DD/YY
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Knowledge and performance library information specialist standards required by the State of Illinois (as revised July 1, 2003) and NCATE are met through completion of the following required courses and the professional portfolio. ***These required courses are subject to change at any time.***

LIS Certification Requirements

- ETT 538 Developing Educational Software for Computers (or alternative course selected with the approval of the ETRA program advisor)
 - ETT 501^a Pro-seminar in Instructional Technology
 - ETT 504 Cataloging and Classification *E
 - ETT 508 Reference Theory and Practice *E
 - ETT 510^a Instructional Media and Technology *E
 - ETT 511 Advanced Instructional Media Design (Message Design) OR ETT 531 Visual Literacy
 - ETR 520 Introduction to Educational Research or a research/evaluation course selected with the approval of the ETRA program advisor
 - ETT 523 Media for Young Adults *E
 - ETT 527 Library Materials for Children *E
 - ETT 533 School Library Media Centers (prereqs: ETT 523 or 527 and 508 and 542) *E
 - ETT 542 Information Access and Social Responsibilities for Library Information Specialists *E
 - ETT 586 Internship or ETT 569 Practicum (NCATE requirement) (taken after specific course work)
- Plus One Elective for M.S. Ed. in Instructional Technology**
- ETT ____ By completing an additional 3-hour course, students will have met the minimum 39-semester hour course requirements for a master's degree in Instructional Technology

^a Courses must be taken during the first year of study

***E courses recommended for LIS endorsement (also ETT 549 Online Searching and ETT 507 Collection Development or other class related to LIS)**

Notes:

In addition to the required library information specialist course work and unless already taken as part of their original teaching certificate, students pursuing Library Information Specialist Certification must also successfully complete:

- Library Information Specialist Test (formerly the Media test)
- Assessment of Professional Teaching (APT) Test
- Basic Skills Test
- A course in non-Western culture
- A course in exceptional education (TLSE 557 at NIU)

To be recommended for certification, students are required to pass a comprehensive examination, in the form of a professional portfolio. See the ETRA program advisor for details about application to and other requirements for certification and the master's degree in instructional technology.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Illinois Certification Testing Systems	
For registration and dates for the following tests: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Illinois State Library Information Specialist Test• Basic Skills Test• Assessment of Professional Teaching (APT) Test APT Fact Sheet	Illinois Certification Testing Systems http://www.icts.nesinc.com/
Department of Educational Technology, Research and Assessment	
ETRA program advisor <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Request certification completion letter• Notify the department of your intent to complete the professional portfolio at least one semester prior to finishing course work.	ETRA Gabel Hall 208 (815) 753-9321 LIS@niu.edu http://www.cedu.niu.edu/etra