

*Making a difference in students' lives*  
*Making a difference Making a difference*  
*Making a difference in students' lives Making a difference*  
*Making a difference*  
*Making a difference in students' lives*  
*Making a difference Making a difference*



**School Library Media Program**



**DOMINICAN  
UNIVERSITY**

**Graduate School of Library  
and Information Science**

7900 West Division Street  
River Forest, IL 60305  
(708) 524-6855  
slmp@dom.edu  
www.gslis.dom.edu

**Graduate School of Library  
and Information Science**  
**DOMINICAN UNIVERSITY**  
**www.gslis.dom.edu**

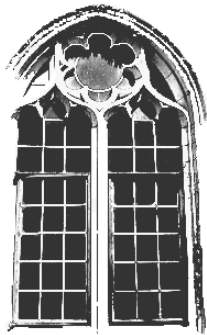
# Making a difference

# Making a difference

*Improved student learning depends upon professional school library media specialists who dwell comfortably in the dual disciplines of library science and education.*

**What is the difference** between school library media specialists, teacher-librarians, school librarians and school library information specialists? There is no difference. Whatever we are called, our mission is to make a difference in the lives of our students and the entire school learning community by fostering lifelong learning. Our graduates are skillfully prepared to work in elementary, middle and secondary school library media centers. We have an equally strong commitment to the importance of both literature and instructional technology in effective school library media programs. We understand that the essential mission of successful school library media programs is to ensure that all students are effective users of information and ideas from a variety of resources. We know that improved student learning depends upon professional school library media specialists who dwell comfortably in the dual disciplines of library science and education. Helping to develop the joy of reading depends upon professional school library media specialists who are familiar with children's and young adult literature and can put a student in touch with the right book at the right time.

**What is the difference** between the requirements for a school library media specialist and any other Graduate School of Library and Information Science student? The differences depend upon what the student brings to the program. Students with bachelor's degrees (some with master's degrees in other fields) and without teaching certificates will earn an American Library Association (ALA)-accredited Master of Library and Information Science degree and an Illinois Type 10 Standard Special Certificate in Media (K-12) which is reciprocal in 36 states. Students who already have an ALA-accredited Master of Library and Information Science degree and/or a valid teaching certificate may earn the additional qualifications they are seeking.



**Fostering  
the joy  
of reading**

**What is the difference** between the learning experience in this program and that in other school library media programs? The difference is the Dominican University network at the local, regional, state and national levels. The program is designed, managed and taught by nationally recognized leaders in the field. Adjunct faculty come to us from school districts that support state-of-the-art instructional technology. Because we are in the Chicago metropolitan area, we take advantage of our proximity to the American Library Association, the American Association of School Librarians, and top-quality urban and suburban school library media programs. We maintain constant contact through a network of generous and supportive alumni in the geographic area and beyond. Truly, the greatest difference is found in the professional relationships that develop among students and alumni both on campus and in clinical practice settings.

**What is the Dominican difference?** We embrace the university motto of *Caritas et Veritas*, compassionate service and the pursuit of truth. As a part of the state certification process, we foster the conceptual framework of *scholarship, leadership* and *service*. A core value of the graduate school is an understanding of and appreciation for intellectual freedom. And finally, the School Library Media Program imbues its students with the dedication to developing lifelong learners through collaboration and leadership in educational settings.

### School Library Media Program components include:

- Nine required Dominican University GSLIS courses and nine elective credit hours (a total of 36 semester hours)
- Clinical practice, including observation hours and clinical experience in school libraries
- Three education courses OR current teaching certificate
- Three Illinois certification examinations

To learn more about admission and program completion requirements, come visit us at our main campus in River Forest, IL or at [www.gslis.dom.edu](http://www.gslis.dom.edu).

Contact us at [slmp@dom.edu](mailto:slmp@dom.edu) or call (708) 524-6855.

***Make a difference in students' lives.***

*We embrace  
the university  
motto of  
Caritas et Veritas,  
compassionate  
service and  
the pursuit of  
truth.*

