

PROGRAM APPROVAL APPLICATION
NEW or SUBSTANTIAL CHANGE or LOCALLY APPROVED
(This application may not exceed 3 pages)

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Library Technician
 Proposed Program Title

Fall 2017
 Projected Program Start Date

Long Beach City College
 College

Long Beach City College District
 District

Contact Information

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Goal(s) of Program (Check all that apply):

- Career Technical Education (CTE) Transfer Other

Type of Program (Check all that apply):

- Certificate of Achievement 12-17 (or 17-27 quarter) units Certificate of Achievement 18+ semester (or 27+ quarter) units
 Associate of Science Degree Associate of Arts Degree

Reason for Approval Request (Check One):

- New Program Substantial Change Locally Approved

Program Information

1601.00 Recommended [Taxonomy of Program \(TOP\) Code](#)
 21-22 Units for Major-Degree
60 Total Units for Degree
 18 Required Units-Certificate

Written Form

1. Insert the description of the program as it will appear in the catalog. (See PCAH pp. 142 and 170)

The goal of the Library program is to prepare all students for transfer, vocational, and to become lifelong learners to function effectively in a highly technological society with an information-based economy. Library systems are designed, and the staff is organized and committed, to achieving the following objective: to help users develop information competency, a broad-based literacy that includes the skill to identify, retrieve, evaluate, and apply information to a problem-solving context.

2. Provide a brief rationale for the program.

The Long Beach City College Library Technician Associate of Science Degree is designed to teach the fundamentals of knowledge and skills needed for today’s Library Technicians. Students can earn this degree by completing the 18 units of required Library Technician courses, in addition to completing the 42 general requirement and electives units that LBCC offers. The degree is designed to successfully prepare students for employment with entry and mid-level library technician positions in public, academic, school, special libraries, and other information-related industries. It encompasses library automation essentials such as acquisitions, cataloging, circulation, public access catalogs, techniques of information retrieval, and the Internet.

Program Student Learning Outcomes:

- Students will identify and synthesize the theoretical knowledge and practical skills of all components of a working library in regards to their standards, principles, organization, and practices.
- Develop the necessary skills to access and evaluate information from various sources and demonstrate the skills required to work and perform at the level of a library technician. Examine and compare information from various sources to evaluate reliability, validity, accuracy, authority, timeliness, and point of view or bias.

3. Summarize the Labor Market Information (LMI) and employment outlook (including citation for the source of the data) for students exiting the program. (See PCAH pp. 85-88, 136, 147, 148, 165, 168, and 176)

According to the Occupational Outlook Handbook, the employment of library technicians and assistants is projected to grow 5 percent from 2014 to 2024 about as fast as the average for all occupations. (*Occupational Outlook Handbook* www.BLS.gov "Library Technicians and Assistants" <https://www.bls.gov/ooh/education-training-and-library/library-technicians-and-assistants.htm#tab-1>)

The short-term (two-year) employment projection for library technicians is 3.4% in the Los Angeles-Long Beach-Glendale Metropolitan Division according to the Labor Market Information data from the California state website. (<http://www.labormarketinfo.edd.ca.gov/data/employment-projections.html>)

The long-term (ten-year) employment projection for library technicians is 7.1% in the Los Angeles-Long Beach-Glendale Metropolitan Division according to the Labor Market Information data from the California state website. (<http://www.labormarketinfo.edd.ca.gov/data/employment-projections.html>)

The median wage for a Library Technician in the region is \$36.33 per hour. There are 3 community college programs in the region (including Long Beach City College). The colleges had 48 completions in 2015. Two four-year schools in the region had 56 completions. There were 3,401 job openings in 2015. Program completions and job demand data indicates capacity in the region for a new program.

4. List similar programs at other colleges in the Los Angeles and Orange County Region which may be adversely impacted. (There is space for 10 listings, if you need more, please contact laocrc@rscsd.edu)

College	Program	Who You Contacted	Outcome of Contact
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Santa Ana College	Associate of Arts Degree in Library Technology		
Pasadena City College	Associate of Science Degree in Library Technology		

5. List all courses required for program completion, including core requirements, restricted electives and prerequisites. (There is space for 20 listings, if you need more, please contact laocrc@rscsd.edu). (See PCAH pp. 143 and 171)

Courses	Course Number	Course Title	Units
Core Requirement	LIB 3	Library, Technology and Internet Literacy	3
Core Requirement	LIB 201	Introduction to Cataloging	3
Core Requirement	LIB 202	Introduction to Access Services	3
Core Requirement	LIB 203	Introduction to Acquisitions	3
Core Requirement	LIB 204	Introduction to Reference Services	3
Restricted Elective	COS 30	Introduction to Computers	3
Restricted Elective	COS 35	Microsoft Office	4
Restricted Elective	COMM 20	Elements of Interpersonal Communication	3
Restricted Elective	COMM 25	Elements of Intercultural Communication	3

6. Include any other information you would like to share.

LBCS has had an AA and a Certificate of Achievement for many years. The awards are being brought to the consortia since the faculty wish to change the award from an AA to an AS.