

REAPING THE BENEFITS

HLA (Health Libraries Australia) is the national professional organisation representing librarians and information professionals working in all health sectors, including hospitals and other clinical facilities, research institutes, regulatory agencies, pharmaceutical and biotechnology companies, government departments, regional health services, professional colleges, universities, cooperative research centres, not-for-profit and community organisations, and parts of public library services. We welcome new members and if you are not a current member, we invite you to join us.


Perhaps the best thing about joining HLA is our support for professional development. HLA specifically aims to help health library staff members identify courses and learning programs that will contribute to their professional development, including the opportunity to gain qualification as a Certified Professional (Health).

Competency mapping work has produced a list of 110 health-related courses, events and programs on offer that are relevant to health librarians and technicians in Australia. The courses are also mapped to HLA's eight competency areas.

Each year, hosts a Professional Development Day that provides an exciting and informative day of learning and sharing specifically for members of the health libraries community.

Benefits of HLA membership include:

- direct delivery to your inbox of HLA publications *HLA News: National Bulletin of Health Libraries Australia* and the member monthly, *HLA Alerts*
- option to join our HLA Community to stay up to date with latest news and happenings
- option of participation in the ALIA Certified Professional (Health) program
- award access including the member-only HLA/ MedicalDirector Health Informatics Innovation Award
- discounts for event attendance including overseas affiliate offerings
- first access to HLA reports and research such as *Health Libraries Return on Investment*
- advocacy support
- ability to nominate for the HLA Executive and influence the future of health librarianship in Australia.

Membership is free as part of your ALIA membership; just ensure you note your interest in health libraries. For further information on all our activities, including membership, go to alia.org.au/groups/HLA. 



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