

NURSING RESEARCH GUIDE

Electronic Resources

The sources listed below have been compiled for students as a starting point for conducting research on the World Wide Web, through subscription databases, and via our online catalog. Students are encouraged to continue their research using the print resources beginning on page number four.



EBSCOhost Databases:

AARP Ageline (<http://www.aarp.org/research/ageline/>)

Academic Search Premier

This multi-disciplinary database (covering many subjects) offers abstracts and full-text articles from thousands of magazines as well as scholarly journals; many are peer-reviewed or scholarly publications.

CINAHL with Full Text

The most comprehensive CINAHL database which includes all content in CINAHL plus almost four hundred additional journals. Content includes: books, dissertations, conference proceedings, clinical trials, and more (600,000 plus full text records.)

Clinical Pharmacology (now incorporated in Health Source)

Find brief but up-to-date information about all “U.S. drugs, herbal and nutritional supplements, over-the-counter products and new drugs.” Features include color images of pills and full-text back to the 1970’s.

ERIC - Educational Resource Information Center

Contains information on nurse practitioners, nursing students and naturally, nursing education.

Health Source: Nursing/Academic - This database provides nearly 550 scholarly full text journals focusing on many medical disciplines. Health Source: Nursing/Academic Edition also features abstracts and indexing for nearly 850 journals. This database is updated on a daily basis.

Medline

- MEDLINE uses the Medical Subject Heading (MeSH) vocabulary which includes many nursing subjects
Ex. patient care planning
- CINAHL also uses MeSH but has additional subject headings more specific to nursing
Ex. nursing care plans
- specific concepts may not have a subject heading but can be searched as a text phrase
Ex. charting by exception

Mental Measurements Yearbook

USE FOR: 1) Finding test reviews, 2) Finding information on an instrument's validity and reliability, 3) Finding a description of a test

PsycInfo

PsycINFO covers journals in many health-related fields, including psychiatry, nursing, health administration, pharmacology, rehabilitation, and epidemiology. Abstracts from these journals deal with the behavioral causes and effects of physical disorders and behavioral treatments for physical illness

Internet Research

Note: When conducting research on the Internet, it will be helpful to consider a few points.

- The Internet is full of information that is not scholarly, updated, and/or unbiased.
- Use domain searching (.edu, .gov, .org.) to improve the quality of your searches. You can limit your searches by using the advanced features of search engines such as Google.
- Determine who wrote, gathered, or sponsored the page or information.
- Try to determine if the information is current by looking for a date listed when the site was created or last updated.
- You should be somewhat skeptical of sites that contain a lot of advertising for products or services.

Selected U.S. Government Web Sites

The United States federal government gathers tremendous amounts of information and statistics on a wide array of subjects. The Websites below are excellent places to start searching for nursing information.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

<http://www.cdc.gov/>

Information on this site can be useful for professionals and the general public. Highlights of the site include a link to “fast stats” health related statistics organized by state or major illness. The A-Z index lists more than 500 hundred health related topics and diseases or visitors can easily search the entire site by using their search box. Statistical information and links are provided on such diverse topics as nutrition, minor and chronic illness, injury, mortality, genetics and genomics, biological hazards, and health issues for women, men, teens, and children.

CAM on PubMed

http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/entrez/query.fcgi?db=PubMed&orig_db=PubMed&cmd=current=Limits&pmfilter_Subsets=Complementary+Medicine

The National Center for Complementary and Alternative Medicine (NCCAM) and the National Library of Medicine (NLM) partnered to create this database, which is a subset of PubMed.

Combined Health Information Database (CHID)

<http://chid.nih.gov/>

CHID is a bibliographic database produced by Federal health-related agencies. It provides titles, abstracts, and availability information for health information and health education resources. 12 major topical areas are covered, each of which can be searched separately. Updated quarterly.

Health, United States

<http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/hus.htm>

Core reference source for government-compiled health statistics. Provides trend tables that are updated as new data becomes available.

Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report

<http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/>

Contains statistics on selected diseases reported to the Center for Disease Control by state health departments.

