LIS 696 Practicum in School Librarianship - Meera Garud

Primary Student Learning Outcome: SLO6 Management (Not core-eligible)

Prerequisites: None

Last ran: Fall 2020

Meeting days and location: Saturdays, 1:00-3:30pm; Online (Synchronous) due to COVID-19

Course objectives:

- Articulate the philosophy, goals, and objectives of the library
- Analyze the library’s activities and programs in relation to the mission and objectives of the library and the school
- Assess and evaluate a library media center based on principles and guidelines that are reflected in the AASL Standards Framework for School Libraries (2017)
- Synthesize and apply skills, concepts, and theories to gain competencies for an entry-level professional position

Required texts:


Required technology:

- Computer with a reliable internet-connection or mobile device with a high-speed connection
- Use of Zoom & Slack, webcam and microphone, at least one up-to-date modern browser, and office productivity software
- Use of Laulima, Google Drive, and office productivity software

Teaching methods:

- Seminar discussions with opportunities for synthesis and evaluation
- Collaborative problem-solving sessions
- Guest speakers and field visits
- Insights and questions generated from professional readings
- Knowledge exchange with peers and with guests speakers
- Self-reflection and analysis through logs
- Self-assessment through building a portfolio
Research methods:

- Critical incident analytical writing technique

Major assignments:

- Proposal for the practicum experience
- Minimum of 120 hours under the supervision of one or more professional librarians
- Maintain a shared journal of the practicum experience and an annotated record of professional readings
- Share informal oral progress reports at the seminars
- Prepare a portfolio of the practicum experience
- Present a brief oral reflection of the semester's experience at the last seminar session
- Actively listen and participate in all seminar sessions

ePortfolio-eligible assignment: Specific section from the portfolio of the practicum experience, chosen in consultation with instructor prior to end of the semester [Individual project]