

## XIV. Professional Growth

### Graduate programs

Although Maine does not have any accredited library masters programs, students can earn an ALA accredited degree via the distance-learning program in conjunction with the University of South Carolina. The 36 credit hour Master's in Library and Information Science is transmitted to Maine students by live, interactive television to EdNET viewing sites in Maine. Most on-site meetings are held at the University of Maine at Augusta.

Certification as a School Library Media Specialist can also be achieved through the Master's of Education/Instructional technology program offered at the University of Maine at Orono. For more information, contact Walter Kimball [wkimball@maine.edu](mailto:wkimball@maine.edu).

### ALA-accredited library and information programs

The following programs can be done primarily online with some face-to-face courses required:

Emporia State University  
Syracuse University  
University of Alabama  
University of Arizona  
University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign  
University of Kentucky  
University of North Texas  
University of Pittsburgh  
University of South Carolina  
University of South Florida  
University of Washington  
University of Wisconsin - Madison  
Valdosta State University

Masters degrees are also available via 100% online programs:

Clarion University of Pennsylvania  
Drexel University  
Florida State University  
North Carolina Central University  
Rutgers, the State University of New Jersey  
San Jose State University  
Southern Connecticut State University  
Texas Woman's University (Conditional)  
University of Alabama  
University of Puerto Rico  
University of Southern Mississippi



University of Tennessee  
University of Wisconsin - Milwaukee  
Wayne State University

**Alphabetical list of institutions with ALA-accredited programs**

Alabama, University of  
[www.slis.ua.edu](http://www.slis.ua.edu)

Albany, State University of New York  
[www.albany.edu/cci/informationstudies/index.shtml](http://www.albany.edu/cci/informationstudies/index.shtml)

Alberta, University of  
[www.slis.ualberta.ca](http://www.slis.ualberta.ca)

Arizona, University of  
[www.sir.arizona.edu](http://www.sir.arizona.edu)

British Columbia, University of  
[www.slais.ubc.ca](http://www.slais.ubc.ca)

Buffalo, State University of New York  
(Conditional)  
[www.gse.buffalo.edu/programs/lis/](http://www.gse.buffalo.edu/programs/lis/)

California - Los Angeles, University of  
[www.is.gseis.ucla.edu](http://www.is.gseis.ucla.edu)

Catholic University of America  
(Conditional)  
<http://slis.cua.edu>

Clarion University of Pennsylvania  
[www.clarion.edu/libsci](http://www.clarion.edu/libsci)

Dalhousie University  
<http://sim.management.dal.ca/>

Denver, University of  
[www.du.edu/LIS](http://www.du.edu/LIS)

Dominican University  
[www.gslis.dom.edu](http://www.gslis.dom.edu)

Drexel University  
[www.ischool.drexel.edu](http://www.ischool.drexel.edu)

Emporia State University  
<http://slim.emporia.edu>

Florida State University  
[www.ci.fsu.edu](http://www.ci.fsu.edu)

Hawaii, University of  
[www.hawaii.edu/lis](http://www.hawaii.edu/lis)

Illinois, University of  
[www.lis.uiuc.edu](http://www.lis.uiuc.edu)

Indiana University  
[www.slis.indiana.edu](http://www.slis.indiana.edu)

Iowa, University of  
<http://slis.uiowa.edu/~slisweb/>

Kent State University  
[www.slis.kent.edu](http://www.slis.kent.edu)

Kentucky, University of  
[www.uky.edu/CIS/SLIS](http://www.uky.edu/CIS/SLIS)

Long Island University  
[www.liu.edu/palmer](http://www.liu.edu/palmer)

Louisiana State University  
<http://slis.lsu.edu>

McGill University  
[www.mcgill.ca/sis/](http://www.mcgill.ca/sis/)

Maryland, University of  
[www.clis.umd.edu](http://www.clis.umd.edu)

Michigan, University of  
[www.si.umich.edu](http://www.si.umich.edu)

Missouri-Columbia, University of  
<http://sislt.missouri.edu>

Montreal, University of  
[www.ebsi.umontreal.ca](http://www.ebsi.umontreal.ca)

North Carolina - Chapel Hill, University  
of  
<http://sil.unc.edu>

North Carolina - Greensboro, University  
of (Conditional)  
<http://lis.uncg.edu>

North Carolina Central University  
[www.nccuslis.org](http://www.nccuslis.org)

North Texas, University of  
[www.unt.edu/slis](http://www.unt.edu/slis)

Oklahoma, University of  
[www.ou.edu/cas/slis](http://www.ou.edu/cas/slis)

