

Essential Skill 10: Use information for decision making

Graduates will identify, evaluate, and responsibly use information needed for decision making.



Benchmark College Entry	Milestone End of Two Years of College	Capstone Bachelor's Program Completion
Identifies topics requiring information to make a decision.	Develops questions with the appropriate scope for the field.	Articulates questions informed by key concepts, relevant terminology, and related questions in the field.
Develops basic search strategies on given topics with familiar resources.	Implements search strategies to find information using credible resources relevant to the field.	Executes well-developed search strategies that consider all available resources and revises the strategy as necessary.
Identifies strengths and weaknesses of information sources.	Analyzes strengths and weaknesses of information sources to identify elements of bias, expertise, and point of view.	Critiques information sources to thoroughly evaluate bias, expertise, point of view, and relevance and currency to the field.
Describes the primary ideas in a variety of sources when making a decision.	Identifies connections between relevant sources to make a decision.	Synthesizes patterns across sources, excluding irrelevant information to draw conclusions and reach and communicate informed decisions.
Identifies the source of information used for decision making.	Provides appropriate recognition of sources used for decision making.	Attributes ethically accessed information consistently using conventions appropriate to the field.