

# YOUTH EXPERIENCE (Z113)

Graduate Certificate Program  
College: Information

## Abstract

The Post-Baccalaureate Certificate of Professional Studies in Youth Experience will build the capacity to better adapt to the changing landscape of youth learning and technology. The Post-Baccalaureate Certificate of Professional Studies in Youth Experience prepares librarians to promote 21st century skills among youth ages 0-18 through incorporating participatory design principles, design thinking approaches, and dynamic community partnerships in their offerings of programs and services. At the completion of the online certificate, librarians will be able to:

- Facilitate learning with technology in any physical, virtual or hybrid learning environment using tested skills and practices for different types of youth.
- Methods for engaging youth as co-designers using the design thinking process.
- Demonstrate an understanding of the issues, concepts, and policies related to youth-led learning and programming through libraries.
- Implement best practices to be inclusive of all youth's needs, in particular youth from disadvantaged populations;
- Apply core theories and models from information science and learning sciences to address needs of youth; and
- Partner with other cultural institutions and community organizations to help with youth programming, education, and other projects related to youth development.

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## ADMISSIONS

### General Requirements

- Statement of Purpose
- Transcript(s)
- TOEFL/IELTS/PTE (international graduate students (<https://gradschool.umd.edu/admissions/english-language-proficiency-requirements/>))

### Program-Specific Requirements

- Letters of Recommendation (1): Letter of recommendation needs to come from a supervisor or someone who can speak to the applicant's capacity for successfully completing the certificate program.
- CV/Resume
- Master's degree in library/information science.
- Current librarian: Must be currently a school or public librarian working with children and teens; or A recent MLIS graduate or librarian who would like additional experience working with children and teens.

#### All applicants must have:

- Received a four-year baccalaureate degree;
- Received a master's degree in library or information science;
- Earned a minimum GPA of 3.0 (on a 4.0 scale) in all prior undergraduate and graduate coursework;
- Must be currently a school or public librarian working with children and teens; or
- A recent MLIS graduate or librarian who would like additional experience working with children and teens
- GRE Scores are NOT required.

### Summer Admissions Only

February 16 application deadline (domestic/international students)  
Please email [yxischool@umd.edu](mailto:yxischool@umd.edu) for admissions information.

### Application Deadlines

Type of Applicant	Fall Deadline
<b>Domestic Applicants</b>	
US Citizens and Permanent Residents	Please visit the department website
<b>International Applicants</b>	
F (student) or J (exchange visitor) visas; A,E,G,H,I and L visas and immigrants.New Row	Please visit the department website

**Other Deadlines:** Please visit the program website at <http://ischool.umd.edu>

## REQUIREMENTS

- Youth Experience, Post-Baccalaureate Certificate (P.B.C.) (<https://academiccatalog.umd.edu/graduate/programs/youth-experience-z113/youth-experience-pbc/>)