Library Support Staff Certificate
Offered by Three Rivers Community College

Beginning Spring 2016

Nationally Accredited by the American Library Association ALA-LSSC

Enroll in the newly revised, fully online accredited Library Technology program offered to anyone in Connecticut who currently works or is interested in a career in libraries. We offer three options:

Option 1: 15-week online courses

Option 2: Flexible module online courses (e.g., 8 or 10 weeks) determined mutually with instructor. Students who may need to change to the traditional 15-week semester may do so without penalty.

Option 3: Special Topics for those who have work-based library experience in the subject area

Special Topics is a five-week online course for library staff who currently work in either of these two areas to learn how to apply the new ALA-LSSC standards every day on the job. At the end of the 5 weeks, students who successfully complete a final project through Credit by Exam will receive full course (3 credits) in either Reference or Tech Services. Up to 50% of the LTA Certificate can be achieved through Credit by Exam.

Spring 2016 Courses:

LIB K104 – Introduction to Reference Services
LIB K123 – Introduction to Technical Services

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Registration:

Because the LTA program is fully online, students do not need to come to campus. Register as a distance learning student using the Three Rivers Community College Combined Application and Registration Form for Library Technology Certificate. The link can be found at:

http://www.trcc.commnet.edu/Div_StudentServices/admissions/documents/Combined_Application_Registration_Form_LibraryTechnologyCertificate.pdf

Credit by Exam:

Library Support Staff who currently are employed in libraries in these two course areas (this semester Reference and Technical Services) are offered an alternative route to receive course Credit by Exam. Credit by Exam may be awarded for up to 50% of the LTA certificate or 12 credits for a total of four LTA courses.

Enroll in the one-credit Special Topics course subject. At the end of the five-week Special Topics course, students may then take a final, project-based exam based on the ALA-LSSC standards (current fee per exam is $15, subject to change). Upon passing the exam, students will receive 3 college credits on their transcript. Spring 2016 we offer Special Topics/Credit by Exam for LIB K104 Introduction to Reference Services and LIB K123 Introduction to Technical Services.

Student must take Special Topics course in the course area before they are eligible to do the Credit by Exam assessment project.

Support:

The new design of our program has the input and support from the professional library community in Connecticut that includes the State Librarian and his office, the Connecticut Library Association, and the Connecticut Library Consortium. Three Rivers Community College administration fully supports the initiative to bring online professional learning to our library community in Connecticut.

Need More Information?

The Library Technology program can be found at the Three Rivers website under Academic Programs:
http://catalog.threerivers.edu/preview_program.php?catoid=2&poid=161&returnto=59

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