Pittsburgh, University of  
[www.sis.pitt.edu](http://www.sis.pitt.edu)

Pratt Institute  
[www.pratt.edu/sils](http://www.pratt.edu/sils)

Puerto Rico, University of  
<http://egcti.upr.edu>

Queens College, City University of New  
York  
<http://qcpages.qc.cuny.edu/GSLIS>

Rhode Island, University of  
(Conditional)  
[www.uri.edu/artsci/lsc/](http://www.uri.edu/artsci/lsc/)

Rutgers University  
[www.scils.rutgers.edu](http://www.scils.rutgers.edu)

St. John's University  
[www.stjohns.edu/librarianscience](http://www.stjohns.edu/librarianscience)

San Jose State University  
<http://slisweb.sjsu.edu>

Simmons College  
[www.simmons.edu/gslis](http://www.simmons.edu/gslis)

South Carolina, University of  
[www.libsci.sc.edu](http://www.libsci.sc.edu)

South Florida, University of  
[www.cas.usf.edu/lis](http://www.cas.usf.edu/lis)

Southern Connecticut State University  
[www.southernct.edu/ils](http://www.southernct.edu/ils)

Southern Mississippi, University of  
[www.usm.edu/sl意思](http://www.usm.edu/sl意思)

Syracuse University  
[www.ist.syr.edu](http://www.ist.syr.edu)

Tennessee, University of  
[www.sis.utk.edu](http://www.sis.utk.edu)

Texas - Austin, University of  
[www.ischool.utexas.edu](http://www.ischool.utexas.edu)

Texas Woman's University (Conditional)  
[www.twu.edu/cope/sl意思](http://www.twu.edu/cope/sl意思)

Toronto, University of  
[www.fis.utoronto.ca](http://www.fis.utoronto.ca)

Valdosta State University  
[www.valdosta.edu/mlis/](http://www.valdosta.edu/mlis/)

Washington, University of  
[www.ischool.washington.edu](http://www.ischool.washington.edu)

Wayne State University  
[www.lisp.wayne.edu](http://www.lisp.wayne.edu)

Western Ontario, University of  
[www.fims.uwo.ca/mlis/index.htm](http://www.fims.uwo.ca/mlis/index.htm)

Wisconsin - Madison, University of  
[www.sl意思.wisc.edu](http://www.sl意思.wisc.edu)

Wisconsin - Milwaukee, University of  
[www.uwm.edu/Dept/SOIS/](http://www.uwm.edu/Dept/SOIS/)

### Associate's Degree

The University of Maine at Augusta offers an Associate's Degree in Library and Information Science. The purpose of this degree is to prepare individuals for immediate entry into positions that support library and information service professionals. The program is also a way to upgrade the skills of staff who are presently working in school, public, academic and special libraries and other information intensive positions and organizations.

For more information, go to the L&IS Home Page at  
<http://www.uma.edu/libraries/pagessplibinfo.html>.

Or contact the L&IS Program Coordinator, Jodi Williams 1-888-850-5379  
[lnitcoord@maine.edu](mailto:lnitcoord@maine.edu).

### **Bachelor's Degree**

The University of Maine at Augusta also offers a Bachelor of Science Degree in Library and Information Science. This course of study offers students the opportunity to develop specialized technological skills and to increase their creative and critical thinking abilities. Students completing the BS in L&IS will be prepared to enter the field of library and information technology as specialized paraprofessionals, able to work independently in many settings.

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<http://www.uma.edu/libraries/pagessplibinfo.html>.

Or contact the L&IS Program Coordinator, Jodi Williams 1-888-850-5379  
[jnitcoord@maine.edu](mailto:jnitcoord@maine.edu).

### Certificates

UMA offers a certificate in *Library and Information Science*. The Certificate Program is intended for people wishing to take only library science courses. Courses provide practical skills for entry-level employment as support staff in information centers and libraries.

<http://www.uma.edu/catalog-ilscert.html>

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[lnitcoord@maine.edu](mailto:lnitcoord@maine.edu).



### Continuing Education Units

“Continuing education units” (C.E.U.) means units of academic study from an accredited institution of higher education or from a training and development program approved by the Council for the Continuing Education...” (Chapter 115) Continuing Education Units are awarded after the successful completion of a professional development activity or graduate course work. CEUs may be used for *re-certification only*, not initial certification.

Additionally, some school districts allow teachers to use earned CEUs for movement on the salary scale.

One CEU is the equivalent of 10 contact hours of professional development activity.

Find out the policies for awarding CEUs in your district.

