

Merritt College

Research Skills

Overview

College	Merritt - Division I
Originator	Nghiem Thai
Award Type	Certificate of Competency

Codes and Dates

State Approval Date	4/15/2019
Curriculum Committee Approval Date	11/15/2018
Board of Trustees Date	1/08/2019
Current Effective Date	8/01/2019
Program Control Number	37798
Top Code	4930.14 - Study Skills

Description

The Certificate of Competency in Research Skills is designed to provide students with a foundation in information literacy, critical thinking, ethical use of information, and research. This certificate is intended to improve the research and information literacy skills of student desiring to increase their capacity for pursuing college-level coursework, gaining employment in today's digital workforce, and community engagement. Students enrolled in the Research Skills program may use the certification as a means of providing college instructors and employers of their ability to find, evaluate, and use credible and relevant information in an ethical manner.

Students are required to complete three courses for a total of six (6) instructional hours. Each course must be completed with a grade of Pass or Satisfactory Progress.

Career Opportunities

Any occupations in the educational, financial, legal, and medical fields that involve observing, receiving, and otherwise obtaining information.

Program Learning Outcomes

Upon successful completion of this program, students will be able to:

1. Apply information literacy skills to academic, professional, and personal life.
 2. Complete a basic research project from topic development to information source selection, evaluation, and citation.
 3. Analyze, synthesize, and apply information practically and ethically.
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Degree Requirements:

Required Courses		Noncredit: (6.3 Required)
LIS 511	Research Skills I	2.0125
LIS 512	Research Skills II	2.0125
LIS 513	Research Skills III	2.0125

Total: 6.3
