The ASE Research Model: A Lightning Talk

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Analyze - Search – Evaluate
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High Anxiety & Research & Libraries

• Defining “Library Anxiety” (Constance Mellon).
• The “warmth” session (Mellon).
• Creating “an environment for learner readiness” (Vidmar 82).
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High Anxiety - What Works?

The “warmth” session and

The ASE Research Model
Attaining Information Literacy
Understanding and Responding to the Needs of Students

Attaining Information Literacy

This three-year project is a partnership between the School of Library and Information Studies at Florida State University, Chipola College, and Tallahassee Community College.

This research was designed to address a gap in our understanding of information literacy education by adding student perceptions to the question of how to ensure that all students develop the information literacy skills they need as part of their educational experience.

In addition, the findings from this study provide important input for the design, development, and implementation of information resources and services, particularly those aimed at reaching students with non-proficient information literacy skills.

This study began by documenting the information literacy skill levels of incoming community college students using the Information Literacy Test (ILT), developed at James Madison University, and comparing scores earned on the test to student self-assessments of their skill.

It used in-depth interviews and focus groups to explore student views of what constitutes information literacy and information seeking success, what place information literacy has in their lives, and what kinds of assistance and training they see as useful.

The collection of this data informed the development of criteria for developing information literacy interventions and the development and testing of an intervention that responds to these criteria.

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The ASE Research Model Study

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The 3-year Research Partnership

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- Tallahassee Community College
- Chipola College
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Student self assessments of their IL skills
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Analyze

• Define / Refine your topic using keywords, descriptors, subject terms, and subject headings.
• Read entries in scholarly encyclopedias to discover the language of the discipline.
Search

• Search for books, articles, or videos....

• What databases are you using for your search? Are you looking for books, websites?

• List here:
Evaluate

• Is the resource current, reliable, authoritative, pertinent?
• Is it a primary or secondary resource?
• Is it a scholarly or peer-reviewed article?
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- 1st U.S. Academic Library Experience
- TESOL students
- First generation college students
- You? – Librarians and Faculty
ASE Applied

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• Activities for Analyze – Search - Evaluate
• LibGuides – The ASE design
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