WHAT IS RESEARCH PATH?

Research Path, adapted from Western Michigan University Libraries, is an online, interactive research tutorial designed to introduce students to the general concepts of college research. The tutorial covers the research process from initial topic selection to citation styles and the issue of plagiarism. It is also an excellent tool to meet the infused competency of information literacy required by SUNY.

RESEARCH PATH content is organized into six modules, complete with quizzes.

- **Module 1 – College Level Research**
- **Module 2 - Getting The Assignment Ready for Research** - Define and refine a research topic
- **Module 3 –Searching the Westchester Community College Library Catalog** - Learn how to use the Library catalog
- **Module 4 – Finding Articles** - Learn how to search the Library articles databases
- **Module 5 –Searching the Internet** - Learn how to effectively search the Internet and
- **Module 6 – Citing Sources** - Learn basic citation and how to avoid plagiarism

HOW DOES IT WORK?

- Each of the tutorial’s six modules takes about 5-7 minutes to complete and students can complete one or more modules at a time, although the modules are progressive and build upon one another.
- It is interactive; there are opportunities for students to do hands-on exercise in each module and a final quiz at the end of each module to assess student’s knowledge and learning. A summary of questions answered right or wrong, with correct and incorrect feedback is also provided.
- Quizzes are automatically graded and scores made available to the instructor.
- Students can complete the tutorial on their own time outside of class.
HOW CAN I INTEGRATE THE TUTORIAL INTO MY TEACHING?
- The tutorial can be assigned as homework either as a grade or as extra credit.
- Including ResearchPath in your syllabus will be a more powerful tool for encouraging them to use it.

WHO IS RESEARCH PATH DESIGNED FOR?
- ResearchPath can be used by those students who are taking online courses, in conjunction with an in-house library visit or as a link in a class BB shell.
- Research Path is designed for all students in all classes to meet the information literacy requirement of Middle States. We strongly encourage all instructors to assign Research Path to their students.

DOES RESEARCH PATH REPLACE LIBRARY INSTRUCTION?
- No!! We continue to offer course-related library instruction and hope that you will incorporate a library session into your syllabus.
- To do so, click on the FOR FACULTY tab on the Library homepage.

If you would like to learn how ResearchPath can help your students learn to find and critically evaluate information sources, please let me know.

Regards,

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