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INITIATIVES

Common Goal: To jointly advance EBP teaching at each institution

Chronology (2002-Present):
• Pre-existing Relationship and EBP experience
  • between the MCPHS-W and UMMS librarians through professional organizations
  • between librarians and faculty (disciplines pharmacology and pharmacy administration)
  at each campus
• Co-development and teaching an EBP elective course
• Joint scholarship
• Informal discussions between librarians identify common interests
• Formal meeting between librarians outlines goals of collaboration
• Preliminary discussions with faculty at each institution outlines collaborative goals
• Campus visits and class observations on EBP classes at each institution by the team
• EBP instructional material development by the team members
• Collaborative course planning, teaching and co-facilitating an EBP elective at MCPHS (See below)
• Regular meetings and e-mail communications to coordinate tasks

OBJECTIVES

• To describe the development of a novel cross-institutional collaboration between librarians and faculty from MCPHS-W and UMMS school. Specifically it focuses on the librarians’ active role in bringing shared cross-institutional and cross-disciplinary expertise to the table.
• To highlight the value of building strategic relationships between faculty and librarians across peer institutions.
• To provide a roadmap for starting such collaborations

COLLABORATION DEVELOPMENT ROADMAP

EBP ENHANCEMENTS

The Cross-institutional collaborative approach:
• Maximizes EBP efforts at each institution
• Fuses inter- and intra-institutional EBP expertise
• Strengthens EBM Step 1 (Ask) and Step 2 (Access)
• Integrates different viewpoints into EBP teaching through a multi-disciplinary model
• Builds-in flexible and effective small group facilitation and student feedback
• Transforms EBP instruction from campus based to a broader cross-institutional initiative

COLLABORATIVE BENEFITS

• Enhancement of EBP teaching at both institutions
  • joint course development
  • joint library curriculum integration
• Collaboration strategizes librarians and faculty as EBP experts beyond their institutions
• Collaborators expand their professional networks
• Collaboration reduces EBP development burden
• Collaborators develop professionally through collaborative scholarship

FUTURE DIRECTIONS

• Continued collaborative development and improvement of MCPHS EBP course
• Joint design of EBP online module for UMMS 2nd Year Pharmacology course
• Validation of EBM Search Rubric