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School of Computing, Engineering and Information Sciences

Librarianship *BSc (Hons)*

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'I am very pleased to hear of the development of a distance learning training opportunity for librarianship. I am also delighted that the course includes web publishing as a module as I see this as a skill set information people need. The flexibility of the course appeals to me as an employer. I am very pleased this course will fall into the framework of qualifications and encourage people to progress to Chartership. Certainly talking with colleagues in all sectors in recent years this course fills a higher education gap that people are seeking. The flexibility of the approach to learning and the emphasis on traditional core skill sets, makes me conclude this course is a winner for the University and the region.'

About the Programme

This new distance learning course is aimed specifically at those working at a para-professional level within the library and information sector and who wish to gain a recognised professional qualification. The content of the programme reflects changes in the profession and the new 'Body of Professional Knowledge' introduced by CILIP.

Why choose Northumbria?

Northumbria University and in particular CEIS, have a strong and successful reputation in the delivery of Distance Learning Courses. We have an established infrastructure to support students and academic staff have considerable experience of distance learning delivery. Library and Learning Services offer services specifically designed to meet the needs of distance learning students. Our Information System [NORA] was recently awarded top honours in the WebFeat Presidents award. The awards ceremony recognized seven leading libraries for innovation in their information systems. Northumbria received top honours in the academic library category and was the only award to a library outside the USA.

What you need to know

Length:
2.5 yrs

Entry requirements:

Compulsory Requirements
Five GCSEs at grade C or above including Mathematics and English Language.

Entry onto this course is based on:

Either:
CILIP certification [ACLIP]

Or:
A personal portfolio which demonstrates a mixture of formal national qualifications and CPD qualifications such as CILIP and ASLIB training courses.

English language requirements:
International students are required to satisfy a minimum requirement regarding their proficiency in both written and spoken English. This requirement is currently a British Council International English Language Testing Systems (IELTS) score of 6 (or above) or a Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) score of 575 (or above)

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What are the career benefits for doing this programme?

This distance learning course is aimed specifically at those working at a para-professional level within the library and information sector and who wish to gain a recognised professional qualification.

What are the transferable skills/knowledge from this programme?

Although this Work Based Learning programme is specifically designed to meet the needs of the Library and Information Services sector, many of the topics covered have relevance across many other sectors such as; research, information retrieval and organisation, web management and independent project management.

What qualifications can you achieve?

Students receive an internationally recognised Bachelor of Science degree award.

Accreditation and career opportunities

This course will be accredited by CILIP and as such is recognised as a professional qualification.

How will you be assessed?

Assessment is varied, and is determined by individual module tutors. However it can consist of a variety of coursework assignments. Assignments can take the form of individual and/or group work, research reports, portfolios of exercises, evaluations and essays. Some modules may have elements of practical work that require the use of computer systems.

Student Support

All students have access to a virtual learning environment where learning resources are available, including the opportunity to participate in online discussion groups. The University offers a range of support services for Distance Learning students.

Student scholarships for international students

A limited number of scholarships may be awarded for the programme. Applications for scholarship are considered on an individual basis and any award is primarily determined by consideration of academic achievement.

Other courses that might interest you:

BSc Electronic Publishing and Information Management

Programme Structure

Year 1:

Management for Information Professionals

This module is designed to explore managerial concepts which enable information functions or organisations to set and achieve their aims and objectives.

Information Organisation and Retrieval

This module explores the theory and practice surrounding information, its organisation and retrieval.

Cataloguing and Classification

This module will develop your knowledge of theory and current practice in descriptive cataloguing and classification, and the industry standards, practice and issues that are relevant.

Collection Management

The overall aim of this module is to study the management and organisation of the collections within a range of information environments.

Legal and Ethical Context of Information

This module explores the concept of the information society and examines this further in the context of related legal and ethical systems.

Work-based project 1

The focus of the module is to enable you to apply the principles and theories of library and information management to an aspect of your work place, within the context of good practice in the sector

Year 2:

Web Publishing & Management

In this module you will study advanced principles of Web page development and learn some techniques that can make a Web site more interactive.

User needs analysis and learner support

Learning support is a process whereby end-users of information products and services are helped to become efficient and effective independent information users.

Research Methods for Evidence Based Practice

This module will cover the principles of research methodologies, concentrating on qualitative and quantitative approaches.

Work-based project 2

This module will enable you to carry out research into an aspect off service in your organisation, with the support of an academic supervisor.

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