

## HealthForceOntario's Allied Health Professional Development Fund (AHPDF) & Electronic Library Services

The AHPDF is a HealthForceOntario initiative to facilitate continuing education for allied health professionals in Ontario. Nine professions are currently able to access this funding and each practitioner can request reimbursement for **up to \$1,500 each**. The allocation of the nearly \$3.5 million fund across the various professions is based on the size of each regulatory College's Membership.

The most common professional development activities funded under this initiative are workshops, conferences and courses. Applicants may submit multiple requests for funding, provided the total amount does not exceed that \$1,500 maximum. **First-time application are given priority** so that everyone has a opportunity to receive funding. One of the more common reasons for an application being delayed or denied is insufficient documentation, so please be sure to provide all necessary records. Also, please note that you need to provide proof of College registration **for the year that the professional development activity took place**. For more information about that is covered under the AHPDF and how to apply, please see their website at <http://www.ahpdf.ca/>

As part of this educational initiative, the AHPDF provides access to an electronic library through EBSCO. This is available to all health care professionals who are part of this fund. To learn more about the electronic library, please follow the above link to the AHPDF website and then click on the **Electronic Health Library** link.

To assist practitioner in optimizing their health research, the AHPDF have developed a short presentation entitled **Retrieving Full Text Articles in EBSCO Databases** and this can be accessed by following this link:

<https://docs.google.com/presentation/view?id=0AaGFo2YktTasZGQya2c5d2ZfMGRicW5jZG0z&hl=en&authkey=COLQ7esB>

Additional tutorials are also available on the right hand side of the AHPDF home page.