

ABILENE CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY

LIBRARY

M E M O R A N D U M

DATE: April 29, 2016
TO: Dr. Sheila Jones
FROM: Mark McCallon, Associate Dean for Library Services
RE: New Program Proposal – M.S. in Community Nutrition Combined with Dietetics Internship

The library has examined the course proposal and has serious concerns regarding resources needed to support the proposed program. The stated goal of the program is *to prepare graduates to utilize nutrition-related knowledge to improve the quality of health and well-being among individuals with limited resources*. The library must play a key role in the education of the students in the program as we prepare the students to be informed practitioners who are able to extend their investigations into issues related to their community, become more self-directed in their critical thinking, and be able to take greater control of their own learning after they graduate from the program.

In order for the library to adequately support the proposed program, more current and relevant resources are needed. The library's budget does not receive any additional annual dollars to support the inflationary increases for our current resources, nor ongoing funding for new resources that are required for new programs such as the M.S. in Community Nutrition. The library is asking for an annual percentage-based budget line that will be underwritten by CEHS and the M.S. Community Nutrition program to support the ongoing support of library databases and periodicals and new monograph acquisitions to support the program. The Provost Budget Officer can be made aware of this budget line and facilitate the transfer at the beginning of each year. Since this is primarily an online master's program, the library can provide a report to the program director showing off-campus usage of the library's databases by the students in the program to determine the relevancy of the resources and be able to reallocate funding as needed to best serve the needs of the students.

As the library has analyzed existing holdings and database resources, both at ACU and other institutions, for supporting the online M.S. in Community Nutrition, we have identified several significant gaps and deficiencies that need to be addressed by additional purchases. The library proposes that the additional dollars be used to purchase the following new acquisitions and inflationary dollar support for specific existing resources that the library needs to maintain. With an agreement in place to purchase these

additional resources or comparable resources in FY17, and ongoing financial support at this level and budgeting for inflation, the library will be able to support the new program :

New Database Acquisitions (\$2,586.00):

EBSCO Nutrition Reference Center (\$1,536/yr.) - User-friendly interface (available for mobile devices also) where users can access unique content on everything from condition-specific diets to dietetics skills and practices written by a world-class team of nutritionists and dietitians. The database includes customizable patient education print-outs to share with patients and caregivers, the ability to share best practices in department-specific folders and easy access to high-quality CEUs.

Evidence Analysis Library (6-10 simultaneous users at \$175 per user. Would suggest six seats to start at a cost of \$1,050 per year) – Published by the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics, the library contains a synthesis of the best and most relevant nutritional research on important dietetic practice questions and issues. Over 40 Evidence Analysis Projects are either published or under development. More information can be found at the end of this memo.

New Journal Acquisitions (\$2,394)

Nutrition Science Collection (\$1,800/yr.) – Includes the journals *Advances in Nutrition*, *American Journal of Clinical Nutrition*, and *Journal of Nutrition*, all highly cited journals with extensive backfiles back to 1928.

Annual Review of Nutrition (\$242.00) – Highly cited journal. Library does not own 2006-current

Journal of Hunger and Environmental Nutrition (\$352.00) – Highly cited journal and frequently requested on interlibrary loan

E-Book Acquisitions (\$5,000)

Currently the library has access to nutrition and dietetics related e-books through our EBSCO Academic Collection and our legacy Texshare E-Books collection with books going from 1997-2007. The e-books in the collection are not targeted to any particular area of nutrition or dietetics and many are not strong scholarly publications. There are

250 e-books currently available through these collections. The library needs to be able to make targeted purchases of new electronic monographs in the areas of community nutrition and dietetics. There have been over 560 e-books published since 2012 in the areas of nutrition and dietetics and over half of the books cost more than \$100 each. Currently, the library's acquisitions budget for the Department of Kinesiology and Nutrition is less than \$1,000. It is important that the master's program underwrite the library's additional purchases for nutrition and dietetic e-books so that the rest of the department's allotted budget can remain intact. E-Books to be considered for purchase include:

CRC Handbook of Nutrition and Food (\$441.00)

Multicultural Handbook of Food, Nutrition, and Dietetics (\$133.00)



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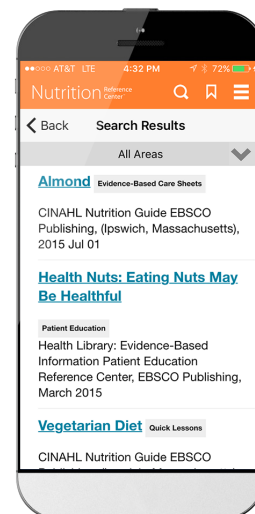
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