National Center for Health Statistics

<http://www.cdc.gov/nchs>

Includes data on vital events, health status, lifestyle, exposure to unhealthy events, the onset and diagnosis of illness and disability, and the use of health care.

The National Institute of Nursing Research

<http://ninr.nih.gov/ninr/index.html>

A website with information about conferences, events, publications, scientific advances and links to other excellent sites.

National Network of Libraries of Medicine

<http://nmlm.gov/training/nursing/sampler.html>

The NNLM has gathered an excellent and varied selection of links for nursing professionals.

The United States Department of Health and Human Services

<http://www.hhs.gov>

Their site contains extensive links to reference material such as encyclopedias, dictionaries, reports, online publications.

Sources of Statistics:

Statistical Abstract of the United States

<http://www.census.gov/prod/www/statistical-abstract-us.html>

This site provides statistical information about health and nutrition, vital statistics, and populations among many other categories that may be useful for your research purposes.

State Health Facts Online

<http://www.statehealthfacts.kff.org/>

This site from the Henry J. Kaiser Family Foundation contains the latest state-level data on demographics, health, and health policy, including health coverage, access, financing, and state legislation.

Selected Websites:

Merck Manuals Online Medical Library

<http://www.merck.com/mmpe/index.html>

As a service to the community, the content of The Manuals is now available in enhanced online versions as part of The Merck Manuals Online Medical Library. The Online Medical Library is updated periodically with new information, and contains photographs, and audio and video material not present in the print versions.

Centre for Evidence-Based Medicine

<http://www.cebm.net/index.asp>

Site produced by the Oxford-Centre for Evidence Based Medicine. Includes sections on learning, doing, and teaching evidence-based medicine. Toolbox includes tips on asking focused clinical questions, searching MEDLINE for the best evidence, and a glossary of terms.

Free Medical Journals

<http://www.freemedicaljournals.com>

A website that offers a directory of online journals freely available on the web. Journals are organized by both title and specialty.

Kent State University Nursing Homepage

<http://www.library.kent.edu/page/10165>

The “Web Sites of Interest” section located on Kent State’s Library page leads to many excellent online sources of nursing information for professionals and the general public.

Medline Plus

<http://www.medlineplus.gov/>

This site, sponsored by the National Library of Medicine, contains a wealth of information including news, tutorials, a dictionary, a medical encyclopedia, surgery videos, and links to additional “resources that provide online health information.”

Nursing Spectrum

<http://www.nursingspectrum.com/>

This online publication has a unique “Nursing Web Search” feature that allows you to search only pre-selected online resources in your field. It also has an extensive “Educational Resources” page with state by state links to other Nursing programs. The site includes helpful links to associations, legislation, and periodicals.

The Online Journal of Issues in Nursing

<http://www.nursingworld.org/ojin/index.htm>

A free peer-reviewed online journal published jointly by [The American Nurses Association](#) and the Kent State University College of Nursing. “It presents different perspectives on topics that affect nursing practice, research, and education, thus enabling readers to understand the full complexity of a particular topic.”

Rosenthal Center for Complementary and Alternative Medicine

<http://www.rosenthal.hs.columbia.edu/>

This site lists resources organized for the specific needs of patients and consumers and of professionals and researchers. Lists the criteria used for selection.

The University of Delaware

<http://www2.lib.udel.edu/subj/nurs/internet.htm>

Internet Resources for Nurses.

Other Internet sites:

American Nurses Association

<http://www.ana.org>

Hardin Meta Directory of Internet Health Sources (The University of Iowa)

<http://www.lib.uiowa.edu/hardin/md/index.html>

Nursing Theory Page

<http://www.sandiego.edu/academics/nursing/theory/>

Nursing Theory Link Page

<http://healthsci.clayton.edu/eichelberger/nursing.htm>

The University of Pittsburgh’s School of Nursing

http://www.pitt.edu/~nursing/news_events/nurinfoonweb.html

Unique content includes links to many diverse nursing organizations, news sources, and nursing history.

