



Librarianship (Puerto Rico)

- CIP code 131334 • For certification by the DEPR: 32 credits, 5 terms full-time
- Without certification by the DEPR: 30 credits, 4 terms full-time
- Program approved by the Puerto Rico Board of Postsecondary Institutions

Program Description

The Librarianship Program prepares candidates who are committed to improving student learning and providing exceptional library programs that engage students and teachers/faculty in the development of information, media, and technology skills, as well as life-long learning. Twenty-first century libraries provide learning environments that ensure students and employees are effective, ethical, and creative users of ideas and information. By working with teachers/faculty to plan, mediate, and assess student learning, librarians play a crucial role in expanding on and delving into lessons given in the classroom using a variety of resources and specialized skills they have available. Graduates are career-ready, technologically savvy, and culturally competent to advance social justice causes. The licensure program prepares certified teachers to be recertified as School Librarians by the DEPR.

Learning Outcomes

Our Librarianship Program candidates are prepared to develop and promote quality library programs. They understand and use multiple technologies for individual and group learning, empowering students to be critical thinkers, enthusiastic readers, researchers, and ethical users of information. They understand the history and the present role of libraries in education and learning. They are ready to assume a leadership role in education and information literacy, technology skills, and media literacy. They work in collaboration with other educators to promote a love of learning and reading, ensuring equal access to information resources, and to develop the knowledge and skills needed to stimulate and integrate quality reading and analysis skills in classrooms, laboratories, and libraries. Learning is personalized through independent projects that help to prepare the educator for the profession.

Careers

Graduates choose from a number of library/technology-related careers, including school library teachers, technology and information center directors, and media literacy consultants, library technicians, assistant librarians, publicity assistants, education program vendors, and information services.

Program for certification by the Puerto Rico Department of Education. Prior valid Puerto Rico teacher certification in another area required.

Non-Certification option: All program components are required, except for the practicum, practicum seminar, and the PCMAS.

Program and courses subject to change.

This is a **hybrid** delivered program, with 60% of classes delivered synchronously (remotely) and 40% delivered asynchronously through Canvas Learning Management System.

Required Courses 27 credits

All courses are offered in Spanish

ELM 509	Introduction to Librarianship <i>(required first course)</i>	All terms
ELM 521	Reference Resources and Services	Fall
ELM 532	New Technologies in the Library	Fall
ELM 533	Information Literacy	Spring
ELM 561	Production of Instructional Materials	Spring
ELM 600	User Needs and Selection of Information.	Summer
ELM 601	Cataloguing of Information Resources.	Summer
ELM 700	Research in Librarianship	Fall or Spring
ELM 701	Library Management.	Fall or Spring

Elective Course 3 credits

Three credits for non-certification students.
The following elective course is recommended:
ESP 615 Assistive Technology: Modifying Curriculum
for Diverse Learners All terms

Practicum Prerequisites

- Pass all teacher certification tests required by DEPR for this license.
- Pass all required courses.

Practicum & Seminar (licensure students only) 5 credits

Must be taken in the final term.

ELM 790 Practicum — 300 hours (3 credits) All terms
In a school library, divided into two 150-hour experiences at two of the three school levels (elementary, middle, high school).

Guided and evaluated by a librarian and a Cambridge College supervisor.

Practicum locations are subject to the regulations and must be approved by the program director. Students are responsible to discuss options for the practicum with the program director or regional center director.

ELM 791 Practicum Seminar (2 credits) All terms
Electronic exit portfolio (Tevera) required for credit.

All courses 3 credits except as noted.