Wikipedia-editing as a teaching strategy in health professional schools: 6 years, 5 countries, 5 professions...and counting.

Abstract

- Wikipedia is the world’s most frequently used health information source.
- Embracing the platform helps fulfill health professionals’ teaching & service missions.
- Student & faculty effort searching, analyzing, writing & editing Wikipedia is scholarly work.
- The Wiki Education Foundation’s “Students in the Health Professions” campaign aggregates all efforts of these students editing Wikipedia as part of formal course work.
- Since 2013, there have been >155,000 articles in 255 languages supported.
- By 2017, there were 30,000 English Wikipedia health articles, >10 million per day.
- Collectively these articles are read >10 million times per day.

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Health information for the world

- There are a number of additional collaborations including a Translation Task Force, a mobile app, and offline access.

Wiki Education resources

- There are training modules for both you and your students

WikiProject Medicine efforts

- All Wikipedia pages are graded for quality following a standardized rubric

Are you next?

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