

Rogue Community College Library <http://learn.roguecc.edu/Library/>

Accessing databases from off-campus

Access online resources off-campus with your current RCC computer log-on.

Checking out materials

Current RCC student Library Card numbers are affixed to the back of your Student ID cards which expire at the end of each term.

Information Literacy is a requirement to practice effective evidence-based nursing.

Information literacy involves the ability to locate, manage, critically evaluate, and use information for problem solving, research, decision making, current awareness, and professional development.

Determining your Information Need

Background questions ask for **general knowledge** of disease processes or clinical contexts; they ask about a single disease, drug, intervention or concept. **Secondary sources** such as textbooks, nursing reference books and review articles can provide relevant and reliable answers quickly. Foreground questions ask for **specific knowledge** one can apply to a specific patient or problem. They often compare two things: two drugs or treatments, the prognosis of two groups, two diagnostic tests, or the harms or benefits of two approaches. They often require **primary sources** such as scholarly journal articles accessed through databases such as CINAHL and Medline. Scholarly research articles published in peer-reviewed journals provide the evidence in Evidence-Based Nursing Practice.

What is a primary source?

A primary source is a document or record which reports a study, experiment, event or other phenomenon firsthand. When a nurse researcher interviews patients about their health behaviors, a pharmaceutical company conducts clinical trials on a new drug, or a health care facility surveys its nursing staff, they are creating primary information.

Primary sources are usually written by the person(s) who did the research, conducted the study, ran the experiment, or witnessed the event. Primary sources are detailed first reports of the results of this original research.

Determine your Search Vocabulary

Your search vocabulary consists of the subject headings, keywords and key phrases you will use in your search. It is useful to identify main concepts for both background and foreground questions.

Choosing & Using Databases

CINAHL is an acronym for **C**umulated Index to **N**ursing and **A**llied **H**ealth **L**iterature.



CINAHL Plus with Full Text (EBSCOhost)

CINAHL Plus provides full text for more than 750 journals and indexing for over 4,175 journals in the nursing field. The database also provides full text for more than 240 books, evidence-based care sheets, and searchable cited references.

Find link to EBSCOhost on the left column of the Library Home Page, click on EBSCOhost Web, scroll down to find link to CINAHL Plus with Full Text. Other EBSCOhost databases include:

Health Source Nursing: Academic Edition (EBSCOhost)

This database provides nearly 550 scholarly full text journals focusing on many medical disciplines. *Health Source: Nursing/Academic Edition* also features the *Lexi-PAL Drug Guide*, which covers 1,300 generic drug patient education sheets with more than 4,700 brand names.

Medline (EBSCOhost)

MEDLINE provides authoritative medical information on medicine, nursing, dentistry, veterinary medicine, the health care system, pre-clinical sciences, and much more. Created by the National Library of Medicine, *MEDLINE* uses MeSH (Medical Subject Headings) indexing.

Searching CINAHL

What is a database?

A **database** is a collection of individual **records**. Each **record** is composed of several **fields**, such as author, title, source/publication, subject heading. In bibliographic databases like CINAHL, each record represents one journal article citation, one dissertation, one book citation, etc. Although CINAHL is primarily a citation and abstract only database, web linking transforms it into a full text database. Through RCC Library, researchers can access many articles in full text anytime anywhere—and make requests for copies of articles not full-text online for delivery via email.

Why is using CINAHL better than using Google?

CINAHL provides one-stop shopping for scholarly literature and authoritative information. You will be able to conduct research and find information you need with less effort and less time! The Web includes a great deal of high quality nursing, medical and allied health information, but it can be very difficult to find that information and many resources will not be available full-text without a substantial charge.

CINAHL on EBSCOHost: Basic Searching

Use the basic search screen for searching for single words and phrases. EBSCOhost provides numerous ways of narrow results and limiting results and you will be able to access these after your initial search.

Depending on your search, you will want to limit your results by such criteria as:

- Publication date/year (important for retrieving current information)

- Peer reviewed (to limit to scholarly, refereed journal literature)

- Publication type (journal article, questionnaire/scale, practice guidelines, etc.)

If your result set is too small, or you are unsure of search vocabulary you can change modes in your search options to expand results to related words, full text search of articles or SmartText.

There is also an Advanced Search and a search of CINAHL Headings.

**Nursing Resource Center +
Nursing and Allied Health Collection (Gale)**



Periodical and multimedia content, presented in a manner that correlates to the "Nursing Process." The steps in the process are: Assessment, Diagnosis, Outcome Identification, Implementation and Evaluation. Results displayed in individual tabs across the top.

Included are: disease and condition overviews, in-depth coverage of the nursing assessments for every anatomical system, corresponding interventions, explanations of diagnostic tests, drug monographs tailored to nurses' information needs, animations that bring anatomy to life and more. Includes full-text from key journals.

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Book Catalogs

RCC Library Catalog

SOU Library Catalog with delivery to any campus

FirstSearch/WorldCat with delivery through Interlibrary Loan

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Citing Your Sources

Using APA Style

It is important to carefully cite sources of information you've used. Nursing students utilize APA style when preparing and writing research papers and other assignments. The standards for APA style are published by the American Psychological Association.

Library databases provide citation documentation for this purpose.

Need Help

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