

## **Community Informatics in the “Real World”**

**Community Informatics (CI)** is a field of study that can be applied to a number of disciplines including education, communications and media studies, youth development, sociology, computer science, multicultural and women’s studies, urban planning, public health, the arts, library and information science and others.

Students in University of Illinois’ Graduate School of Library and Information Science (GSLIS) master’s program gain real-world experience through CI course projects that allow them to work with community institutions in their areas of interest. Through these experiences, students can learn professional and technical skills such as project management, research, computer skills and more. Examples of jobs and fields that CI students might prepare to enter include:

- School or public libraries
- Computer networking
- Professional researcher, information technology (IT) staff, or program officer in government or funding agencies
- Commercial enterprise (Yahoo, Google, Microsoft)
- Cultural heritage institution (museums, archival positions)
- Public information specialist (community relations in government)
- Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs)
- Interdisciplinary areas: social work, planning, community work
- Community Information Network & Referrals (INR)
- Youth engagement with media (public television/radio, Youtube)
- PhD programs; CI faculty in colleges and universities
- Community activism such as involvement with Independent Media Centers

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