What is Plagiarism

Simply, plagiarism is the act of passing off someone else's work as your own. Cutting and pasting information from a website into your own document, and neglect to give attribution to your sources is plagiarizing. Plagiarism is a form of theft or cheating, and according to our Code of Conduct for Learners it is an offence that will result in said student being disciplined or exited from his or her program.

Fortunately! You can avoid it! To avoid charges of plagiarism, simply learn to document ("cite") your sources. Your program or course may prescribe a particular style guide that sets out the "how-to" rules of how to properly give credit to authors, or you may choose one that suits your needs. Most of the programs at Holland College use the APA style and citation guide which is available on the library website as well as Online.

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