

GOOD SAMARITAN COLLEGE OF NURSING AND HEALTH SCIENCE  
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**POLICY TITLE: LIBRARY RESOURCES-WEEDING**

WEEDING: The process of de-accessioning materials that are no longer viable to the collection.

The quality, not the size, of the library collection determines its value. Weeding is performed to keep the collection current and functional. Weeding is done on a continuous basis as new materials are added to the library.

Research materials are carefully examined for research value, bibliographies, special sections and historical content. Each title is examined for its merits by the Librarian and/or in consultation with subject experts.

**PROCEDURE:**

1. Reference/Overnight Section. The reference/overnight section contains the most recent edition of many standard texts. Diagnosis and therapy books are removed if older than five years and/or material is out-of-date. The previous edition is retained in the circulating collection.
2. Circulating Collection. Upon review, new and classic editions of texts are retained in the circulating collection.
3. Historical Collection. To maintain the historical value of the collection, first editions or oldest editions are retained in a special Historical Collection.
4. Corporate Authors. All editions of materials of corporate authors are retained with a note indicating its provenance in the material and in the catalog.

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