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Virginia Henderson International Nursing Library Online Research Repository ("VHL repository" or "the repository")

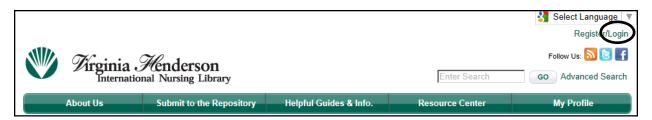
Eleven-Step Instruction Guide for Full-Text Submissions

You must register with the VHL repository and receive authorization to a specific collection or collections prior to submitting items to the repository. For registration instructions, please see the separate guide posted under the repository's "Helpful Guides and Info." tab.

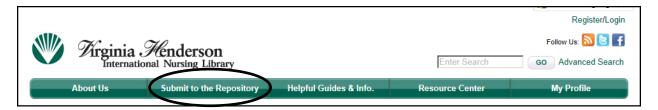
The following steps will lead you through the submission process. Helpful screenshots from an actual submission are provided as additional support. The actual screens may vary slightly depending on collection.

Step 1 – Gather the general information that you would like to include in your item's record, such as title, keywords, sponsors, abstract text, author contact information, and other pertinent details that you may want to include prior to logging in to the repository and beginning the submission process.

Step 2 – Go to the VHL repository home page at www.nursinglibrary.org. Click on "Login" and sign in to the system.



Step 3 – Click on the "**Submit to the Repository**" tab located on the menu bar at the top of the homepage.



Step 4 – Choose the appropriate collection. Based on your personal access level and authorization, you may only see one collection. The example below shows access to many collections.

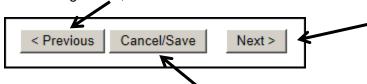
After selecting the appropriate collection, click "Next."



Note: As you work through the submission process, a bar at the top of each page will highlight the current step. The steps may change depending on the collection you are submitting to, but the progress bar will always be visible.



Each step will also have buttons at the bottom of the page that allow you to move forward as well as to go back, if needed.



You also have the option to cancel or save and exit. This is helpful if you are partially through the submission and find that you are unable to complete it during a single session, or if you want to remove a submission and start over. Save and exit to finish a submission at a later time.

Step 4 – continued.

When you select the "Cancel/Save" option, the following screen appears with three choices: "Oops, continue submission," "Remove the submission," or "Save it, I'll work on it later."

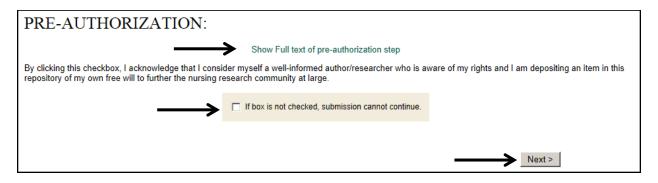


Incomplete submissions are accessed by clicking on the "My Profile" tab on the menu bar at the top of the VHL repository home page.

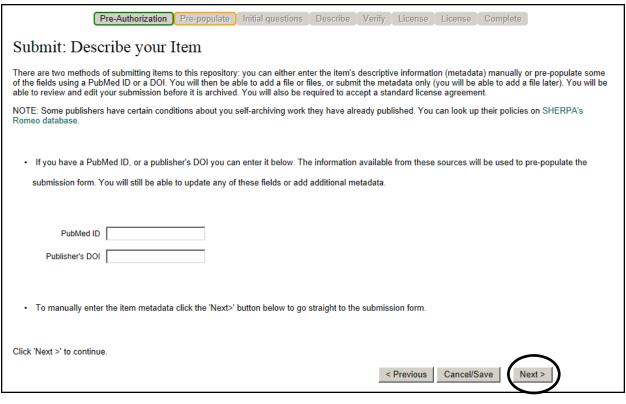


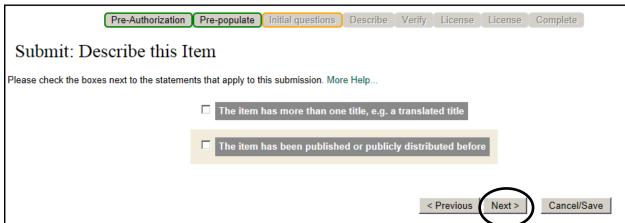
Step 5 – You will be taken to a page that provides important information regarding submitting items to "open access" repositories. You will be asked to indicate that you have read the information and choose to proceed. This is a required step to ensure that you are a well-informed submitter to the VHL repository.

