



**Library and Information Technology  
 Credential: Certificate in Library Basics  
 C55310G0**

This certificate is designed for individuals interested in entering the library field, as well as those already employed in the field who desire to improve their job knowledge and skills through a selection of library survey courses. Specific emphases include a survey of libraries, information resources, using communication skills, and understanding circulation systems and basic acquisitions activities. Credits earned in this program may be transferred toward an Associate in Applied Science Degree in Library and Information Technology and/or a diploma in Library and Information Technology and/or other Library and Information Technology certificates if desired.

Program Length: 2 semesters  
 Program Site: Distance Education

Course Requirements for Library Basics Certificate:

Required Major Courses (12 (SHC))		C-L-SHC
LIB 110	Introduction to Libraries	3-0-3
LIB 111	Library Info./Resources	2-2-3
LIB 112	Library Collection Devel./Acquisition	2-2-3
LIB 114	Library Public Services Operations	2-2-3

Total Semester Hours Required for Credit: 12

**COURSE DESCRIPTIONS**

**LIB 110 Introduction to Libraries 3-0-3**

This course includes the history and future of libraries, a survey of library types, and an overview of library organization, services, and community relationships. Emphasis is placed on societal roles of the library, literary and intellectual freedom, comparisons and contrasts of library types, and the roles of professional organizations. Upon completion, students should be able to discuss literacy and intellectual freedom, describe library organization and compare types of libraries, their materials, and services.

**LIB 111 Lib. Info. Resources/Svcs 2-2-3**

This course provides introductory skills for selecting and using general and specialized information resources in print and electronic formats and related copyright issues. Emphasis is placed on selection tools, print and electronic censorship, core collection materials in various disciplines, compiling bibliographies and interpreting and referring reference questions. Upon completion, students should be able to use numerous resources to answer directional and factual questions and to decide when to refer difficult reference questions.

**LIB 112 Library Coll. Dev./Acq. 2-2-3**

This course covers library collection development and acquisitions policies and procedures. Emphasis is placed on evaluating mission statements, needs assessment studies, purchasing materials using selection criteria and tools, and related collection development and acquisitions activities. Upon completion, students should be able to evaluate mission statements, conduct needs assessments using selected criteria, and complete related collection development and acquisitions activities.

**LIB 114 Lib. Public Serv. Oper. 2-2-3**

This course covers effective library orientations, effective patron service, automated circulation systems, statistics and reports, reserves, and security. Emphasis is placed on public relations, problem solving, communication skills, circulation systems and policies, interlibrary loan procedures, shelving and display options. Upon completion, students should be able to deal with diverse patrons, conduct library orientations, compile reports from statistical data, initiate interlibrary loans, and prepare displays.