Print Resources

Dictionaries

AMERICAN HERITAGE STEDMAN'S MEDICAL DICTIONARY.	REF R121 .A53 2004
BLACK'S MEDICAL DICTIONARY.	REF R 121 .B598 2004
CONCISE DICTIONARY OF SCIENTIFIC BIOGRAPHY.	REF Q141 .C55 1981
DICTIONARY OF AMERICAN NURSING BIOGRAPHY.	REF RT34 .D53 1988
DICTIONARY OF NURSING THEORY AND RESEARCH. 2 nd ed.	REF RT81.5 .P69 1995
INTERNATIONAL DICTIONARY OF MEDICINE AND BIOLOGY.	REF R121 .I58 1986
MANAGED HEALTH CARE DICTIONARY. 2 nd ed.	REF RA413 .R58 1998
MELLONI'S ILLUSTRATED MEDICAL DICTIONARY.	REF R121 .D76 2002
MOSBY'S MEDICAL AND NURSING DICTIONARY. 2 nd ed.	REF R121 .M89 1986
STEDMAN'S MEDICAL DICTIONARY. 25 th ed.	REF R121 .S8 1989
TABER'S CYCLOPEDIA MEDICAL DICTIONARY. 14 th ed.	REF R121 .T144 1981

Directories

NATIONAL DIRECTORY OF NURSE PRACTITIONER LEGISLATION.	REF RT82.2 .N38 1996
NATIONAL NURSING DIRECTORY.	REF RT25 .U5 L38 1982
STATE DRUG RESOURCES: NATIONAL DIRECTORY.	HV5825 .S86 1994

Encyclopedias

AMERICAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION'S COMPLETE MEDICAL ENCYCLOPEDIA.	REF RC81.A2 A497 2003
BIOGRAPHICAL ENCYCLOPEDIA OF SCIENTISTS.	REF Q141 .B53 1981
ENCYCLOPEDIA AND DICTIONARY OF MEDICINE, NURSING, AND ALLIED HEALTH. 3 rd ed.	REF R121 .M65 1983

ENCYCLOPEDIA OF BIOETHICS.	REF QH332 .E52 1995
ENCYCLOPEDIA OF DRUGS AND ALCOHOL.	REF HV 5804 .E53 1995
ENCYCLOPEDIA OF ELDER CARE.	REF RC 954 .E53 2001
ENCYCLOPEDIA OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES.	REF RC 112 .T87 1998
ENCYCLOPEDIA OF MENTAL HEALTH.	REF RA790 .E56 1970
ENCYCLOPEDIA OF NURSING RESEARCH.	REF RT81.5 .E53 1998
GALE ENCYCLOPEDIA OF ALTERNATIVE MEDICINE.	REF R733 .G34 2000
HISTORICAL ENCYCLOPEDIA OF NURSING.	REF RT31 .S66 1999
HUMAN DISEASES AND CONDITIONS.	REF RC81 .A2 H75 2000

Guides

ADULT NURSE PRACTITIONER CERTIFICATION REVIEW.	RT82.8 .Z46 1999
ADVANCED PRACTICE NURSING: A GUIDE TO PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT.	RT82.8 .A49 2006
ALTERNATIVE MEDICINE RESOURCE GUIDE.	REF R733 .F48 1997
AHA (AMERICAN HOSPITAL ASSOCIATION) GUIDE TO THE HEALTH CARE FIELD.	REF RA977 .A44 1997
THE NEW HARVARD GUIDE TO WOMEN'S HEALTH.	REF RA778 .C2164 2004
HEALTH, UNITED STATES, 1996-97 AND INJURY CHARTBOOK.	REF RA407.3 .U57A 1997
MEDICAL ADVISOR: COMPLETE GUIDE TO ALTERNATIVE AND CONVENTIONAL TREATMENTS.	REF RC81 .A2 M492 1996
MERCK MANUAL OF GERIATRICS. 3 rd ed.	REF RC952.55 .M47 2000
MOSBY'S COMPREHENSIVE REVIEW OF NURSING. 13 th ed.	RT55 .M4 1990
NEW HARVARD GUIDE TO WOMEN'S HEALTH.	REF RA778 .C2164 2004
OB-GYN NURSE PRACTITIONER CERTIFICATION REVIEW GUIDE.	RG105 .O23 1992
PEDIATRIC NURSE PRACTITIONER CERTIFICATION REVIEW GUIDE. 2 nd ed.	RJ242 .P43 1994