To read the full text of the statement, click on the link. If you agree with the information, check the box and click on "**Next**" to continue the submission process.

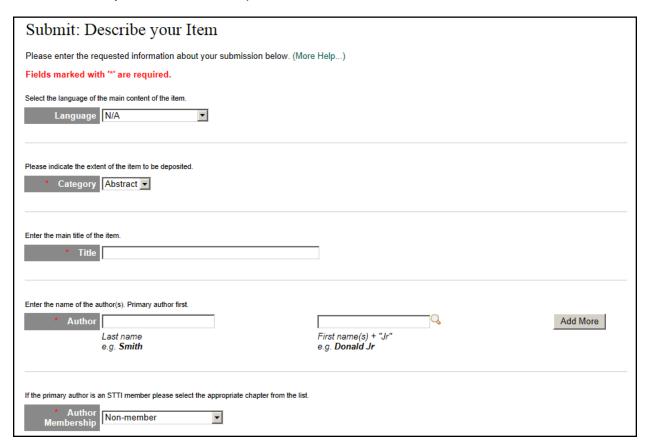


Step 6 – Depending on the collection, you may be (1) taken to a pre-populate screen and/or (2) asked a set of initial questions. These questions are designed to simplify the submission process by pre-populating fields and/or limiting the information fields you will be asked to fill in during the item description phase. Fill in all necessary information, if applicable, and click on **"Next"** to proceed to the next screen.



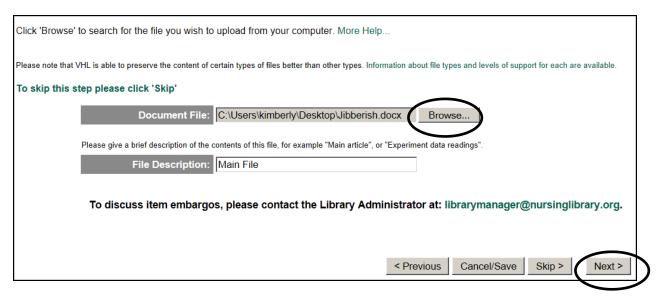


Step 7 – During the item description phase, you will be asked to fill in basic information. These information fields may change based on the collection objectives. Some information is required; other information is optional. Please feel free to enter all data you have available and that you wish to share with your fellow nurses and other researchers who will utilize the VHL repository. Answer questions appropriately for your specific item type. The screen below is an example of the information you will be asked to provide.

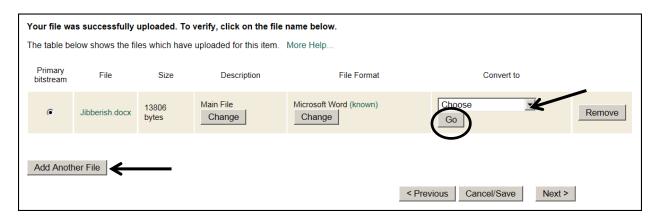


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Step 8 – Uploading Files. After the item description phase is completed, you will need to upload the actual file(s). Click on the "**Browse**" button (as depicted below) to search your computer for the file. When the appropriate file has been selected, it will appear in the "Document File" field. Add an appropriate description in the "**File Description**" field, then select "**Next**" to proceed to the following screen.



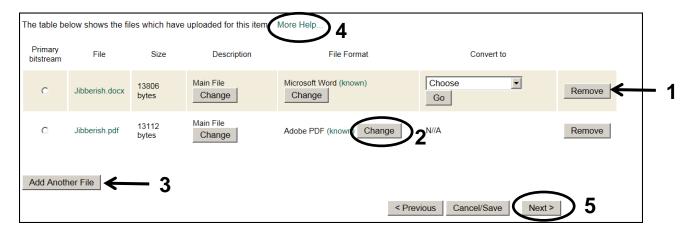
The following page will appear. You may add an additional file or files if needed by selecting the "Add Another File" option. Files <u>must</u> be converted to Adobe PDF format when feasible (e.g., it is not feasible to convert a video file to Adobe PDF format). Please select that option from the drop-down menu and select "Go." Depending on the size of the file and the speed of your computer, this may take several minutes. Large files may need to be divided and saved as multiple files and uploaded.



