

COURSE CODE: CMP071N
FACILITATING INFORMATION LITERACY EDUCATION (FILE)
COMPONENT 1: PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT TARGETS

My expectations of FILE are that, by the end of the course, I will be a more competent trainer of users in the health care sector. Having been involved in delivering training over the last 4 years, I now hope to learn how to ensure that my teaching methods are effectively meeting the needs of different categories of user. In order to do this, I will learn how to analyse their needs, set learning outcomes that are realistic and achievable, and learn how to measure the effectiveness of training that I deliver. I also hope to gain confidence in my delivery of presentations, through self-observation (video) and peer comments.

The users I train in group sessions are medical students (undergraduates training to be doctors, also postgraduates on specialised courses), and junior doctors; I teach other NHS users on a one-to-one ad hoc basis only. The students are highly academic and highly IT literate; they have excellent network access to information resources, supported by the College, both on campus and remotely. They are motivated by passing exams and acquiring information across a wide range of medical subjects, in order to qualify as doctors. In addition, they need to acquire generic skills (an important one of which is information literacy) for use in their future medical careers. Once qualified, they will need to find and evaluate information quickly and reliably.

For me, the most effective way of learning is experiential: to be given a clear learning outcome, an explanation, a demonstration, a chance to practice, and documentation to refer back to. I need to have a chance to apply what I have learnt immediately. I have observed that medical students also respond well to this method. As a trainer, you have an immediate chance to monitor whether the teaching has been understood.

Feedback

Clear and detailed expectations of the FILE course. You have also identified the main characteristics of your users and have rightly identified IL competences as part of health professionals requirements. You have also demonstrated a good grasp of effective learning strategies from personal experience and professional practice and have completed this task within the set word limit.

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