Recognized by the American Library Association as part of their Library Support Staff Certification Program (LSSC), our 27-30 credit program is the only one of its kind in New England. The program of study ensures that students gain the knowledge required for successful paraprofessional employment in 21st century libraries.

All courses are online and asynchronous, providing flexibility for students with a busy schedule. Our Library Technology Certificate Program is a perfect fit for anyone who wants to begin a career in libraries and can serve as the first step for individuals who later decide to pursue a graduate degree in Library Science.

For more information on the American Library Association’s LSSC Program, visit: https://ala-apa.org/lssc

Additional Information

For detailed information about the program, visit the CT State's Online Academic Catalog via the URL or QR code below:
https://catalog.ctstate.edu/preview_program.php?catoid=2&poid=324

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Library paraprofessionals may:
- Provide circulation services
- Catalog and classify materials
- Assist patrons with computer use and applications
- Manage interlibrary loan services
- Provide reader advisory services
- Conduct programs and provide services for adults, children, or young adults
- Maintain the library website
- Create marketing materials to provide the library publicity

The range and complexity of duties a library paraprofessional performs vary depending on the size, type, and budget of the library.

Library technology paraprofessionals are involved in all library operations.

Courses Offered Both Semesters (3 credits each):
- ENG 1010 - Composition (Transfer credit possible)
- LIBR 2095 - Supervised Field Placement (Required for students without prior library work experience in a library.)

Fall Course Offerings (3 credits each):
- LIBR 1001 - Introduction to Public Services
- LIBR 1016 - Cataloging & Classification
- LIBR 1025 - Digital Media
- LIBR 1027 - Management & Teamwork

Spring Course Offerings (3 credits each):
- LIBR 1004 - Intro. to Reference Services
- LIBR 1023 - Intro. to Library Tech Services
- LIBR 2001 - Digital Information and Technology
- LIBR 1020 - Library Youth Services (This course is an elective)

Courses in the Program

Our program is structured as a one-year plan. Half of the certificate's courses are offered in the fall semester and the remaining courses in the spring semester. With no prerequisites, students may begin either semester and attend full-time or part-time.

Tuition

The Library Technology Certificate Program at CT State Three Rivers offers in-state tuition and fees to Connecticut residents as well as residents of Massachusetts, New York, and Rhode Island. Additionally, the program is also part of Tuition Break, sponsored by NEBHE (the New England Board of Higher Education). Tuition Break provides significant savings to residents of the six New England States when they enroll at out-of-state public colleges and universities within New England.

Some graduates have continued their education and earned advanced degrees in Library and Information Science!