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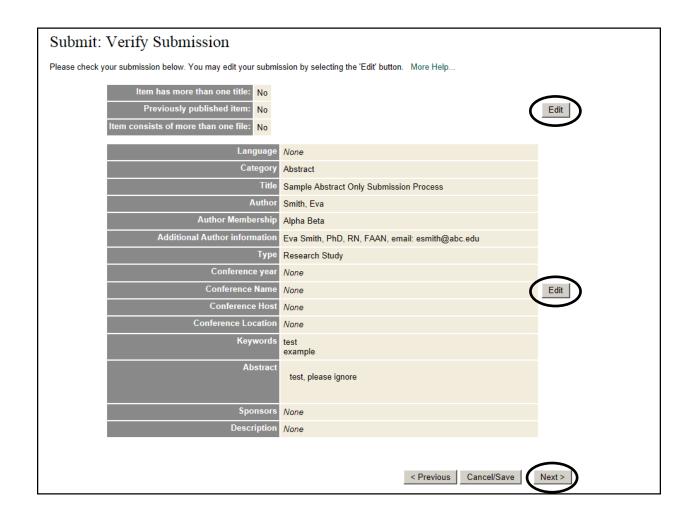
After conversion, **(1)** remove the original file format by selecting the "**Remove**" option located to the right of that file. If you do not remove the original file, both file formats will become a part of your submission; this is unnecessary. Repeat the original file removal step as necessary for any additional files that you uploaded in the prior step. The removal option may also be used if a file was uploaded in error.

- **(2)** You also have the option to make certain that you chose the correct conversion format, Adobe PDF. If the converted file format is incorrect, select the **"Change"** option.
- (3) You may add another file at this point, if necessary.
- (4) There is the option to utilize the "Checksums" feature, which allows you to verify that the uploaded file is the same file as on your computer and that no changes were made during the upload procedure. This may be accessed by selecting the "More Help" option.
- (5) Click on "Next" when you are satisfied that the upload and conversion process is correct.



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Step 9 – Upon completion of the item description phase, you will be given a chance to review the information that you entered. If you would like to make corrections and/or additions, please click on the "**Edit**" buttons located to the right of each section. You will be taken back through each of the submission steps in order to make the changes. When you are satisfied with your information as entered, select "**Next**."



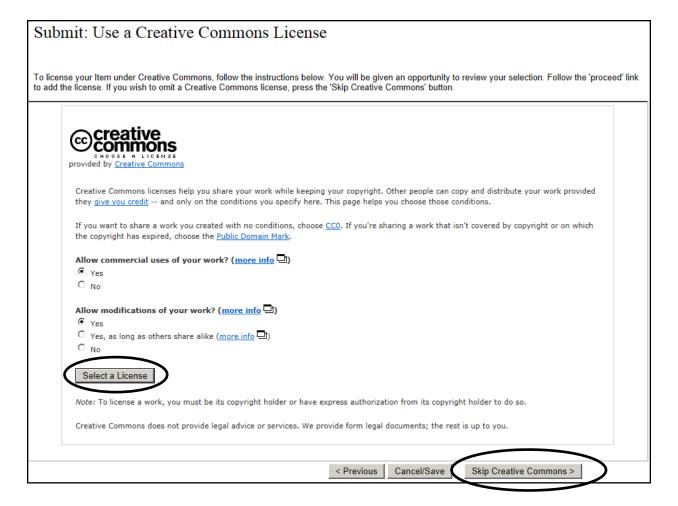
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Step 10 – You will be given the opportunity to assign a Creative Commons (CC) License to your work. A CC License allows you to set parameters for what you will or will not allow others to do with your work. Remember, you are **not** assigning copyright over to the VHL repository, and selecting a CC License is **not** required.