PHYSICIAN'S DESK REFERENCE FOR OPHTHALMOLOGY.	REF RD72 .P49 1999
RIGHT TO DIE. 2 nd ed.	REF KF3827 .E87 M45 1995
SPRINGHOUSE NURSE'S DRUG GUIDE. 3 rd ed.	RM 125 .S67 2000
WRITER'S GUIDE TO NURSING AND ALLIED HEALTH JOURNALS.	REF RT24 .B69 1998

Handbooks

1999 HEALTH CARE ALMANAC & YEARBOOK.	REF R407.3 .N5
ANATOMY OF THE HUMAN BODY. 30 th ed.	REF QM23.2 .G73 1985
CONCISE GRAY'S ANATOMY.	REF QS4 .G779 1983
DRUG FACTS AND COMPARISONS. 54 th ed.	REF RS250 .F33 2000
JOHNS HOPKINS MEDICAL HANDBOOK.	REF RC 952.55 .J64 1995
MERCK INDEX. 13 th ed.	REF RS51 .M4 2001
MERCK MANUAL OF DIAGNOSIS AND THERAPY.	REF RC55 .M4 2006
MERCK MANUAL OF MEDICAL INFORMATION.	REF RC81 .M535 1997
OXFORD COMPANION TO MEDICINE.	REF R121 .O88 1986
PHYSICIAN'S DESK REFERENCE. 58 th ed.	REF RS75 .P5 2004
PHYSICIAN'S DESK REFERENCE FOR NONPRESCRIPTION DRUGS AND DIETARY SUPPLEMENTS. 21 st ed.	REF RM671 .A1 P48 2000
SAUNDERS NURSING DRUG HANDBOOK.	REF RM125 .H572 1998

Nursing, Health Care, and Medical Periodicals at Wilmington College

Nursing

Advances in Nursing
American Journal of Nursing
American Nurse
ANS, Advances in Nursing Science
Case Manager
CCQ, Critical Care Quarterly
Child Development
Clinical Nursing Research
Clinician Reviews
Computers, Informatics, Nursing
Contemporary Pediatrics
Critical Care Nursing Quarterly
Geriatric Nursing
Geriatrics
Image: The Journal of Nursing Scholarship
Journal of Advanced Nursing
Journal of Community Health Nursing
Journal of Family Nursing
Journal of Holistic Nursing
Journal of Nursing Administration
Journal of Nursing Education
Journal of Nursing Scholarship
Journal of Obstetric, Gynecologic and Neonatal
Nursing: JOGNN
Journal of Professional Nursing
Journal of Psychosocial Nursing & Mental
Journal of School Nursing
Journal of the American Academy of Nurse
Practitioners
Journal of Transcultural Nursing
MCN: The American Journal of Maternal Child
Nursing
Nurse Educator
Nurse Practitioner
Nurse Practitioner Forum
Nursing
Nursing Administration Quarterly
Nursing Clinics of North America

Nursing Economics
Nursing Education Perspectives
Nursing Law's Regan Report
Nursing Leadership Forum
Nursing Management
Nursing Outlook
Nursing Research
Nursing Science Quarterly
Nursing Standard
Nursing Times
Oncology Nursing Forum
Pain Management Nursing
Pediatric Nursing
Primary Care
Rehabilitation Nursing
RN
Western Journal of Nursing Research

Health Care

American Journal of Public Health
Family & Community Health
Health
Health Care Management Review
Health Services Research: HSR
Hospitals & Health Networks
JCAH Perspectives – Joint Commission on
Accreditation of Hospitals
Joint Commission Journal on Quality Improvement
JONA's Healthcare Law, Ethics, and Regulation
Journal of Healthcare Management
Journal of Public Health Management and Practice
Nursing and Health Care Perspectives
Public Health Nursing

Medical

Journal of Family Practice
New England Journal of Medicine