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## Nursing Research Resources



*This is a general guide for locating books, journal articles, and Web resources on this topic. Please contact the librarian at the end of the document if you need further assistance or drop by the reference desk to ask for help at any time.*

### Finding Books in the Library Catalog

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The most efficient way to find books related to your research is to search the Prescott Memorial Library Catalog using keywords or subject terms. If the list of book titles seems to be on the topic you want, look for additional titles using the blue links on the side of the screen or in the "Details" record.

If you prefer to just browse the shelves, you can look for books and print journals beginning with RT call numbers. Circulating books are located on the 9<sup>th</sup> floor, print journals on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor and reference books are located on the 2<sup>nd</sup> or main floor.

**Electronic Books (e-Books)** - We have growing number of books available in electronic format which means they are read from your computer screen and pages from them can be copied on your computer printer. Two companies that offer a nice collection of science-related books are:

**Knovel** - books are searchable by title and subject; also offers a number of good, technical Reference books; pages are PDF friendly allowing the user to print whole chapters at one time

**NetLibrary** - books are searchable in the library catalog as well as the supplier's site; over 60,000 in the collection with a number of handy Reference tools. Below are just a few Interesting titles:

*Holistic Nursing: A Handbook for Practice, 4<sup>th</sup> ed. (Dossey)*

*Manual of I.V. Therapeutics, 4<sup>th</sup> ed. (Phillips)*

*The Emotionally Intelligent Nurse Leader (M. Moss)*

### Reference Books

*American Hospital Guide to the Health Care Field* REF RA977 .A1 A46

*Davis's Manual of Nursing Therapeutics for Diseases and Disorders* REF RT51 .S66 1997

*Encyclopedia & Dictionary of Medicine, Nursing, & Allied Health* REF R121 .M56 1992

*Encyclopedia of Health and Information Sources* REF R129 .E5

*Encyclopedia of Life Sciences* REF QH302.5 .E525 2002

*Handbook of Nursing Diagnosis, 6<sup>th</sup> ed. (Carpenito)* REF RT48.6 .C385 1995

*Merck Manual of Diagnosis and Therapy* REF RC55 .M4 1999

*Mosby's Medical, Nursing, & Allied Health Dictionary* REF R121 .M89 1998

*Nurse's Legal Handbook, 5<sup>th</sup> ed.* REF RT86.73 .N855 2004

*Nursing98 Drug Handbook* REF RM301.12 .N87 1998

*Physician's Desk Reference (PDR), 2005* REF RS75 .P5

*Professional Guide to Diseases*, 8<sup>th</sup> ed. REF RT65 .P69 2005  
*Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association (APA)* REF BF76.7 .P83  
*Stedman's Concise Medical Dictionary for the Health Professions: Illustrated* REF R121 .S8 2001  
*Taber's Cyclopedic Medical Dictionary* REF R121 .T144 1989  
*The Medical Word Finder: A Reversal Medical Dictionary* REF R121 .H232 1987

## Finding Articles in Journals

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Unless you know the title of an article or journal for your research, you will use the online indexes to locate scholarly journal articles. Some of the articles are available in full-text format, so that you can view them and print them while at your computer. Some of the articles will be found in our print journals located on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor, and you will use the "Search the Tech Catalog" link to get the call number so you can find the journal and make a copy of the article.

Keep in mind that we do not have access to all of the articles listed. However, if you find a citation that sounds perfect for your research paper and it is not available through the library, consider using the InterLibrary Loan option located under "Library Services" from the library homepage.

### Online Article Indexes

To find online citations and some full text articles on your topic: 1) click *Find: Articles* on the homepage, then 2) click *Indexes & Databases* button to see an entire list of the library's indexes and databases. Recommended Indexes are listed below:

**Academic Search Complete** - Very good multidisciplinary index with many full-text online articles

**Academic Universe / Lexis Nexis** - Full text online medical news from major national and international news sources, updated daily

**Alt Health Watch** - Full text database from 180 publications covering complementary and alternative medicine

**Biological Abstracts** - Comprehensive life science and biomedical research database from more than 4,000 journals containing nearly 7.7 million citations; limited full-text

\***CINAHL Plus** - *abstracts with* some full-text to more than 3000 nursing and allied health journals from the fields of nursing and allied health

\***HealthSource** - Database providing full text scholarly articles for over 600 journals and abstracts for 850 journals covering many medical disciplines (1975-present).

