

**Paper Session #2a: Professionalism and
Educational Research & Involvement**
*The Importance of Librarians Showing Up
and Showing Out*

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Purpose

- ▶ To convey the process of library and degree program cooperation, between the M. Delmar Edwards, MD Library and the affected programs, used to assist in assuring a prodigious beginning for new academic programs -
 - ▶ Executive Master of Public Health Degree;
 - ▶ Physician Assistant Master's Degree; and
 - ▶ Master of Science in Biotechnology

Background

- ▶ MSM had recently made significant changes in class sizes for the MD, MPH, and other programs but had not included the library or some others in the process;
- ▶ Changes impacted requirements for space, faculty, resources for labs, library, etc.
- ▶ After the fact, input was given at faculty meetings, leadership team meetings, and budget hearings;
- ▶ New programs had been planned, nearly as before, but before implementation input was requested of others, including the library.

Challenge: Plan for appropriate resources for three programs within 6 months

- ▶ **Online Master in Biotechnology**
- ▶ **Master of Science in Physician Assistant Studies**
- ▶ **Online Executive Master of Public Health**

Areas of Investigation

- ▶ List and describe discipline-specific learning resources to support a new program
- ▶ Document discipline-specific refereed journals and primary source materials
- ▶ Identify agreements with other libraries
- ▶ How to access discipline-specific learning resources
- ▶ How to access information electronically
- ▶ Instruction in the use of online and on-site library resources

Division of Labor (Senior Library Staff Members)

- ▶ Douglas-Williams : Physician Assistant Studies
- ▶ Welmaker: Executive Master of Public Health
- ▶ Swanson: Master of Biotechnology

<i>Digital book and journal databases:</i>	
Access Medicine* (additional charge for PA Students)	3
CaseFiles - Access Medicine (additional charge for PA Students)	2
Clinical Key*	3
Annual Reviews	3
EMBASE (via OVID)	2
Exam Master	2
GALILEO*	3
JAMA Evidence	1
LWW Health Library (Clerkship/Clinical Rotations)	2
NCBI Bookshelf	2
OVID* including HAPI - Health & Psychosocial Instruments	3
PubMed	3
R2 Library eBooks	3
ScienceDirect	3
Scopus	3
Springer Nature	3
Stat!Ref*	3
UpToDate	1
Visual DX	1
Wiley Online Library	1
Recommended/ Acquired: PA Exam Prep	1
*Includes monograph resources	

Time Frame

- ▶ January, 2019 - Master of Biotechnology
- ▶ June, 2019 - Master Science in Physician Assistant
- ▶ August, 2019 - Executive Master of Public Health

Findings

- ▶ Librarians are able to mobilize quickly and effectively to identify and meet programmatic needs when also provided requisite funding;
- ▶ Knowledge and experience, especially related to VPN, have strengthened relationship between library and IT;
- ▶ Proactive communications proved beneficial in gaining a seat at the table (To Show Up);
- ▶ Successful results (Show Out) with new faculty and programs created greater dependence on librarian expertise.

Results

- ▶ Made adjustment to Student's handbook to include library privileges for online students.
- ▶ Once enrolled, online students were registered in the integrated library system.
- ▶ Reviewed the prospectus for online learning of SACSCOC to ensure the library met their requirements.
- ▶ Results have led to key faculty/administrators including the library in major grant funding development efforts not always revolving around existing library related services, but into development of new services.