



Nursing Researcher Toolkit

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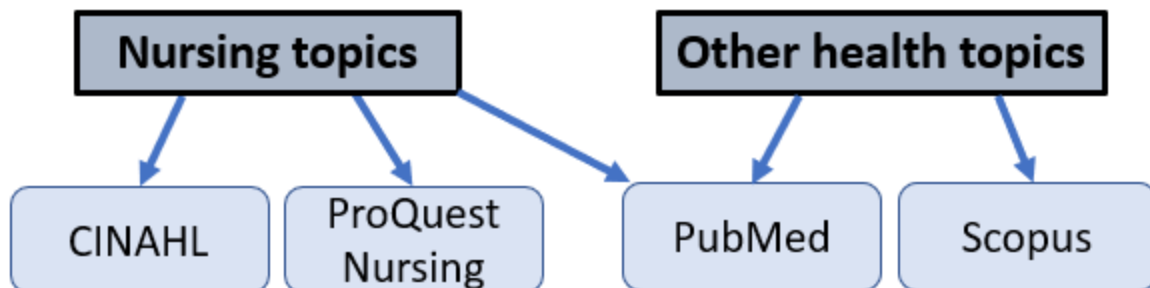
Searching and accessing resources

Start at the Falvey Library homepage at: <https://library.villanova.edu/> or

Go directly to the main Nursing guide: <https://library.villanova.edu/research/subject-guides/nursing>

Selecting an appropriate database

Picking the right database can make all the difference in getting good search results. **CINAHL** and **PubMed** are generally considered core databases to search for nursing and health-related literature. However, there are many databases that may be better suited depending on your topic.



Other databases to consider

PsycInfo (psychology)

ERIC (education)

Business Source Premier

Sociological Abstracts

**These and many others can be found on Falvey's [Databases A to Z page](#)*

Quick database search tips

<p>Put your search terms, including synonyms, in the search box separated by OR.</p> <p>Use parentheses to group similar terms together. Add terms for a separate concept using AND.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>AND, OR & NOT are Boolean operators</i></p> <div style="border: 1px solid #ccc; padding: 5px; margin-bottom: 10px;"> <p>Searching: CINAHL with Full Text Choose Databases</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Suggest Subject Terms</p> <p>obesity OR overweight OR obese <input type="text"/></p> <p style="text-align: right;">Search</p> </div> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>This is called nesting</i></p> <div style="border: 1px solid #ccc; padding: 5px;"> <p>Searching: CINAHL with Full Text Choose Databases</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Suggest Subject Terms</p> <p>(obesity OR overweight) AND (diabetes or diabetic) <input type="text"/></p> <p style="text-align: right;">Search</p> </div>
<p>Search for the root of word and add an asterisk to yield all variations of the word.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>This is called truncation</i></p> <div style="border: 1px solid #ccc; padding: 5px;"> <p>Searching: CINAHL with Full Text Choose Databases</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Suggest Subject Terms</p> <p>educat* <input type="text"/></p> <p style="text-align: right;">Search</p> </div>
<p>Search for specific words together by adding “quotes” around phrase.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>This is called phrase searching</i></p> <div style="border: 1px solid #ccc; padding: 5px;"> <p>Searching: CINAHL with Full Text Choose Databases</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Suggest Subject Terms</p> <p>"fall prevention" OR "fall reduction" OR "fall control" <input type="text"/></p> <p style="text-align: right;">Search</p> </div>

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