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Collection Development Statement

Subject: Emergency Medical Technician / Paramedic Program

Purpose and Emphasis: The primary purpose of the collection is to support teaching at the undergraduate level. The Diploma, Certificate and A.S. degree are offered. Secondary support is directed to faculty research.

Collection Guidelines:

- a. Languages: English is the primary language.
- b. Chronological coverage: Emphasis is on the present decade.
- c. Geographical coverage: Primary emphasis is on the United States.
- d. Format: Including but not limited to; books, periodicals and microforms are purchased.
- e. Types of Materials: Included but not limited to; atlases, bibliographies, dictionaries, directories, handbooks, indices, monographs, and periodicals.
- f. Treatment of Subject: Publications encompassing basic life support measures, including patient assessment, CPR, oxygen therapy, shock prevention, bandaging, and vehicular extrication shall be acquired. Materials encompassing advanced life support including cardioversion, defibrillation, intravenous therapy, medication administration and venipuncture will be purchased.
- g. Date of Publication: Current in-print publications receive priority.
- h. Reference Collection: The Reference Collection mirrors and supports the acquisition practices outlined in the Emergency Medicine Collection Development statement. To this end, English-language indices and bibliographies are purchased to provide access to the literature. Dictionaries, handbooks, directories and sources of statistical information are updated regularly.
- i. Acquisitions Plans Affecting the Collection:
 1. Standing Orders: None
 2. Blanket Orders: None
- j. Deselection/Replacement: Recency of publication is important in the Emergency Medicine program. Efforts are made to insure that the collection is up-to-date and relevant to the program. Dated materials are candidates for deselection/replacement. These materials are evaluated according to the General Collection Development Policy.

Collection Assessment Tools:

American Library Association. Books for college Libraries

Balay, Robert. Guide to Reference Books

Best Books for Academic Libraries: Medicine

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