

# MASTER OF LIBRARY SCIENCE WITH CERTIFICATE IN CHILDREN'S AND YOUNG ADULT LITERATURE

**Web Site:** <https://twu.edu/slis/programs-admission-requirements/>

The Master of Library Science with Certificate in Children's and Young Adult Literature prepares professionals for careers in libraries and other settings that work with children and young adults. The program provides advanced instruction in children's and young adult literature, allowing students to engage with literature that presents diverse and interesting characters and plots. Students explore multiple genres of literature, authors, illustrators, and subjects, and learn how these materials can serve children and young adults. The MLS with Certificate in Children's and Young Adult Literature program is available entirely online.

## Accreditation

The Master of Library Science degree program at Texas Woman's University is accredited by the American Library Association Committee on Accreditation, with the status of Continued accreditation. The next comprehensive review visit is scheduled for 2032.

## Marketable Skills

Marketable skills prepare students for success in a variety of professional settings. Developed through academic coursework, co-curricular engagement, and extracurricular involvement, these skills include communication, critical thinking, teamwork, ethical reasoning, adaptability, and digital literacy. Whether directly related to a student's major or serving as complementary strengths, marketable skills enhance career readiness and reflect TWU's commitment to producing graduates who are prepared to thrive in today's dynamic workforce.

1. Deliver innovative, high-quality services responsive to the needs of diverse communities.
2. Utilize information and communication technology to meet changing information needs
3. Develop, organize, and manage library collections.
4. Help people find, evaluate, and use information.
5. Assess library collections, programs, and services.
6. Facilitate the access and use of materials for children and young adults.

## Admissions

All students must meet the University requirements as outlined in the Admission to the TWU Graduate School (<https://catalog.twu.edu/graduate/graduate-school/admission-graduate-school/>) section of the catalog.

The academic program may have additional admission criteria that must also be completed as outlined on the program's website.

## Degree Requirements

### Total Semester Credit Hours Required

36 semester credit hours (SCH).

Course	Title	Credits
<b>Required Courses</b>		
LS 5083	Foundations of Library and Information Studies	3
LS 5053	Information Retrieval	3
LS 5043	Information and Communication Technology	3
LS 5023	Information Organization	3
LS 5003	Collection Development and Management	3
LS 5263	Information Sources and Services	3
LS 5383	Library Leadership and Management	3
<b>Required Children's and Young Adult Literature Courses</b>		
LS 5603	Materials for Children and Young Adults	3
LS 5623	Advanced Materials for Children and Young Adults	3
LS 5653	Multicultural Literature for Children and Young Adults	3
<b>Advanced Children's and Young Adult Literature Courses (Select one)</b>		
LS 5663	Poetry for Children and Young Adults	3
or LS 5633	Art of Storytelling	
<b>Required Practicum</b>		
LS 5843	Practicum (with a focus on children's and/or young adult literature)	3
<b>Total SCHs</b>		<b>36</b>

## Special Requirements

A cumulative B average must be maintained. Any course with a grade of C cannot be applied toward the student's degree. Students are allowed to repeat a course once to improve a grade. No graduate library science course may be taken more than twice.