



Diploma in Public Librarianship

DPL 2021/2022

1) Introduction

Today the Public Library is being transformed into a community development center. the social and cultural role of the public library is ever-widening beyond the traditional services like book issues, reference services, and project-based services. Therefore, it has become vital for those who already work in public libraries as well as those who would like to join a public library need a much wider knowledge of the social and cultural contexts. The Diploma in Public 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 the societal and cultural transformation.

2) Target Group

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

3) Entry Requirements

Passing GCE (A / L) (as per the old syllabus, passing 04 subjects or as per the new syllabus, passing 03 main subjects)

OR

Passing GCE (O / L) and the **Certificate in Public Librarianship** awarded by the National Institute of Libraries and Information Sciences, University of Colombo.

4) Learning Outcomes

After completing this course, the participants will be able

- To understand the new role of the Public Library,
- To identify the role of the Public Library in community based development,
- To understand the contribution of the Public Library for the cultural promotion,
- To Identify how modern information technology can be used in community development.

5) Course Contents

1. Community Development
2. Collection Management and Information Services
3. Indigenous Knowledge
4. Cultural literacy
5. Media Literacy
6. Information technology for public libraries
7. Project

6) Course Duration: 12 Months

7) Medium of Instruction: Sinhala OR Tamil (A program in any language will be conducted only if an adequate number of students have enrolled).

8) Mode of Study: Due to COVID-19 pandemic, classes will be conducted only in online mode until further notice.

9) Method of Evaluation:

Through classroom assignments and a written report.

10) Evaluation Criteria:

An assignment must be completed for each module and a minimum of 50% or above must be obtained to pass that module. In addition, a written report on a given topic must be submitted and a minimum of 50% or above must be obtained to pass in the report.

11) Course Fees:

Application Fee	Rs.250.00
Registration Fee	Rs.1,500.00
Course Fee	Rs.23,500.00
Exam Fees 150*6	Rs.900.00
Library Fee	Rs.1000.00
Certificate Fee	Rs.1000.00

12) Date of Commencement: September 2021

13) Process of Applying:

- Download the application from our website
- Fill the application form as clearly as possible
- Deposit Rs. 250.00 as Application Processing Fee to the Account No. 086100101191736 of Peoples' Bank, Thimbirigasyaya Branch and paste the original receipt in the given cage in the Application Form.
- Forward the application and other attachments to the;
"Senior Assistant Registrar
National Institute of Library & Information Science (NILIS)
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