Health Sciences Library

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Faculty of Health Sciences
Embed with the librarian

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The Librarian
All courses are postgraduate courses and students must at least have a University Bachelors degree.
• Students of SHS: The postgraduate student population creates unique challenges. Students come from rural areas in South Africa and attend classes only once every three to four months.

Map of SHSPH footprint (according to Student database)
Communication
Duties

- Introduced to students during 1st week of classes
- Explanation of my role as information specialist (embedded librarian)
- To cultivate trust and enable me to become part of SHSPH teaching and learning process.
- Available in-person, via e-mail, phone and library tools
- Train all new students as part of the departments induction programme
Training

- From the basic use of the catalogue to more extensive electronic sources. (e-journals, e-books, Databases etc.)
- Group and one to one training
Outcomes of training:

enables students to -

• Retrieve academic peer reviewed information online or in print (library catalogue)
Library tools
How do I do it
Librarian with 2 offices

• At the department (SHSPH)
  - Meet the staff and students on a daily basis to keep up to date with their information needs
Know SHSPH and their subject domain

- Up to date with department’s needs
- Share their goals and contribute to achieve the goals
- Be an integral member of the department and the Public health community
- Expert in using library tools
• Research at UP is important

• My role as information specialist changed

• Involved in the research process

• Advise researchers about publishing (accredited journals, impact-factors, H-factors, Scientific writing course)

• Research portfolio is additional to my normal information specialist duties.
Support

- Health Sciences library
- Dean - faculty of Health Sciences
- Deputy Dean of Research - faculty of Health Sciences
- Department of Health Systems and Public Health
- Information technology department
• Provide a professional, friendly and fast service to the faculty of Health Sciences

• Support research activities of staff and students

• Teach in research methodology module on key aspects

• Provide individual training on literature searches and reference software

• Assist Faculty Research Office with information, with searches, and journal impact factors
• Compile guidelines on reference styles and citation of scientific literature

• Promote advantages of Open Access Journals and assist with guidelines and journal information

• Provide a service and upload post-print papers on UPSpace

• Fulfill a critical role in the research process and is a major asset to the Faculty and UP.
Thank You

Ke itumela

Zikomo

Eyalama

Chavucha

Meda wo ase

Dankie

Haika

Tinotenda

Twalumba