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VHL concept has been accepted as Global Health Library by the World Health Organization for global use. The concept is replicable in any discipline.

Cyberthesis style page application for producing digital theses in two Peruvian universities

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Objective: This paper describes activities that were carried out in order to implement the Cyberthesis style page for the producing of undergraduate and graduate digital theses by students from Universidad Peruana de Ciencias Aplicadas (UPC) and Universidad Nacional Mayor de San Marcos (UNMSM). Methodologies developed in both institutions vary according to their respective regulations. UPC is a private university, UNMSM is a public one.

Methodology: In UPC it is mandatory for students to follow the Cyberthesis style page; workshops were implemented there at all academic levels. In UNMSM, pilot workshops were conducted with researchers, faculty and senior undergraduate students, in order to considerate the utilization of this style page.

Results: In both cases results are considered a success. In UPC the style page is now a tool used for producing digital theses and its use is considered as a requirement by the Regulations for obtaining degrees and titles. In UNMSM, pilot workshops have given their organizers the opportunity to show the need for implementing a style page, so now there exists a formal proposal presented in order to make this application a mandatory step when producing digital theses at all academic levels.