# COMPETENCES FOR (BIO)MEDICAL INFORMATION SPECIALISTS\*

### Domain

### **Competences**

### **Healthcare environment**



- Has knowledge of jargon related to the healthcare environment in both English and Dutch
- Has knowledge of organisations in general and one's own organisation in particular
- Has knowledge of the healthcare environment and science, as well as the policies, laws and regulations, issues and trends at play
- Has knowledge of (continued) education for healthcare professionals

### Information- and literature services



- Has knowledge of, and the skills to, organise the process of customer-oriented and friendly library services
- Is an expert in searching and conducting literature research in general and specifically in various literature databases
- Can analyse the information and knowledge needs of the customer and proactively alert them
- Has knowledge of and participates in systematic reviews and other types of literature reviews, possessing the necessary skills for the specific steps in the review process to support researchers
- Supports reference-, research-, and publicationmanagement for relevant groups
- Has knowledge of copyright, licensing, and intellectual property
- Has knowledge of bibliometrics
- Communicates about the research results and publications of the organisation

### Management of information resources

- Has knowledge of the own collection, analyses/evaluates it, and develops it
- Has knowledge of relevant sources and systems and manages licenses (such as the library catalog)
- Manages resources (in a wide range of formats) and makes



- them accessible
- Anticipates the information needs of employees and students
- Makes the own collection accessible through cataloging and indexing
- Is familiar with the required literature from educational programs
- Communicates and negotiates with publishers and other providers of information resources and journal agents
- Manages a repository of publications from the own organisation

### Information systems, technology, and applications



- Stays informed about developments in the field of information systems, technology, and applications
- Has knowledge of institutional IP ranges, link resolvers, OpenURL, and authentication methods for accessing literature
- Stays informed about AI developments and has the expertise to advise end users on this topic
- Maintains the library's intranet and internet pages and understands and uses the necessary systems for this purpose
- Has the knowledge and skills for using and maintaining cataloging systems
- Has knowledge and skills related to research software, such as reference screening software

\* This profile has been translated from Dutch with the help of Microsoft Copilot (Large language model), and may therefore not be the most appropriate translation

### Didactics and Teaching of Information Literacy

### **Research Methodology**



## • Knows how to educate and instruct the client, tailored to the target audience

- Can develop and plan lessons and sessions
- Can determine training needs
- Has knowledge of learning styles and teaching methods
- Can assess the effectiveness of education and evaluate learning outcomes
- Is aware of, and familiar with, evidence-based medicine and evidence-based practice
- Is capable of formulating answerable research questions
- Has knowledge of research integrity and open science, including open access
- Can understand and assess scientific literature
- Understands scientific communication, including the publishing process
- Has knowledge of and understands scientific research methods, both quantitative and qualitative
- Conducts their own research for quality improvement and innovation of their own service

### Research Data Management



- Has knowledge of the FAIR (Findable, Accessible, Interoperable, Reusable) principles
- Has knowledge of data- and metadata standards
- Provides support for the use of (institutional) data repositories
- Has knowledge of how data can be shared and reused and can assist in the data sharing/reusing implementation
- Has knowledge of and supports the execution of data management plans and data management processes
- Provides support or actively participates in determining and implementing policies related to RMD

### Leadership and management



- Identifies trends in healthcare and information services and responds accordingly
- Evaluates library resources and services and demonstrates their impact and value
- Leads, guides, and collaborates in teams
- Can persuade others and has negotiation skills
- Develops and implements strategies to align service

- delivery with organisational goals
- Engages in marketing and advocacy, understands communication theory and techniques, and utilises both traditional and social media
- Creates budgets and has financial insight
- Has project management skills
- Has knowledge and understanding of the application of leadership- , and management principles.

### **Professionalism**



- Stays informed about professional developments and continues learning, commits to professional growth and development, as well as documenting this
- Has an innovative mindset, willingness to explore new things, and a desire to learn
- Collaborates with other professionals to improve healthcare and access to health information
- Exchanges knowledge with (bio)medical information specialists both domestically and internationally
- Has problem-solving skills and takes initiative
- Is dedicated to diversity, equality, and inclusivity

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### **Disclaimer:**

Be careful when using this competency framework:

Not every (bio)medical information specialist will do everything described in a domain in their job. It is also not expected that everyone will be equally proficient in all domains, but will have at least basic knowledge of them.

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