Putting the Library to Work: Information Literacy Skills in Co-op* Job Search

**Question:** Do students who use library resources in co-op search rate themselves higher in information literacy self-efficacy?

*Co-op or cooperative education allows for students to alternate between coursework and working. Most co-ops at Drexel last 2 terms (about 6 months) and are in a student’s field of study. All job searching is done outside of a specific course.

**Literature Review**

Information Literacy Skills are Valued

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Critical Thinking and Analytical Reasoning

Ability to Locate, Organize, and Evaluate Information

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Co-op Specific Populations

- **Survey**
  - Response Rate
  - Emails Sent
  - Emails Opened
  - Clicks
  - Completed Surveys

- **Next Steps**
  - Co-op Evaluation
  -懂得信息检索和组织的能力
  - 定义需要的信息
  - 决定在哪里以及如何找到所需的信息
  - 确定信息的权威性，相关性和可靠性
  - 从我找到的信息中选择最合适的
  - 评估我从网上找到的信息

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**Next Steps**

- Co-op Placement
  - Student knowledge of job services

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  - Evaluate information I find on the web

- **Spring 2016 Results**
  - **Met with Librarian**
  - **No Librarian**
  - **Used Library Guide**
  - **No Guide**
  - **Attended Workshop**
  - **No Workshop**

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