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MEMORANDUM

To: Leslie J. Cooksy
Associate Professor
Graduate Program in Evaluation
School of Education and
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From: Susan Brynteson 
The May Morris Director of Libraries

I am responding to your request to supply information about the capability of the University of Delaware Library to support the proposal for the Master of Science in Evaluation.

The University of Delaware Library is well able to support the M.S. in Evaluation. Enclosed is a description of collections, resources and services available.

I would be pleased to respond to any questions.

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Enclosure

c: Nancy W. Brickhouse, Professor and Director, School of Education



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Report on Library Services and Collections in Support of the
Master of Science in Evaluation for the School of Education

General Description

The University of Delaware Library includes the Hugh M. Morris Library, where the main collection is housed; three branch libraries located on the Newark campus, the Agriculture Library, the Chemistry Library, and the Physics Library; and a fourth branch library, the Marine Studies Library, located in Lewes, Delaware. The Library collections parallel the University's academic interests and support all disciplines. In addition to collections which directly support the Master of Science in Evaluation, the Library has strong collections in other areas that relate to the new degree proposal, such as Communication, Individual and Family Studies, Legal Studies, Political Science, Psychology, Public Policy, and Sociology.

Books, periodicals, microforms, government publications, computer databases and other electronic resources, maps, manuscripts, and media provide a major academic resource for the University of Delaware, the surrounding community, the state of Delaware, and the nation. Library staff members provide a wide range of services, including reference assistance, circulation, interlibrary loan, instructional programs, and assistance to the visually impaired.

The University of Delaware Library is a U.S. depository library and a U.S. patent depository library and contains a complete file of every patent the U.S. Office of Patents and Trademarks has issued.

The online catalog, called DELCAT, provides access to millions of items by author, title, subject, and keyword.

Library collections number over 2,700,000. In 2006/2007, the Library Web www.lib.udel.edu received over 1,800,000 virtual visits.

The University of Delaware Library is a member of the Association of Research Libraries, OCLC, the Center for Research Libraries, PALINET, CIRLA (The Chesapeake Information and Research Library Alliance), and NERL (NorthEast Research Libraries).

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Specific support for the Master of Science in Evaluation

Funds are designated at the beginning of each fiscal year for the support and strengthening of the collections including those relating to Education. Support for the Master of Science in Evaluation is supplemented by funds used to purchase materials in the related areas noted previously as well as funds for the licensing of electronic resources.

The Library subscribes to many print journals and electronic journals which support the Master of Science in Evaluation. A list of electronic journals by subject is available from the Library Web by clicking on "Electronic Journals" at the top of the main page www.lib.udel.edu. In addition to various reference sources in print (see the "Research Guides" section of the Subject Guides (<http://www2.lib.udel.edu/subj/educ/resguide/>) available under the section "Subject Guides A-Z" on the Library Web page), the Library also makes available several electronic databases which support the Master of Science in Evaluation, including ERIC, Education Full Text, ASSIA: Applied Social Sciences Index and Abstracts, Mental Measurements Yearbook, PsychINFO, Social Sciences Citation Index, and Sociological Abstracts.

In addition, the Library provides access to such important electronic databases as ABI/Inform, Academic OneFile; AccuNet/AP Multimedia Archive; America: History and Life, CQ Electronic Library; EconLit, Expanded Academic ASAP Plus, General Business File ASAP, General OneFile, Historical Abstracts, LexisNexis Academic, LexisNexis Congressional Universe, LexisNexis Statistical Universe, New York Times (Historical), PAIS International, Periodicals Index Online, ProQuest Digital Dissertations (Dissertation Abstracts), STAT-USA, and Web of Science. Several databases incorporate the Library's major linking service, Article Express, for electronic access to the full text of journal articles. The Library also subscribes to RefWorks, a Web-based bibliographic and database management system that can be used with most databases. Census information and other demographic data are available as is a wide range of printed and electronic reference sources.

The Library has a strong collection of videotapes and films which cover a wide range of subjects and which possibly could relate to the Master of Science in Evaluation. The video collection is heavily used; is increasing in size; and there has been much consultation about it by Francis Poole, Librarian and Head of the Instructional Media Collection Department with faculty in all areas.

A professional librarian, Jonathan Jeffery, Associate Librarian in the Reference Department, currently serves in a temporary capacity as liaison to the faculty in the Master of Science in Evaluation. This is during the period that a national search is underway. Suggestions for purchases received by the Library for materials related to the Master of Science in Evaluation can be directed to Mr. Jeffery who also regularly consults faculty about priorities and the direction the collections should take. Mr. Jeffery is also available for instruction in the use of the Library for students and faculty. He maintains a subject Web site for Education which can be accessed from the Library Web www.lib.udel.edu by clicking on "Subject Guides A to Z" or directly by the URL <http://www2.lib.udel.edu/subj/educ/>.


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