

Dear School Library Teacher Program Students,

Welcome to Simmons and the School of Library and Information Science. We are delighted you have chosen the School Library Teacher Program (SLTP) and we look forward to working with you.

The first thing you will need to do is to register for your courses for the upcoming semester. We strongly recommend you register as soon as possible on the date and time you are assigned. Doing so will give you a better opportunity to get into the section you want. Many of the courses you take as part of the SLTP are different from the courses that other students will take. These courses need to be carefully sequenced because you have pre-requisites that must be completed before you will be eligible to enroll in either of your practicum experiences. (You will be given more information on the sequencing of the courses for your whole program at the session we will conduct on Orientation Day.)

All MS students have a sequence for their first two courses of LIS 407 and LIS 415. However, the sequence is slightly different for SLT students who should take LIS 459 in the first semester if you are taking three courses. If you plan to take fewer than three courses in the first semester, you should take LIS 459 as your first course in the SLT program after taking the required core courses that all students take.

For your first semester, please use one of the following course plans to register:

If you plan to take 3 courses:

LIS 407, LIS 415, and LIS 459

If you plan to take 2 courses:

LIS 407 and LIS 415

If you plan to take 1 course:

LIS 407 OR LIS 415

At the orientation meeting, we will review all of the requirements for the SLTP, the sequencing necessary to be sure you have completed the pre-requisites for the practicum experiences, and we will give you a copy of the current *School Library Teacher Handbook*. Please bring your questions to this meeting and we will devote some time to addressing them. In addition you will meet with us during your first semester to construct an individualized program plan to guide you throughout the program.

If you need any additional information before our Orientation Day, please contact either Lisa Estabrook, at Lisa.Estabrook@simmons.edu, or Melanie Kimball, Melanie.Kimball@simmons.edu.

We look forward to seeing you and talking with you at Orientation Day.

Sincerely,

Lisa Estabrook, Program Manager

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The School Library Teacher Program