## Scholarships

**The Maine Association of School Libraries (MASL)** offers several scholarships for professional growth

### **Walter J. Taranko School Library Media Scholarships**

A maximum of five scholarships up to \$1,000 are available to MASL members with a professional degree or who are pursuing study in the library/media field for a professional degree. The guidelines are:

1. The applicant must have been a member of MASL for one year
2. The applicant must be enrolled in a library science/educational media course / program, OR seeking 071 certification in the state of Maine OR seeking professional development.
3. Payment of scholarships awarded will be made upon evidence of successful completion of the course, workshop or conference. For a course, payment of scholarships awarded will be limited to tuition and required resources, up to \$1000. Official certified documentation of grade transcripts and expense receipts must be sent to the Scholarship Chair or directly to the MASL Treasurer.  
For a conference, payment of scholarships awarded will be limited to registration, accommodations, transportation, and meals served as part of the conference. Receipts for each expense must be submitted to the Scholarship Chair or directly to the MASL Treasurer. Receipts must be accompanied by an assessment of the course or conference, to be no more than one page long and including new learning and how it will be applied in your employment position. For a conference, please list workshops attended. Other educational events will be adjudicated by the scholarship committee.
4. The applicant must be a Maine resident or enrolled in a Maine based program, or employed in a Maine institution.
5. Applications must be received at least one month prior to the beginning of the course or conference.

### **Audrey Conant Scholarship**

Asgard Foundation began this scholarship but it is now managed by MASL.

"Audrey's creative and inspiring enthusiasm reached out to everyone around her, especially to budding librarians just beginning their careers. The Audrey Conant Scholarship Fund is designed to help Maine librarians in many different ways, particularly to help others carry on the work to which Audrey was so dedicated."

MASL Board Minutes 9/8/01

## **MASL School Library Ed Tech Scholarship**

A maximum of five scholarships of up to \$500 are available to MASL members pursuing study in the library/media field for an associate or bachelor's degree. The guidelines are:

1. The applicant must have been a member of MASL for one year .
2. The applicant must be enrolled in an associate's or bachelor's degree library science/educational media program, or library technology program, or seeking ed. Tech. endorsement, or professional development.
3. Payment of scholarships awarded will be made upon evidence of successful completion of the course, workshop or conference. For a course, payment of scholarship awarded will be limited to tuition and required resources, up to a total of \$500. Official certified documentation of grade transcripts and expenses must be sent to the Scholarship Chair or directly to the MASL Treasurer. For a conference, payment of scholarships awarded will be limited to registration, accommodations, transportation, and meals served as part of the conference. Receipts for each expense must be submitted to the Scholarship Chair or directly to the MASL Treasurer.

Receipts must be accompanied by an assessment of the course or conference, to be no more than one page long and including new learning and how it will be applied in your employment position. For a conference, please list workshops attended. Other educational events will be adjudicated by the scholarship committee.

3. The applicant must be a Maine resident or enrolled in a Maine based program, or employed in a Maine institution
4. Applications must be received at least one month prior to the beginning of the course or conference.

Scholarship awards will be made at the Fall Maine Libraries Conference. Payment of scholarships awarded will be made upon evidence of successful completion of the first semester or course. A copy of grade transcripts must be sent to the Scholarship Chair or directly to the MASL Treasurer.

Applications should be mailed to:

Barb Hammond bhammond@msad43.org  
Library/Media Specialist  
21 Cross St.  
Mexico, ME 04257

**Maine Education Association** offers scholarship opportunities.

**The Clyde Russell Scholarship Fund** makes grants, loans, or gifts to citizens of Maine or to educational institutions or departments thereof and may participate in any education aid program for such individuals whether publicly or privately sponsored.

For more information, visit <http://www.clyderussellscholarshipfund.org/>.

**Maine Education Services** also offers several scholarship opportunities.

### **Maine Legislative Memorial Scholarship Fund**

Sixteen \$1,000 awards (one per county) are made annually to students going to a two- or four-year degree granting Maine school. Scholarships are available to graduating high school seniors or full/part-time post-secondary students accepted or enrolled in a Maine college. Graduate students are also eligible. Awards are based on academic excellence, school and community contributions, financial need, letters of recommendation, and a required essay.

### **Maine State Chamber of Commerce Scholarship**

One \$1,500 scholarship is given to an adult learner planning to pursue an education at a two-year degree granting college. Preference may be to a student attending a Maine college and seeking a degree in a business- or education-related field. Awards are based on an adult being 23 years or older and having legal dependents other than a spouse.

For more information, visit <http://www.mesfoundation.com>.

**Finance Authority of Maine (FAME)** A sampling:

**Barking Foundation Scholarship** is open to Any Maine resident seeking higher education. Open to students entering and in college, pursuing their first bachelors degree.

