Resources for CPS Students in Nursing
at the Lightner Library

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Librarians Can Help You:

- Figure out how and where to locate different types of resources
- Formulate effective search terms
- Evaluate resources for credibility and bias/perspective
- With citation and format in your assignments

Disclaimer: This doesn’t mean we do it for you! But we will show you how and answer your questions as best as we can.
Physical Materials

- Books
  - Library Catalog
    - General Collection
    - Reference

- DVDS
  - Library Catalog
    - Video Collection
    - Entertainment DVDs

- Journals
  - Find a Journal Title
    - Newspapers
    - Magazines
    - Journals
Digital Materials

- E-Books
  - Find an E-Book

- Reference Databases
  - Databases by Subject

- Journal Articles
  - Databases by Subject
  - Find an Article
  - Find a Journal Title
Types of Journals

Also known as “Periodicals”

Newspapers, Magazines, Scholarly Journals

How do you tell the difference?
Newspapers (Popular)

- Current events
- Local / regional focus
- Written for general public
- Published daily or weekly
- Newsprint, some color, ads
- No formal list of references
Magazines (Popular)

- Specific interests and/or current events
- Brief articles and interviews
- Written for general public
- Published weekly or monthly
- Glossy and colorful; Lots of pictures and ads
- No formal list of references
Scholarly Journals

- Reports of original research
- In-depth analysis of topics
- Written for experts in the field
- Published quarterly, semi-annually, or monthly
- Book-like, usually black and white
- Few or no pictures and ads
- All references cited; tend to be peer-reviewed
Best Bet Databases
For Nursing

**Reference Databases**
- Gale Virtual Reference Library
- Salem Press
- UpToDate

**Article Databases**
- EBSCOhost Databases
  - Academic Search Premier
  - CINAHL
  - Health Source
  - MEDLINE
  - OmniFile
- Other Databases
  - BioOne
  - Cochrane Library
  - Health Reference Center Academic
  - Ovid
  - Proquest

**Open Access Databases**
- DOAJ: Directory of Open Access Journals
- BioMed Central
- JSTOR
- PLOS: Public Library of Science
- PubMed
- PubMed Central
Brainstorming Search Terms

- Write your topic out as a sentence or question
- Underline the key words or concepts
- Think of other words to describe your topic
  - Synonyms or related words
  - CINAHL and MEDLINE have special headings you can use
Basic Search Tips

- Start Simple! Add more words as you go.
- Do more than one search. Try different words.
- Figure out which terms get you the best results.
- You may need to do some background research to identify more search terms.
MeSH 2017 & CINAHL Headings

If you are using CINAHL, try searching the CINAHL Headings for synonyms.

If you are using MEDLINE, try searching MeSH 2017 for synonyms.

If you are using multiple databases, you will see a heading in the same place that says “Subjects.”
Topic as a sentence/question:
Does hand washing reduce hospital acquired infections?

Keywords:
Hand washing, hospital acquired infections

Synonyms or related terms:
- Hand washing: Handwashing, Hand Disinfection
- Hospital acquired infection: Cross Infection
Topic to Search Term Example
Advanced Search Tricks for Efficient Searching

“hand washing”

OR

handwashing

OR

Hand disinfect*

AND

Your Results

Hospital acquired infection

OR

Cross infect*

* - Acts as a wildcard (any number of letters can go here)

“” - Makes those words show up together in that order in your results
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OR

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Searching: CINAHL with Full Text | Choose Databases

hand disinfect* or handwashing or hand was

Select a Field (option...)

Search

Clear

AND

cross infection or hospital acquire

Select a Field (option...)

AND

Basic Search Advanced Search Search History
How do we find journal articles?

Especially those peer-reviewed articles!

Library Website has 3 ways:

- **Databases by Subject** – good for beginners
- **Find an Article** – quick links to databases
- **Find a Journal Title** – you already know the journal title and/or are trying to find a specific article you know exists
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Use Google Scholar as a Last Resort

We **don’t** recommend Google Scholar as your first stop for research. Here’s why:

- You won’t get the same articles you would from a database
- Can’t sort popular from scholarly (peer-reviewed)
- Can’t limit to full text
- You only have access to what is freely available

The library pays for subscriptions to databases filled with high-quality content that you **cannot** access with Google Scholar.
If you must use Google...

- Look for well-known online news sources, magazines, or blogs
- .gov, .edu, and .org sites are *usually* more trustworthy
- Be extra critical in evaluating sources you find on the open web
  - Who is the author?
  - Has this been edited in any way?
  - Opinion or objective?
  - Read the About or Mission Statement
Help!! I need help!!

- Library Guides *made by KC Librarians*
  - Help you get started with research
  - General “How-To”s
  - Video Tutorials, Links, Information
  - Guides made just for you! CPS guides
Help!! I need help!!

- Citation & Formatting Help
  - Library Website – Links on the right
  - Email me for an APA check (allow 24 hours)
  - Email the Writing Center for a thorough check (allow 48 hours): asapwritinghelp@keuka.edu
Help!! I need help!!

- Contact Us!!
  - Chat window
  - Ask a Librarian
  - Phone: Reference & Circulation Desks
  - Email me: ahiggins@keuka.edu