



# 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

The Teacher Education Program at Cambridge College is awarded **TEAC accreditation** by the Inquiry Brief Commission of the Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation (CAEP) for a period of five years, from May 2014-May 2019, extended until June 2021. The accreditation does not include individual education courses that the EPP offers to P-12 educators for professional development, re-licensure, or other purposes.

**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.**

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## Required Courses..... 27 credits

**All courses are offered in Spanish**

- ELM 509 Introduction to Librarianship (*required first course*)
- ELM 521 Reference Resources and Services
- ELM 532 New Technologies in the Library
- ELM 533 Information Literacy
- ELM 561 Production of Instructional Materials
- ELM 600 User Needs and Selection of Information
- ELM 601 Cataloguing of Information Resources
- ELM 700 Research in Librarianship
- ELM 701 Library Management

## 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

## Practicum Prerequisites

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

## Practicum & Seminar (licensure students only)..... 5 credits

### ELM 790 Practicum — 300 hours (3 credits)

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)

Electronic exit portfolio (Taskstream) required for credit.

All courses 3 credits except as noted.