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Electronic Resources

The sources listed below have been compiled for students as a starting point for conducting research on the World Wide Web, through subscription databases, and via our online catalog. Students are encouraged to continue their research using the print resources beginning on page number four.

EBSCOhost Databases:

AARP Ageline (http://www.aarp.org/research/ageline/)

Academic Search Premier
This multi-disciplinary database (covering many subjects) offers abstracts and full-text articles from thousands of magazines as well as scholarly journals; many are peer-reviewed or scholarly publications.

CINAHL with Full Text
The most comprehensive CINAHL database which includes all content in CINAHL plus almost four hundred additional journals. Content includes: books, dissertations, conference proceedings, clinical trials, and more (600,000 plus full text records.)

Clinical Pharmacology (now incorporated in Health Source)
Find brief but up-to-date information about all “U.S. drugs, herbal and nutritional supplements, over-the-counter products and new drugs.” Features include color images of pills and full-text back to the 1970’s.

ERIC - Educational Resource Information Center
Contains information on nurse practitioners, nursing students and naturally, nursing education.

Health Source: Nursing/Academic - This database provides nearly 550 scholarly full text journals focusing on many medical disciplines. Health Source: Nursing/Academic Edition also features abstracts and indexing for nearly 850 journals. This database is updated on a daily basis.

Medline

- MEDLINE uses the Medical Subject Heading (MeSH) vocabulary which includes many nursing subjects
  Ex. patient care planning
- CINAHL also uses MeSH but has additional subject headings more specific to nursing
  Ex. nursing care plans
- specific concepts may not have a subject heading but can be searched as a text phrase
  Ex. charting by exception

Mental Measurements Yearbook
USE FOR: 1) Finding test reviews, 2) Finding information on an instrument's validity and reliability, 3) Finding a description of a test

PsycINFO
PsycINFO covers journals in many health-related fields, including psychiatry, nursing, health administration, pharmacology, rehabilitation, and epidemiology. Abstracts from these journals deal with the behavioral causes and effects of physical disorders and behavioral treatments for physical illness
Internet Research

Note: When conducting research on the Internet, it will be helpful to consider a few points.

- The Internet is full of information that is not scholarly, updated, and/or unbiased.
- Use domain searching (.edu, .gov, .org.) to improve the quality of your searches. You can limit your searches by using the advanced features of search engines such as Google.
- Determine who wrote, gathered, or sponsored the page or information.
- Try to determine if the information is current by looking for a date listed when the site was created or last updated.
- You should be somewhat skeptical of sites that contain a lot of advertising for products or services.

Selected U.S. Government Web Sites

The United States federal government gathers tremendous amounts of information and statistics on a wide array of subjects. The Websites below are excellent places to start searching for nursing information.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
http://www.cdc.gov/
Information on this site can be useful for professionals and the general public. Highlights of the site include a link to “fast stats” health related statistics organized by state or major illness. The A-Z index lists more than 500 hundred health related topics and diseases or visitors can easily search the entire site by using their search box. Statistical information and links are provided on such diverse topics as nutrition, minor and chronic illness, injury, mortality, genetics and genomics, biological hazards, and health issues for women, men, teens, and children.

CAM on PubMed
The National Center for Complementary and Alternative Medicine (NCCAM) and the National Library of Medicine (NLM) partnered to create this database, which is a subset of PubMed.

Combined Health Information Database (CHID)
http://chid.nih.gov/
CHID is a bibliographic database produced by Federal health-related agencies. It provides titles, abstracts, and availability information for health information and health education resources. 12 major topical areas are covered, each of which can be searched separately. Updated quarterly.

Health, United States
http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/hus.htm
Core reference source for government-compiled health statistics. Provides trend tables that are updated as new data becomes available.

Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report
http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/
Contains statistics on selected diseases reported to the Center for Disease Control by state health departments.

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National Center for Health Statistics
http://www.cdc.gov/nchs
Includes data on vital events, health status, lifestyle, exposure to unhealthy events, the onset and diagnosis of illness and disability, and the use of health care.

