



Library/Information Technology Library Services to Children Certificate of Specialization



About the Library Services to Children Certificate of Specialization

This certificate will provide students with the skill set to work efficiently and effectively with children, and to manage a school library under the direction of a teacher-librarian. All aspects of library operations will be explored such as budgeting, writing mission statements, managing children in a library/class setting and routine functions of library operations. The importance of teen collections and literature for children will also be addressed in detail.

Students can apply for a Library Services to Children Certificate by completing the following courses with a grade of C or better. All courses are offered online.

Required Courses

LIBT 201	Introduction to Library Services	3.0 units
LIBT 210	School Library/Media Center Services	3.0 units
LIBT 218	Connecting Adolescents with Literature and Libraries	3.0 units
ECE 234	Children's Literature	3.0 units

Total Units Required: 12.0



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About the Library/Information Technology Program

Cuesta College offers a mature and robust program in Library/Information Technology (LIBT). Our curriculum is designed to provide the knowledge and skills needed for a successful vocational career in organizing and managing information.

The LIBT program has been in existence for more than four decades and prepares students to work as paraprofessionals in libraries, media centers, archives, and other venues.

While emphasizing technical competencies and research skills, our program also highly values effective interpersonal communication. As often as possible, we incorporate practical, on-site experiences into our core curriculum which culminates with our final internship course.

Library/Information Technology course offerings are online, making them accessible and convenient for local and out-of-area students.

Career Opportunities

The Library Services to Children Certificate is designed to enhance an individual's understanding of information resources for children and young adults. Completion of the certificate will give an individual training valuable for working with children and teens in settings such as schools, bookstores, or public libraries.

http://library.cuesta.edu/libt/lib_ser_child_cert.htm

For complete course descriptions, see a copy of Cuesta's current catalog or go to: http://www.cuesta.edu/student/aboutacad/schedule_catalog/catalog.html

For more information

Contact the Library Office at (805) 546-3190 or submit the Contact Us form at <http://library.cuesta.edu/libt/contact.htm>

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Scholarship Information

Cuesta College offers financial aid opportunities to enrolled students. The annual deadline to submit an application is usually early March. Of special interest to our LIBT students is the Lyn Vivrette Scholarship offered annually for a qualified student majoring in Library/Information Technology. The Cuesta College Friends of the Library fund this award. See the Financial Aid web site for more information: http://www.cuesta.edu/student/aboutmoney/finaid/application_process/index.html

Another scholarship of interest is the Gold Coast Library Network Scholarship Award for those training as library staff. This is also an annual award. See their web site:

<http://goldcoastlibraries.org/>



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