

# A content analysis of health library support for Australian medical training programs

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## Medical education accreditation

...an important means of ensuring a program of study and the education provider (e.g. Grampians Health) suitably equips trainees with the knowledge, skills and professional attributes necessary to practise in the profession...

## Content analysis

The content analysis aimed to identify specific requirements in medical education for libraries and to explore how library support was described within accreditation standards.

## Results

| <b>“Library”</b> | <b>Collection</b> | <b>Services</b> | <b>Space</b> | <b>“Journals”</b> |
|------------------|-------------------|-----------------|--------------|-------------------|
| 83%              | 87%               | 42%             | 54%          | 75%               |

## Recommendation

Recommended accreditation standard for library support for medical trainees:

- There is access to a curated **collection** of high-quality information via a health library with online access appropriately configured for [physician] training.
- The health library is staffed by **qualified librarians** with expertise in literature searching and research practices who provide training and individualised support to trainees undertaking research.
- The site shall provide access to a physical health library **space** with current and relevant resources, study space and computing facilities equipped with supportive software for research.