Finding Print and Electronic Books

- Use the *Books and Media* tab in the Nursing Research Guide (libguides.ecc.edu/nur) to search or browse.
- Print books are located in the collection using call numbers.
- Electronic books are always available from on or off-campus.

Finding Journal Articles, **the basics**: In the Nursing Research Guide (libguides.ecc.edu/nur), click on the *Articles* tab.

- Type your topic in search box in the center of the page. Start by using simple key words. Click the search button.
- **FOR MOST ASSIGNMENTS:**
  - Source must be a nursing journal.
    - Refine your results by selecting the Journal Title filter on the search results page. A title list will appear. Select the applicable nursing journal titles from the list and click the Apply Filters button.
  - Publication date must be within the most recent 3 years or 5 years.
    - Refine your results by selecting the Publication Date filter on the search results page to narrow your results.
- If you are not finding enough or the right type of articles, contact a librarian for help.
- What if the library does not have the specific article you need? Use ILLIAD interlibrary loan service to request a specific article:
  - Go to www.ecc.edu/interlibrary-loan
  - Click on *I am a new interlibrary loan user* to set up an ILLIAD account or click *I am a returning ILL user* to log into your existing account.

Preparing your Works Cited List in APA format

- Use the *APA Style* tab in the Nursing Research Guide to browse available resources.
- Visit the English Skills Center for help: North Campus: Room D102A (Library building), 851-1582
**CINAHL Plus with Full Text and MEDLINE with Full Text:**

- Links to these databases are available on the Nursing Research Guide’s Articles tab. Also listed in the Library’s A-Z Database list: libguides.ecc.edu/az.php
  - CINAHL & MEDLINE Provide unique Search Options for creating more precise search strategies.
- Students in the Nursing program will often need to use these search options to accurately narrow search results. Most notable among the search options are…

**CINAHL Headings (CINAHL) & MeSH 2019 (MEDLINE):** Guide you in selecting the accepted Subject Headings to include in your search strategy. Help you transform lay terminology to professional terminology.

**Search Field options list:**

![Select a Field (optional)](Select a Field (optional))

- Narrow search by words in title, author, abstract, subject, etc.

**Search Mode and Expanders:** Checking the Apply related words expander is useful to increase the number of relevant search results.

**CINAHL’s Journal Subset list:** It includes a subset just for Nursing journals.

**MEDLINE’s Journal & Citation Subset list:** It includes a subset just for Nursing journals.

**Evidence Based Medicine**

- CINAHL contains a search limiter Evidence Based Practice.
- MEDLINE contains a search limiter for EBM Reviews.
- These limiters will focus your search results to information under the category of evidence-based medicine.
  - Includes articles from evidence based practice journals, articles about evidence based practice, research articles (including systematic reviews, clinical trials, meta analyses, qualitative studies), commentaries on research studies (applying practice to research), case studies if they meet the criteria of the use of research and/or evidence based practice terms.

**Hunger for More?** Check out the Frequently Asked Questions page for CINAHL Plus with Full Text and MEDLINE with Full-Text: bit.ly/cinmedfaq

**Questions?**

- Ask a librarian! Call the North Campus Library Reference Desk: (716) 851-1412
- Text a Librarian: (716) 791-5154
- Email Librarian Matthew Best: bestm@ecc.edu

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