



Masters in Teacher Librarianship

MTL 2026/2027

1) Introduction

The Master in Teacher Librarianship (MTL) program is designed to provide an advanced professional qualification for educators seeking to lead school libraries and information resource centers. The curriculum is structured to develop theoretical understanding and professional expertise through a coherent set of educational experiences. All students complete seven core subjects, each with a duration of 40 hours, and undertake an independent research project, capping in a dissertation of equal academic weight to a core subject.

2) A candidate must satisfy one of the academic qualifications specified under A (i) OR A (ii) AND the professional requirement under B.

A) Academic Qualifications

i) A Bachelor's degree in **Education OR Library and Information Science** with First- or Second-Class Honours awarded by a recognized higher education institution;

OR

ii) A Bachelor's degree in **any discipline** awarded by a recognized higher education institution, together with a **Postgraduate Diploma in Education, Library Science, Information Management, Information Technology** or a related field.

B) Professional Experience

Relevant work experience in the education service as a School Teacher or Teacher Librarian, **OR** in any other position deemed acceptable by the Board of Management of NILIS.

3) Intended Learning Outcomes

- To provide a broad professional education and a solid training in professional skills, which will enable students to enter confidently into work related to Teacher Librarianship.
- To inculcate an in-depth understanding of the principles of Teacher Librarianship, of the organization and management of school library and learning resource centers and of handling storage and retrieval of information in all media.
- To guide the candidates to conduct research in a field related to Teacher Librarianship.

4) Course Content

- i. Teacher Librarianship
- ii. Collection Management and Organization
- iii. Information Management
- iv. Information Literacy
- v. School Library Learning Resource Centre (SLLRC) Management
- vi. Information and communication Technology for education
- vii. Research methods in education
- viii. Dissertation.

5) Duration: One year

6) Medium of Instructions: Sinhala/ Tamil or English (A Program in any medium will be conducted only if an adequate number of students have enrolled).

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

8) Method of Evaluation

- In each taught subject, 50% will 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 candidates will also complete a research project on a selected topic and produce a minor dissertation, which will be of equal weight of a core subject.

9) Evaluation Criteria

- The pass mark in each subject of the examination and the dissertation shall be 50% or over.

10) Course Fees

Application Fee	Rs.3000.00
Course Fee (Payable in two instalments within the first semester.	Rs.200,000.00

- Subject to change without prior notice

11) Application Closing date: 2026.09.15

12) Process of applying.

- I. Complete the Online Application at NILIS website (nilis.cmb.ac.lk) on or before 15.09. 2026.
- II. Deposit Rs. 3000.00 as the Application Processing Fee to the Account No. 086100101191736 of Peoples' Bank, Thimbirigasyaya Branch and attach the receipt to the online application.
- III. Attach certified copies of the birth certificate, Degree certificate, NIC etc.
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