To select a license, answer the questions according to your preferences, and click on the "Select a License" button. See example screenshot below. If you do not wish to select a license, select the "Skip Creative Commons" option.

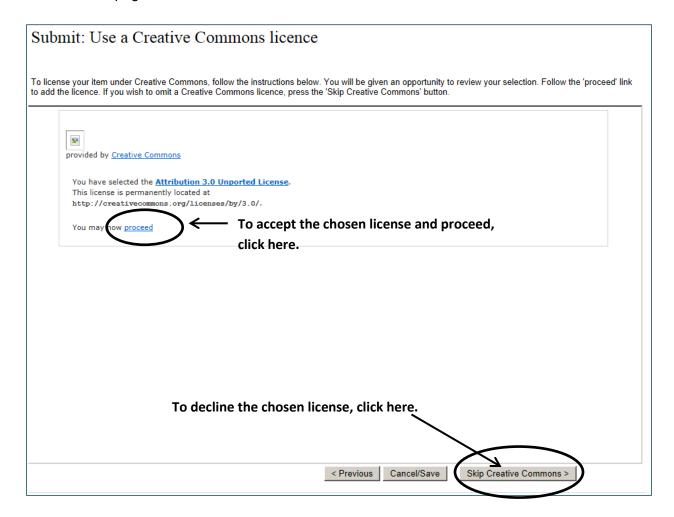
If a license option is selected, an appropriate CC icon will appear with your item once it has been approved and made publicly available in the repository. This will let the public know how you have chosen to share your work with them.

For more information about what a CC License is, please visit http://creativecommons.org/about/licenses.



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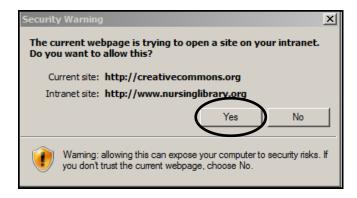
If a license option is selected, the following page will appear. To keep the license, click on the "proceed" option. To discard the option, click on the "Skip Creative Commons" link at the bottom of the page.



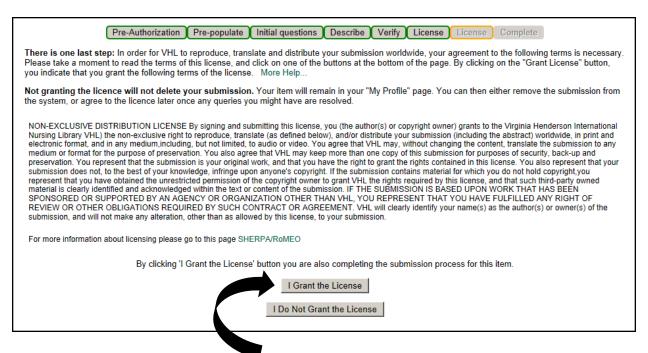
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Depending on your computer security and firewall settings, you may get the following warning after you select the proceed option. Select "Yes." It may take several moments for the page to refresh. Please wait patiently for the next screen to appear.



Step 11 – As the last step, you need to carefully read through the VHL repository Distribution License to understand the license to which you are agreeing (sample below for informational purposes only) and what you are allowing the Honor Society of Nursing, Sigma Theta Tau International and the VHL repository to do with your work. This is a separate license from the CC License, and it **is required**. We suggest printing this license for your records.



If you agree to the terms, please click "I Grant the License," and this will automatically complete your submission and the following notice will appear.

Step 11 – continued.

If you do not grant the license, your item will not be submitted to the repository but will remain in your "My Profile" page. You can then either remove the submission from the system or agree to the license later, once any queries you might have are resolved.

Submit: Submission Complete!

Your submission will now go through the collection's review workflow. If there is no workflow, your submission will enter VHL. You will receive e-mail notification as soon as your submission has become a part of the collection, or if for some reason there is a problem with your submission. You can also check on the status of your submission by going to the My Profile page.

Go to My Profile

Communities and Collections

Submit another item to the same collection

After submission, your item will go through the chosen collection's review process. You will receive a notification if your item is rejected, requires revisions, or is accepted. To track the progress of your submission, select the "My Profile" tab on the menu bar at the top of the VHL repository home page and scroll down to the "Status of submissions in workflow" section.