MEDICAL LIBRARIANSHIP - GRADUATE CERTIFICATE

College of Sciences and Humanities
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About This Program

Dive into the world of medical librarianship with our graduate certificate. Gain essential skills for roles in hospitals, academic centers and government agencies, with the option to intern at a medical library for real-world experience. Join us and become a key player in managing healthcare information effectively. Read more...

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- Connect with an Admissions Counselor

Program Delivery

- **Delivery:**
  - Fully online

What does delivery mean?

Examples of Possible Jobs

- Medical librarians
- Medical library services managers
- Research and education librarians
- Reference and consumer health librarians
- Health science librarians
- Health service librarians

For more information about graduate admissions, visit the graduate admission website. For more information on international admissions, visit the international admission website.

Admission Requirements

- Master's degree in library and information science or equivalent American Library Association-accredited master's degree from an accredited college or university
- Minimum 3.000 graduate GPA on a 4.000-point scale [1]
- Official transcript(s)
- Résumé
- Goal statement
- Three letters of recommendation *(starting with the spring 2027 admission term, two letters of recommendation will be required)*
- English language proficiency - all international students must provide proof of English language proficiency (unless they meet specific exceptions to waive) by earning one of the following:[2]
  - Minimum 94 TOEFL iBT score
  - Minimum 7.0 IELTS score
  - Minimum 65 PTE score
  - Minimum 120 DET score

[1] In calculating the total GPA, all grades from all courses taken at relevant level (baccalaureate or master's) from all institutions are required. Applicants who do not meet the minimum 3.000 GPA requirement must submit a statement that addresses the circumstances that contributed to the GPA and preparation for success in graduate study. Applicants should include recent professional achievements that indicate an ability to perform at a higher academic level to be considered for conditional admission to the program.

[2] International applicants who do not meet the above test scores will not be considered for admission.

Application Deadlines

- **Fall Semester**
  - Application deadline: April 15
- **Spring Semester**
  - Application deadline: November 15
- **Summer Term**
  - Application deadline: March 15

All application materials (including applicable fee, transcripts, recommendation letters, etc.) submitted after these deadlines will be considered on a space-available basis.

Program Requirements

Certificate Requirements

Code	Title	Credit Hours
Certificate Requirements		
HI 60419	CONSUMER HEALTH INFORMATICS	3
LIS 60620	HEALTH INFORMATION RESOURCES	3
LIS 60671	INTRODUCTION TO CATALOGING PRINCIPLES AND PRACTICES IN MEDICAL LIBRARIES	1
LIS 60672	REFERENCE SOURCES AND SERVICES IN MEDICAL LIBRARIES	1
LIS 60673	MEDICAL LIBRARY MANAGEMENT AND CULTURE	1
Certificate Elective, choose from the following:		3
HI 60401	HEALTH INFORMATICS MANAGEMENT	
HI 60411	CLINICAL ANALYTICS	
HI 60636	STANDARDIZED TERMINOLOGIES IN HEALTHCARE	
LIS 60401	LEADERSHIP IN LIBRARIES AND INFORMATION CENTERS	
LIS 60602	RESOURCE DESCRIPTION AND ACCESS	
LIS 60603	SUBJECT ANALYSIS, REPRESENTATION AND ACCESS	
LIS 60613	INFORMATION NEEDS, SEEKING AND USE	
LIS 60614	COLLECTION MANAGEMENT IN LIBRARIES	
LIS 60616	THE SPECIAL LIBRARY	
LIS 60649	INDEXING AND ABSTRACTING	
LIS 60655	COPYRIGHT: UNDERSTANDING USER RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES	
LIS 60669	INFORMATION SERVICES FOR DIVERSE POPULATIONS	

LIS 60692	INTERNSHIP IN INFORMATION AND CULTURAL HERITAGE INSTITUTIONS
LIS 61096	INDIVIDUAL INVESTIGATION

Minimum Total Credit Hours: **12**

Graduation Requirements

Minimum Certificate GPA	Minimum Overall GPA
	3.000

Program Learning Outcomes

Graduates of this program will be able to:

1. Articulate and apply the principles of resource description, subject analysis, medical descriptors and qualifiers and cataloging management principles with medical resources in the medical library.
2. Describe and perform a medical reference interview and conduct information searching with evidence-based medicine principles and resources.
3. Describe information seeking behavior patterns and identify information needs for various user groups in medical libraries.
4. Apply knowledge of management, budgeting and advocacy in medical libraries.
5. Identify the ethical and legal considerations for health information professionals as it relates to HIPAA and the role of the health information professional.
6. Outline how health information literacy, patient-centered health and wellness information sources and practices can affect health care consumers in the community.

Full Description

The Medical Librarianship graduate certificate prepares students to work in medical and health sciences libraries; in the community; and as part of a health system, hospital, clinician office, academic center, government research agency or medical specialty organization. Students in the certificate have the option to intern at a medical library, which will allow them to apply their skills and knowledge, as well as to observe the typical daily activities and requirements of medical librarians.