**Medline** - Index to international biomedical literature from National Library of Medicine from over 4,800 journals; primarily abstracts (1989-present)

**Psychology & Behavioral Collection** - Nearly 575 full-text publications, including nearly 550 peer-reviewed titles.

**PsycInfo** - Contains more than 2.3 million citations, abstracts, or full-text of scholarly journal articles, book chapters, and dissertations dating back to 1800's

**PubMed** - National Library of Medicine web site with over 16 million citations to biomedical articles; PubMed Central provides full text articles and other related resources. (1950's-present)

**SocIndex** - Covers over 4,000 journals, 547 books and 6,711 conference papers in sociology and related subjects

*\*Indicates a core Index*

## Specific Journal Titles

To find journal titles when you already have a citation or know a specific journal you want to find, follow these 3 steps: 1) click *Find: Articles* on the homepage, 2) click *Journals* button 3) type the journal title in the first box to see if it is available electronically or in the second box to see if it available in print in the library.

**A-Z Electronic Journals** - lists all of the library's journals available in full-text format and provides links to the journal articles. Some key titles include:

*American Journal of Public Health* (1975-present) - Online

*Journal of Nursing Management* (1998-present) - Online, with 1 yr. embargo

*Nursing Philosophy* (2000-present) - Online, with 1 yr. embargo

**Prescott Memorial Library Catalog** - allows you to search for the journal in the library collection and provides the call number to locate the journal on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor of the library. Some key titles include:

*American Journal of Nursing* (1960-present) - Print Call No. RT1.A5

*Nursing* (1978-present) - Print Call No. RT1.N76 / Online, with 1 month embargo

*Nursing Management* (1985-present) - Print Call No. RT1.S9 / Online, with 1 month embargo

*Nursing Outlook* (1953-present) - Print Call No. RT1.N273 / Online

*Nursing Research* (1973-present) - Print Call No. RT1.N8

*Research in Nursing & Health* (1988-present) - Print Call No. RT81.5.R46 / Online

*RN* (1963-present) - Print Call No. RT1 .R2 / Online

## Reference Resources

Additional links to resources are located under the "Biological Sciences" and "Health Sciences" subject headings.

## Web Resources

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Information retrieved from the open Web must be reviewed for **authority, accuracy and authenticity**. Even with these limitations, there are some excellent information resources available particularly those associated with government agencies, universities and organizations.

### Informational Guides

[Allnurses.com](http://www.allnurses.com/) (http://www.allnurses.com/)

Gateway to associations, medical resources, employment, continuing education, student nursing, and more.

[Hardin MD Meta Directory of Internet Health Sources](http://www.lib.uiowa.edu/hardin/md) (http://www.lib.uiowa.edu/hardin/md)

Comprehensive meta directory that provides access to resource lists in medical and health-related subjects.

[HealthWeb Nursing](http://healthweb.org/browse.cfm?subjectid=60) (http://healthweb.org/browse.cfm?subjectid=60)

Listing of nursing-related links categorized by academic institutions, associations, career resources, discussion groups, and research resources.

[Nursing Sites on the World Wide Web](http://ublib.buffalo.edu/libraries/units/hsl/internet/nsgsites.html) (http://ublib.buffalo.edu/libraries/units/hsl/internet/nsgsites.html)

Provided by University at Buffalo Health Sciences Library.

[Resources for Nurses and Families](http://pegasus.cc.ucf.edu/~wink/) (http://pegasus.cc.ucf.edu/~wink/)

Comprehensive guide including links to general and specialty nursing sites and to resources on books and journals, specific health conditions, nursing informatics, and funding opportunities.

[Yahoo: Health: Nursing](http://dir.yahoo.com/Health/Nursing/) (http://dir.yahoo.com/Health/Nursing/)

Searchable by nursing-related categories or link directly to the most popular nursing web sites.

### Informational Sites

[Centre for Evidence Based Nursing](http://www.york.ac.uk/healthsciences/centres/evidence/cebn.htm) (http://www.york.ac.uk/healthsciences/centres/evidence/cebn.htm)

From the Department of Health Studies at the University of York and concerned with furthering EBN through education, research and development.

