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1 What is the CIHC Library?

The CIHC Library (www.cihc.ca/library) is an online repository of materials about interprofessional education and collaborative practice. The Library serves anyone (i.e. students, researchers and health providers) who are interested in finding and sharing useful resources on interprofessional education and collaborative practice. Our goals are to:

* Be a worldwide online resource for locating interprofessional materials
* Provide links to, and descriptions of actual resources as well as other websites that contain interprofessional resources
* Continually improve our Library so materials are easy to submit and find
* Ensure posted materials meet CIHC's quality standards

2 Who can use the CIHC Library?

The Library is open to the public. Anyone doing research or who is interested in learning more about interprofessional education and collaborative practice can use the Library. However, to submit materials, you must be a CIHC member. It's free to join, simply visit http://www.cihc.ca and fill in the online form. Membership is open to anyone, regardless of nationality, and we welcome contributions and participation from individuals no matter where they are in the world.

3 Does CIHC own the materials once they're posted to the Library?

No. The material's creators are still the legal owners and copyright holders of the resource that has been submitted to the library. By granting CIHC permission to put materials in our repository, the content provider is simply allowing us to house their material in a new place.

4 What type of materials will you accept?

The CIHC Library considers materials from individuals, teams and organizations with interprofessional initiatives. We're happy to post fact sheets, evaluation tools, curricula materials, reports, conference presentations, etc. We accept materials in many file formats, such as .doc, .html, .ppt/.pptx, but they will most likely be converted to .pdf (if possible) at the time of submission. The materials will be made available directly from the repository, or if it is required for materials to be hosted elsewhere, we can make them accessible via a link to your website. Don't be shy, if you think something you've developed might be of use to other people, we recommend submitting it to the Library.

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7 *Do the materials contained in the CIHC Library go through a peer or quality review process?*

All submitted materials go through the Library's review process, coordinated by the CIHC Library Team, to ensure that we maintain the quality of the resources in the Library. The goal of this process is to foster inclusiveness and ensure a standard high level of quality for the submitted materials. The Library promotes the widespread dissemination and reuse of interprofessionally appropriate materials using the principles of Open Access.

8 *Will you ensure that there are links provided to my project/team/organization website?*

Absolutely we will. We understand that it is important to draw people to your website by prominently displaying your website URL's on project description pages, as well as within item records.

9 *Who should I send my materials to?*

If you have materials that you would like to have posted, please send them to library@cihc.ca . The CIHC Library team will aim to have your materials posted to the Library within four weeks of receipt.

10 *How can I provide feedback about the Library?*

We welcome your feedback about the CIHC Library. If you see something that you think could be improved, or have any other comments to share, please do not hesitate to send your feedback to library@cihc.ca .

5 *Are there materials that you will not accept?*

The CIHC Library is a resource for finding interprofessional materials not frequently indexed by more traditional bibliographic databases. Early on the CIHC Library Team made the decision to not include literature previously published in scholarly journals. This is what distinguishes the CIHC Library from other bibliographic databases like Medline, CINAHL, PsychINFO etc. Our goal was not to "reinvent the wheel" but rather to be a repository for materials that were not typically indexed.

6 *What unique features does the CIHC Library offer over another online library, Medline, or a Google search?*

The CIHC Library contains materials in one subject area: interprofessional education and collaborative practice. Our collection contains interprofessional materials that are not necessarily available anywhere else. In addition to your other search strategies, simply visit the Library and browse the collection.

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