CINAHL
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CINAHL, the Cumulative Index to Nursing and Allied Health Literature, is the authoritative resource for nursing and allied health professionals, students, educators and researchers. This database provides indexing for more than 3,000 journals from the fields of nursing and allied health. The database contains more than 2 million records dating back to 1981. CINAHL is limited to 4 simultaneous users.

Go to the Cressman Library website, click EBSCOhost and select CINAHL. Or, go to the Cressman Library Nursing LibGuide, click Databases, click CINAHL. (Note: If you are searching from off-campus, enter your EZproxy user ID and password; that is, your campus network login.)

How do I perform a search?

- CINAHL will open to an Advanced Search screen by default. Type a word, number or phrase in the search box and click the "Search" button. By default, your search terms are searched as words in these fields: title, subject heading, abstract, or instrumentation.
- For a more specific search, choose the search field from the optional “Select a Field” drop-down list (for example, search in only the Subject field, only the Author field, etc.).
- Use a dollar sign to retrieve variations on a word, e.g. transplant$ will retrieve records that include "transplants" and "transplantation." Use a question mark to retrieve variations on a word of just one character, e.g. transplant? will retrieve records that include "transplant" or "transplants" but not "transplantation." Use a pound sign to replace one character, e.g. wom#n will retrieve both "women" and "woman."
- Use the Boolean operators AND, OR, and NOT to combine or exclude topics.
- Limit your results by publication date, research article, peer reviewed, special interest: nursing administration, etc. Check the boxes as appropriate for your search.
Limit your results by Journal Subset, Publication Type and Special Interest. Note: you can search using just the LIMITERS and decide on your keywords given those results.

Search Results
You can also limit or refine your results after your search. Use the “facets” in the left column. Click Show More to open a window for the advanced search limiters. As for the results, go to the full text from the detailed record (click the title) or from the results page. When Cressman Library has access to an article there will be a PDF icon, or a HTML link, or a link to Full Text Finder. Note the subjects that are assigned to relevant articles.
Full Text Finder page with links to the full text at OVID. If there are no “resources located for this citation” go to E-Journals & Periodicals to verify whether or not we have a subscription to the journal title and to note the date ranges of our subscription.

Journal availability?
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Verify journal availability at the library E-Journals & Periodicals website. Search by title. If the library has the journal online, the links will take you to the database where we have access. Note: the years that we have subscribed are listed. Embargo indicates access is prior to that timeframe.

The results for the journal title search: “journal of nursing research” indicate that the library has “Western Journal of Nursing Research” but not “The Journal of Nursing Research.”