### **Maine Community Foundation's Scholarship Program**

The Maine Community Foundation is one of the largest sources of scholarship support in the State of Maine with over 200 funds that benefit Maine residents.

### **Rodney C. Harmon Memorial Scholarship**

Who is eligible to apply? Any Maine resident who is currently enrolled, or will enroll, full-time in an accredited postsecondary educational institution and is pursuing an associates or higher degree is eligible to apply.

## **National Board for Professional Teaching Standards**

<http://nbpts.org>

The National Board for Professional Teaching Standards (NBPTS) is an independent, nonprofit, nonpartisan and nongovernmental organization. It was formed in 1987 to advance the quality of teaching and learning by developing professional standards for accomplished teaching, creating a voluntary system to certify teachers who meet those standards and integrating certified teachers into educational reform efforts. Teacher must have taught in their current subject matter for a minimum of three years.

The process of becoming Nationally Board certified is rigorous and research-based. Similar to board-certified doctors and accountants, teachers who achieve National Board Certification have met high professional standards through intensive study, expert evaluation, self-assessment and peer review. NBPTS offers 25 certificates that cover a variety of subject areas and student developmental levels. National Board Certificates are valid for a period of five (5) years and are renewable.

The State of Maine provides a \$2750 yearly stipend for Nationally Certified Teachers for the life of the certificate, as long as the teacher is employed as a classroom teacher in the field of certification. That's \$13,750 over the course of the certificate! In addition, some school districts in the state provide additional compensation and reimbursement for costs incurred in achieving National Board Certification. Information may be found at:

<http://boardcertifiedteachers.org/in-your-state/maine>

***Not only can Library Media staff provide professional resources for teachers seeking National Board Certification, they may also seek National Board Certification themselves!***

A Portfolio of four entries must be prepared and presented. A written assessment test must be passed in order to achieve National Board Certification. Candidates may take up to three years to certify. "Take One" (the presentation of one video portfolio) as an opportunity for anyone who want to try the process before committing to pursuing National Board Certification. The time commitment for Take One is 40-50 hours and may be completed in a year and a half. For more information on Take One visit

[http://nbpts.org/products\\_and\\_services/take\\_one1](http://nbpts.org/products_and_services/take_one1).

There are National Board Certified Teacher Candidate Support leaders throughout the state. It is not necessary to be helped by another librarian although it doesn't hurt. The following are National Board Certified School Librarians in Maine, with their certification year:

Peggy Becksvoort	2022	Falmouth Middle School
Maureen Driscoll	2020	Mabel I Wilson Elementary School
Kelley Goodfield	2023	Sacopee Valley Middle School
Nancy Grant	2018	MASL Board member
Cathy Potter	2024	Falmouth Elementary School
Ellen Spring	2015	Cushing Community & Owls Head Central schools

MEA provides workshops lead by National Board Certified Teacher to provide guidance and assistance in the process. For more information go to [http://www.maine.nea.org/National\\_Board\\_flyer\\_07\\_08.pdf](http://www.maine.nea.org/National_Board_flyer_07_08.pdf).

A list of trained candidate support providers is available at [http://www.maine.nea.org/dir4/NBPTS\\_Announce.htm](http://www.maine.nea.org/dir4/NBPTS_Announce.htm).

There are several fees involved in the process, however, the Maine Department of Education offers \$1250 scholarships for candidates and provides \$700 in aid for two retake examinations. For more information visit <http://www.maine.gov/education/cert/nbpts.html>.

MEA supports NBCT certification and provides a full spectrum of assistance and support for first-time candidates and for renewal candidates. <http://www.maine.nea.org/home/1619.htm>

**NBPTS Standards for Library Media/Early Childhood through Young Adulthood:**

**What Library Media Specialists Know:**

- Knowledge of Learners
- Knowledge of Teaching and Learning
- Knowledge of Library and Information Studies

**What Library Media Specialists Do:**

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- Integrating Instruction
- Leading Innovation through the Library Media Program
- Administering the Library Media Program

**How Library Media Specialists Grow as Professionals:**

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- Reflective Practice
- Professional Growth
- Ethics, Equity, and Diversity
- Leadership, Advocacy, and Community Partnership

For more details on National Board Certification, visit  
<http://www.nbpts.org/>.

**OR**

[www.ala.org/ala/aasl/aasleducation/nationalboardcer/nationalboard.cfm](http://www.ala.org/ala/aasl/aasleducation/nationalboardcer/nationalboard.cfm)

The American Library Association (ALA) has several links to provide support and guidance as you pursue National Board Certification.