

Standard Two

The information literate person finds needed information effectively and efficiently

Learning outcomes

The information literate person

- 2.1 selects the most appropriate methods or tools for finding information
- 2.2 constructs and implements effective search strategies
- 2.3 obtains information using appropriate methods
- 2.4 keeps up to date with information sources, information technologies, information access tools and investigative methods

Examples for Standard Two

2.1 selects the most appropriate methods or tools for finding information

- identifies appropriate investigative methods eg laboratory experiment, simulation, fieldwork
- investigates benefits and applicability of various investigative methods
- investigates the scope, content, and organisation of information access tools
- consults with librarians and other information professionals to help identify information access tools

2.2 constructs and implements effective search strategies

- develops a search plan appropriate to the investigative method
- identifies keywords, synonyms and related terms for the information needed
- selects appropriate controlled vocabulary or a classification specific to the discipline or information access tools
- constructs and implements a search strategy using appropriate commands
- implements the search using investigative methodology appropriate to the discipline

2.3 obtains information using appropriate methods

- uses various information access tools to retrieve information in a variety of formats
- uses appropriate services to retrieve information needed eg document delivery, professional associations, institutional research offices, community resources, experts and practitioners
- uses surveys, letters, interviews, and other forms of inquiry to retrieve primary information

2.4 keeps up to date with information sources, information technologies, information access tools and investigative methods

- maintains awareness of changes in information and communications technology
- uses alert/current awareness services
- subscribes to listservs and discussion groups
- habitually browses print and electronic sources