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Diploma in School Librarianship
(Course code: DSL)

1) Introduction

According to the educational reforms introduced in 1998, the school library, the audio-visual unit, and the Computer Lab of the school were combined and renamed as the School Library and Learning Resource Centre. Accordingly, the role of the school / teacher Librarian has become teaching information skills, teaching participation, facilitating independent learning, and teaching to read. By this it is expected to improve the quality of the resource-based teaching and learning processes. The Diploma in School Librarianship intends to provide the appropriate knowledge, attitudes and skills required to fulfill the new roles and to produce a group of professionals who can shoulder these new transformations.

2) Target Group

Those who already work in school libraries and those who would like to join a school library.

3) Entry Requirements

Passing GCE (A/L) **Old Syllabus**: Passes in 04 subjects
New Syllabus: Passes in 03 main subjects

OR

Passing GCE (O/L) and the **Certificate in School Librarianship (CSL) /Advanced certificate in School librarianship (ACSL) or Advanced Certificate in Librarianship (ACL)** awarded by the National Institute of Library and Information Sciences.

4) Intended Learning Outcomes

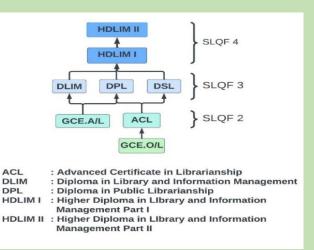After completing this course, the participants will be able to

- Understand the new trends in the school library,
- Discover the contribution of the school library to the resource-based teaching / learning process.
- Use online learning as a tool and
- Gain skills required to become an information literate person

5) Course Contents

1. Introduction to Librarianship
2. Collection Development & Management
3. Information and Communications Technology for Libraries
4. Information Resources and Services
5. Project Report writing
6. Information Literacy
7. Teaching Active Reading
8. Children & Youth Literature

6) **Significance of the Program:** As shown in the figure, completion of DSL will enable to continue to Higher Diploma at SLQF Level 4**.**

ACL	: Advanced Certificate in Librarianship
DLIM	: Diploma in Library and Information Management
DPL	: Diploma in Public Librarianship
HDLIM I	: Higher Diploma in LIbrary and Information Management Part I
HDLIM II	: Higher Diploma in LIbrary and Information Management Part II

7) **Course Duration:** 12 Months

8) **Medium of Instruction:** Sinhala/Tamil (A program in any language will be conducted only if an adequate number of students have enrolled, to study in that medium).

9) **Mode of Study:** All classes will be conducted in hybrid mode.

10) **Evaluation Criteria:**
For each taught subject, 50% shall be added from all classroom assignments/assessments/term papers etc. The balance 50% shall be added from the written examinations held at the end of the semester. The Project Report will be assigned marks out of 100%. All end of semester written examination will be held in online mode until further notice).

11) **To Obtain the Diploma in School Librarianship Certificate**
A minimum of C pass (minimum of 50%) must be obtained for each subject including the Project Report. If D or E passes are obtained for three subjects or less, those subjects can be repeated.

12) **Course Fees of DSL : SL Rs. 29,000/=** (Can be paid in two installments)

13) **Selection interview:** 07th January 2024

14) **Commencement of the Program:** February 2024

15) **Process of Applying:**
   1. Download the application from our website (https://nilis.cmb.ac.lk/home/)
   2. Complete the application form as clearly as possible.
   3. Deposit Rs. 300.00 as the Application Processing Fee to the Account No. 086100101191736 of Peoples' Bank, Thimbirigasyaya Branch and attach the original receipt in the given cage in the Application Form.
   4. Attach certified copies of the birth certificate, GCE/OL / GCE/AL certificate, and the NIC.
   5. Visit NILIS on **07th January 2024 at 9.30 am** with the originals of all certificates mentioned above.

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