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Library & Information Technology

DIPLOMA PROGRAM

ADMISSION TO LANGARA COLLEGE

Langara College starts accepting applications 11 months prior to the beginning of each term. Apply online or pick up a form at Registrar and Enrolment Services. As course registration priority is given to early applicants, make sure you apply as soon as you can. General admission requirements are as follows:

- Completion of BC Grade 12 (or equivalent) or 19 years of age (or older).
- Canadian citizenship or permanent resident (landed immigrant) status. International students should contact the International Education (IE) Department for admissions information.
- English language proficiency to support college-level studies. Please refer to specific program requirements on the website for details.



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THE COLLEGE OF HIGHER LEARNING.

Langara is a community of thinkers, collaborators, and mentors who value exceptional learning opportunities. Whether you are on a set path or navigating your way through a sea of options, our focus is on you and your experience here.

THE LIBRARY & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DIPLOMA PROGRAM

The Library and Information Technology Program provides students with a solid foundation in core library technical skills while keeping pace with new trends in technology. The two-year (four-term) program prepares individuals for the challenging and technical duties required of those within the fields of library and information services.

The program aims to:

- Prepare students for work as library and information resource specialists
- Provide students with proven approaches to skills using effective learning environments
- Apply current and relevant measures of competency
- Emphasize the importance of customer service
- Prepare students for a career of lifelong learning
- Meet the needs of an ever-changing field
- Maintain the program's reputation for the excellence of its graduates

Langara's Library and Information Technology Program is recognized across Canada and was developed in accordance with the Canadian Library Association's Guidelines for the Education of Library Technicians.

GRADUATE SUCCESS

The library field is for individuals who are committed to lifelong learning, and who love to organize information, work with the public, and keep up with current events and trends. Library technicians hold supervisory positions or work cooperatively with librarians and other professionals to work with information resources – from helping people retrieve information and materials to managing records for technology-based businesses.

Langara's Library and Information Technology Program gives graduates access to a wide variety of jobs in both behind-the-scenes technical services, and hands-on interactive roles. Our graduates are successfully placed in public, academic, and special libraries such as medical, law, and corporate institutions.

"The Langara Library and Information Technology program was integral to my success in various library environments. The program provides the necessary knowledge and training to grow and adapt to new challenges."

Ronald Deo
Library and Information
Technologist at Surrey Schools



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WHAT YOU'LL LEARN

The Library and Information Technology Program at Langara College has maintained its currency and competitiveness amid rapid technological advancement. Students in this career program pursue either a standard or online option. The standard option is primarily taught through classroom instruction, while the online Flexible Participation option accommodates distance learners. The program may be taken full-time through the classroom option, or part-time to full-time through the online option.

Students in the program learn about:

- Library history and modern developments
- Reference and reader's services
- Customer service
- Electronic and digital information storage
- Online search
- Acquisitions and technical services
- Subject analysis and classification
- Cataloguing and Resource Description Access (RDA) for all formats
- Business computer applications
- Automated library systems
- Web applications and social media
- Different work environments through practicum courses.

FACILITIES

Our Resource Room has a collection of specialized bibliographic tools, most of which can be accessed electronically through our computer workstations. Study areas are available for individual work and group discussions.

WHAT YOU'LL TAKE

Our graduates are highly skilled in today's essential computer applications, as well as specialized library management systems. We teach students important search strategies for library databases and open resources on the Internet. Students also learn how to catalogue, maintain, and retrieve print, digital, non-print, and specialized media resources such as film, maps, and photographs.

Sample special topics courses include:

- Aboriginal reference resources and services
- Specialized library resources
- Introduction to Archives
- Supervisory skills
- Children's services
- Young adult services
- Records management

Students will have the chance to practice their skills in library environments through two fieldwork opportunities. Students will also explore various types of libraries and roles throughout their course of study.

TRANSFERABILITY

Many of the non-library electives and support courses required for the Library and Information Technology Diploma are university transferable (for example, to Langara's BBA bridging option). Students should consult with Counselling Services to determine which electives are transferable. Students applying to the program with existing academic degrees should also check with Counselling to determine which courses may be credited towards the diploma. Credit may also be given for previous library experience and courses on a case-by-case basis through the program's Flexible Assessment option. Consult with the Department Chair for more information.

PROGRAM-SPECIFIC ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

All program options consider students' previous education and work experience. Transfer credits are accepted for equivalent courses, and flexible assessments are available for core library studies.

Information sessions take place monthly during the first half of the year. Admission interviews and aptitude tests occur two months before classes start for Spring and Summer entry, and in late Spring for Fall entry.

In addition to general Langara College admission requirements (see reverse), applicants need to:

- Submit a Letter of Intent written by applicants
- Attend an interview and testing session after all application requirements have been met

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

In addition to achieving a minimum grade of "C" (or an "S" in courses graded S/U) in all courses required for the program, all applicants must achieve:

- a successful Criminal Record Check (CRC) immediately after acceptance to the program
- a certification of minimum keyboard net speed of 45 wpm before graduation

Please refer to the website for the most current admission and graduation requirements.

"I registered in Langara's Library Technician program to help find a job working with people and books. Over the course of the program I was awakened to the full potential of libraries to nurture and inspire their patrons and communities. The more I learned, the greater my excitement. Today I see myself not as merely having a job, but as a creative, collaborative partner in community development."

Wendy Wright
Library Director
Smithers Public Library



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