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New Programme

CERIFICATE
PROGRAMME ON
DIGITAL LIBRARIES
(CPDL)



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Certificate Programme on Digital Libraries

Objectives

- To familiarise the learners about the concept of digital libraries;
- To impart knowledge about workflow on digitisation processes and techniques in development of DLs; and
- To train learners to work productively and creatively in DLs.

Duration

The minimum duration of the programme would be six months and maximum duration would be 2 years.

Eligibility

MLIS or equivalent;

Or

BLIS with three years working experience in a computerised library.

Course Material

Appropriate Open Educational Resource (OER) contents shall be identified, adapted as per requirement and uploaded on the online learning portal.

Programme Fee: Rs. 4000

Mode of delivery

The programme shall have a blended mode of delivery as follows:

Counselling : All contents will be made available online. Synchronous and asynchronous counselling will be provided.

Standalone: To facilitate students to learn on offline environment, live CDs/DVDs comprising self instructional materials, tutorials, videos, software, manuals, etc., very similar to the online environment may be provided.

Hands on practical training: Compulsory face to face training sessions will be held. Learners shall be trained in DL softwares, viz., DSpace and GSDL.

Programme Structure

CPDL 1: Introduction to Digital Libraries {4 credits}
CPDL 2: Creation and Management of Digital Objects {6 credits}
CPDL 3: Design and development of Digital Libraries {6 credits}

Practical Training:

One Week Practical Training will be provided by the CSIR-NISCAIR at Kota, Jaipur and Delhi.

CPDL 1: Introduction to Digital Libraries

Block 1: Foundation of Digital Libraries
Unit 1: Overview of DLs
Unit 2: DL Technologies
Unit 3: DL Services
Unit 4: Digital Library Initiatives

Block 2: DL Planning and Management
Unit 1: User Perspectives of DLs
Unit 2: Economics of DL
Unit 3: Management of DLs
Unit 4: Evaluation of Digital Libraries

Block 3: Issues and Challenges in Digital Libraries
Unit 1: Legal and Ethical Issues
Unit 2: Open Access and DLs
Unit 3: Digital Preservation
Unit 4: Emerging Challenges

CPDL 2: Creation and Management of Digital Objects

Block 1: Digitization Tools and Processes
Unit 1: Types of Digital Objects
Unit 2: Formats
Unit 3: Digitization: Textual Objects
Unit 4: Digitization: Multimedia Objects

Block 2: Digital Resource Description
Unit 1: DL Standards and Protocols
Unit 2: Metadata Standards: Encoding and Harvesting
Unit 3: Dublin Core Metadata Initiative
Unit 4: Metadata and Mark-up Language

Block 3: Practicum

CPDL 3: Design and Development of DLs

Block 1: Design Issues
Unit 1: DL Models and Components
Unit 2: Software Architecture
Unit 3: Interoperability
Unit 4: Multi-lingual DL

Block 2: DL Software
Unit 1: GSDL
Unit 2: DSpace
Unit 3: Harvesting Software

Block 3: Practicum

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F.A.Qs. on

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Frequently Asked Questions

Q. What is the criteria for admission?

An applicant must possess MLIS degree or if he/ she is having BLIS degree must have three years working experience in a computerized library.

Q. Could you please let me know the process of admission

You need to apply on line at the link:

<http://online.vmou.ac.in/OnlineAdmission.aspx>

Please deposit Rs. 4100 (fee Rs. 4000 plus Rs. 100 for online application) through challan in the branch of one of the Banks mentioned. Scan copy of the bank challan, photo and signature and start putting information in the online admission form.

Q. Which Regional Centre and Study Centre I can opt for CPDL?

Please opt for Regional Centre Kota or Jaipur only where you will get centralized admission code 5000-RC, Kota for the study centre.

Q. Do I need to send my certificate of qualifications and experience?

Yes, you need to submit the mark sheet of MLIS or BLIS as the case may be. You will also be required to submit experience certificate, if your qualification is BLIS.

Q. Is this programme offered part time or full time?

This is a distance learning programme.

Learners have to progress through self study by self learning material (OERs) and video lectures. One week training is essential to attend by the learners.

Q. Please let me know about the training by NISCAIR..

One week training will be provided by the CSIR-NISCAIR. On successful training you will get a certificate of participation in the training.

Q. How can I opt for training place and dates?

As soon as your admission is finalized, we will give you option about the place of training (available places of training are: Kota, Jaipur and Delhi). We will also give you options about the dates for which training will take place in different places.

Q. Do I need to appear for the exam after training?

Yes, you will have to give practical exam at the end of training and theoretical exam through objective questions which may be off line on OMR or online. Please look at the additional prospectus for admission at the link:<http://vmou.ac.in/sites/default/files/Additional%20Prospectus.pdf>

Q. What is the duration of the programme?

The programme is of six month. However, students who are unable to qualify the exam in six months can earn the desired credits in the period of maximum of two years.

Q. If I am unable to take/ appear in the exam in first instance, then do I need to pay fee again?

Yes, you are required pay the examination fee as you appear in the successive examinations.

Q. Whether I can do this programme since I am working in other country?

Yes, learning material may be provided to you but for training and exam you are required to be present in India.