[Death and Dying](http://dying.miningco.com/) (http://dying.miningco.com/)

Resources for professionals who work with the bereaved or the dying.

[End-of-Life Nursing Education Consortium \(ELNEC\) Project](http://www.aacn.nche.edu/el nec) (http://www.aacn.nche.edu/el nec)

Comprehensive, national education program to improve end-of-life care by nurses with goals to develop a core of expert nursing educators and coordinate nursing education efforts in end-of-life care.

[EOL/Palliative Care Educational Resources](http://www.aahpm.org/resources/) (http://www.aahpm.org/resources/)

Central repository for educational materials and information about end of life issues.

[Interagency Collaborative on Nursing Statistics](http://www.iconsdata.org/) (http://www.iconsdata.org/)

Contains nurse, nursing education, and nursing workforce definitions endorsed by the 12 top U.S. nursing organizations that comprise the Interagency Collaborative on Nursing Statistics.

[John A. Hartford Foundation Institute for Geriatric Nursing](http://www.hartfordign.org/) (http://www.hartfordign.org/)

Dedicated to geriatric nursing and includes information on providing, teaching, learning, and administering best nursing practices to geriatric patients.

[Medscape: Nurses](http://www.medscape.com/nurseshome) (http://www.medscape.com/nurseshome)

Comprehensive web site providing access to medical information and educational tools covering all aspects of nursing care.

[National Council of State Boards of Nursing](http://www.ncsbn.org/) (http://www.ncsbn.org/)

Provides information on nursing regulation and licensure.

[National Institute of Nursing Research](http://www.nih.gov/ninr) (http://www.nih.gov/ninr)

Part of the National Institutes of Health (NIH) which supports clinical and basic research aimed at establishing a scientific basis for patient care and contains a list of research funding opportunities.

[Nurses for a Healthier Tomorrow](http://www.nursesource.org/) (http://www.nursesource.org/)

Web site devoted to the nursing shortage. Consists of a coalition of 42 nursing and health care organizations campaigning to attract people to the nursing profession.

[Nurses.com](http://www.nurses.com/) (http://www.nurses.com/)

Links to online catalogs and products, a news and analysis section, a career center, training information, and a resource center. Alerts registered users via email about new material on the site.

[NurseZone.com](http://www.nursezone.com/) (http://www.nursezone.com/)

Articles and columns written by experts, updates on the latest in nursing and healthcare innovations, free continuing education contact hours, and links to other useful Web sites.

[Nursing Theorists](http://www.valdosta.edu/nursing/history_theory/theory.html) (http://www.valdosta.edu/nursing/history\_theory/theory.html)

Produced by the College of Nursing at Valdosta State University

[Nursing World](http://www.nursingworld.org/) (http://www.nursingworld.org/)

The official web site of the American Nurses Association.

[NursingCenter](http://www.nursingcenter.com/home/index.asp) (http://www.nursingcenter.com/home/index.asp)

Portal for nurses containing cover-to-cover content from over 30 top nursing journals, an up-to-date online continuing education (CE) collection, a career center, nursing community forums, and more.

[Palliative Care: One Vision. One Voice.](http://www.palliativecarenursing.net/) (http://www.palliativecarenursing.net/)

Nurses share information with other professionals about initiatives and projects related to improving patient care at the end of life.

[RNCentral](http://www.rncentral.com/) (http://www.rncentral.com/)

Careplans, Chat, Library Links, NurseLibs, and Tip o' the Day.

[RNWeb](http://www.rnweb.com/) (http://www.rnweb.com/)

Articles and resources from RN, legal questions and answers, a management help line, earnings survey, drug center - which features the PDR Nurses' Handbook drug database - and ethics.

[StopPain.org at Beth Israel Medical Center](http://www.stoppain.org/) (http://www.stoppain.org/)

Maintained by the Department of Pain Medicine and Palliative Care at Beth Israel Medical Center and includes authoritative information on palliative care and pain medicine.

[The Nursing Theory Page](http://www.sandiego.edu/nursing/theory) (http://www.sandiego.edu/nursing/theory)

A collaborative international effort devoted to providing information about nursing theories

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