About VeriCite

VeriCite Plagiarism Checking Service

- VeriCite is a feature that has been added to the Assignment tool in EduCat.
- Instructors can choose on an assignment by assignment basis to use this feature.
- Instructors may also choose to make the results and/or the reports available to students.
- VeriCite produces a ‘similarity’ report which indicates a percentage of the paper that appears to have been copied from other sources. These sources can be internal (meaning they match text submitted by others at NMU through the EduCat) or external (meaning they match websites that are cataloged within VeriCite’s online database, such as Wikipedia and a growing repository).
- VeriCite uses two indices for searching. Both are growing daily and either can be specifically feed papers or URLs to increase likelihood of matching.
  - A public repository of over millions of web sites
  - An NMU specific private repository of papers that have been submitted at NMU
- To make your students aware of this service you should include wording within your syllabus; such as the message that is shown within EduCat - “All submissions will be checked and indexed by VeriCite, a plagiarism detection service.”

VeriCite is one tool that is used to assist instructors in identifying potential plagiarism. It is a text matching tool. Student work MUST be examined carefully before determining whether plagiarism has occurred. There is no magic number or specific threshold for a ‘plagiarized’ paper – each must be reviewed, regardless of the similarity number returned.

The required self-paced tutorial to get VeriCite enabled within all courses you teach is located in EduCat. The course “Detecting and Deterring Plagiarism with VeriCite” should show up on your homepage. If not please contact the CTL so that we may add you to the course. Once you complete the course and receive a passing score on the quiz, VeriCite will be enabled in all courses you are listed as instructor.