

# **Certificate in Health Information Skills The Bill Robertson Library**

## **What is Information literacy and why is it important to me?**

To be information literate means that you have the skills to find information, organise, evaluate and use information. As a tertiary student many of the class assessments that you do will use these skills, but in today's world of information overload it is not always easy to separate reliable information from unreliable; good information from bad.

This course aims to help you learn how to effectively *find*, *evaluate* and *use* information. The skills you will learn here can be applied to all your papers and will be useful to you as you progress through your education, into the workforce and beyond.

## **What is expected from me?**

There will be 5 classes to be held in the BG1 seminar room at The Bill Robertson Library. For Distance students there will be 3 classes. All classes will be held during the week the 16th – 20th of February 2009.

## **What will the classes be like?**

Classes will be approximately 50 minutes long and will involve a variety of interactive activities and opportunities to practise the skills that you will be learning. Some activities will require you to work in pairs or groups, so be prepared to share ideas with the class and ask questions.

Please bring a folder to keep hand outs and notes in.

## **What will we cover?**

- Sources of information and where to find the right information for your needs
- Search strategies
- Evaluating information
- Using the Library catalogue
- Using the Library databases to find articles
- Searching the WWW
- APA referencing
- Information ethics and Copyright

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