OPEN EDUCATION RESOURCES

This resource provides a framework to help you evaluate the efficacy, quality, and usefulness of OER content from a variety of sources. Follow the established pathway to consider the various criteria, allowing you to arrive at a decision about the OER content in question.

To evaluate OER content consider the variables of content, learning activity, engagement, feedback, usability, and functionality in a step by step way to arrive at a decision about including or rejecting the OER in your teaching.

Content: Does the OER material relate to the topic, course, or module? Does it have a clear, articulated focus?

YES — NO

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Learning activity: Does the OER support student learning through information, interactivity, critical thinking, problem solving, or reflection?

YES — NO

Engagement: Will it be accessible for your students, or is it too technical? Or is it robust and challenging enough for your students?

YES — NO

RECONSIDER
If this component is vital to your instructional needs, discard.
If not, then continue to next component.

Feedback: Does the OER offer integrated opportunity for students to check their learning or does it cover abstract concepts and must be supplemented by other class activities?

YES — NO

Reuse: Does the license allow changes/derivative works? Is that required in this instance?

YES — NO

CONGRATULATIONS

After reviewing the OER under consideration, you have made a decision that it meets your educational objectives and learner needs.

After this selection, you are ready for integration with your other teaching materials.

Functionality: Does the OER act/behave as a learner would expect? Does the functionality promote or inhibit learning?

YES — NO

APPLIED HEALTH SCIENCES OER RESOURCES

Broad-Scope Resource

OER Commons:
OER Commons contains browseable collections, an excellent tool for those newer to OERs. Search results may be filtered by object type, subject, education level, and Copyright license.
Website URL: oercommons.org

Oasis:
An OER search tool that covers open content from 98 sources and holds over 350,000 records. Results may be filtered by object type, subject, source, and Copyright license.
Website URL: oasis.geneseo.edu

Ted Talks:
Filter video recommendations based on topics, languages, and duration of video. Details provide additional information, such as presenter details and the affiliated school. Recommended topics include: community, public health, mindfulness, health, healthcare, diverisity, identity, work-life balance.
Website URL: https://www.ted.com/talks

Speciality OER Databases: Applied Health Sciences

SOFA - Simulation Open Framework Architecture
SOFA is an open-source framework dedicated to research, prototyping and developing physics-based simulations. with an emphasis on medical simulations.
Website URL: https://www.sofa-framework.org/

JHSPH OpenCourseWare
Offers over 90 courses from the John Hopkins University (Bloomberg School of Public Health), complete with lectures and course material. Licence allows for free and open use, reuse, adaptation and redistribution of material, provided the source (JHSPH) is attributed and material is shared-alike.
Website URL: https://ocw.jhsph.edu/index.cfm