**Specialist Degree Information**

Requirements for admission to our Specialist degree programs:

* Official transcripts
* Master’s degree from accredited institution
* 3.0 cumulative GPA

No graduate entrance exam, essay, or letters of recommendation are required.

All of the students in our department major in Media, but they choose a concentration:  Instructional Technology (to gain more technology expertise in a traditional classroom setting) or School Library Media (to train to work in a school media center).

Our programs do not provide teacher certification (T), we provide service certification (S).

Most of the students with an Instructional Technology concentration already have teacher certification (T-5) when they enter our program. Students entering our program Summer 2013 or later will be eligible for S-6 certification upon completion since we have received approval from the Professional Standards Commission for the proposal we submitted to include service certification with our degree program.

Students with a School Library Media concentration earn a S-6 Media Specialist certificate upon completion of the program (service certificate, not teaching certificate). In order to be admitted to the Ed.S. program, you must already hold a S-5 Media Specialist certificate.

Deadlines for application for admission:

* Fall = July 21
* Spring = November 30
* Summer = April 15

Website for application:  <http://www.westga.edu/gradstudies/apply-now.php>

If I can help further, please let me know.  I work 8am-5pm (except 12-1 lunch).

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