The National Institute of Nursing Research
http://ninr.nih.gov/ninr/index.html
A website with information about conferences, events, publications, scientific advances and links to other excellent sites.

National Network of Libraries of Medicine
http://nnlm.gov/training/nursing/sampler.html
The NNLM has gathered an excellent and varied selection of links for nursing professionals.

The United States Department of Health and Human Services
http://www.hhs.gov
Their site contains extensive links to reference material such as encyclopedias, dictionaries, reports, online publications.

Sources of Statistics:

Statistical Abstract of the United States
http://www.census.gov/prod/ww/sstatistical-abstract-us.html
This site provides statistical information about health and nutrition, vital statistics, and populations among many other categories that may be useful for your research purposes.

State Health Facts Online
http://www.statehealthfacts.kff.org/
This site from the Henry J. Kaiser Family Foundation contains the latest state-level data on demographics, health, and health policy, including health coverage, access, financing, and state legislation.

Selected Websites:

Merck Manuals Online Medical Library
(http://www.merck.com/mmpe/index.html)
As a service to the community, the content of The Manuals is now available in enhanced online versions as part of The Merck Manuals Online Medical Library. The Online Medical Library is updated periodically with new information, and contains photographs, and audio and video material not present in the print versions.

Centre for Evidence-Based Medicine
http://www.cebm.net/index.asp
Site produced by the Oxford-Centre for Evidence Based Medicine. Includes sections on learning, doing, and teaching evidence-based medicine. Toolbox includes tips on asking focused clinical questions, searching MEDLINE for the best evidence, and a glossary of terms.

Free Medical Journals
http://www.freemedicaljournals.com
A website that offers a directory of online journals freely available on the web. Journals are organized by both title and specialty.

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Kent State University Nursing Homepage  
http://www.library.kent.edu/page/10165  
The “Web Sites of Interest” section located on Kent State’s Library page leads to many excellent online sources of nursing information for professionals and the general public.

Medline Plus  
http://www.medlineplus.gov/  
This site, sponsored by the National Library of Medicine, contains a wealth of information including news, tutorials, a dictionary, a medical encyclopedia, surgery videos, and links to additional “resources that provide online health information.”

Nursing Spectrum  
http://www.nursingspectrum.com/  
This online publication has a unique “Nursing Web Search” feature that allows you to search only pre-selected online resources in your field. It also has an extensive “Educational Resources” page with state by state links to other Nursing programs. The site includes helpful links to associations, legislation, and periodicals.

The Online Journal of Issues in Nursing  
http://www.nursingworld.org/ojin/index.htm  
A free peer-reviewed online journal published jointly by The American Nurses Association and the Kent State University College of Nursing. “It presents different perspectives on topics that affect nursing practice, research, and education, thus enabling readers to understand the full complexity of a particular topic.”

Rosenthal Center for Complementary and Alternative Medicine  
http://www.rosenthal.hs.columbia.edu/  
This site lists resources organized for the specific needs of patients and consumers and of professionals and researchers. Lists the criteria used for selection.

The University of Delaware  
http://www2.lib.udel.edu/subj/nurs/internet.htm  
Internet Resources for Nurses.

Other Internet sites:

American Nurses Association  
http://www.ana.org

Hardin Meta Directory of Internet Health Sources (The University of Iowa)  
http://www.lib.uiowa.edu/hardin/md/index.html

Nursing Theory Page  
http://www.sandiego.edu/academics/nursing/theory/

Nursing Theory Link Page  
http://healthsci.clayton.edu/eichelberger/nursing.htm

The University of Pittsburgh’s School of Nursing  
http://www.pitt.edu/~nursing/news_events/nurinfoonweb.html  
Unique content includes links to many diverse nursing organizations, news sources, and nursing history.
### Print Resources

#### Dictionaries

- **AMERICAN HERITAGE STEDMAN’S MEDICAL DICTIONARY.**
  REF R121 .A53 2004

- **BLACK’S MEDICAL DICTIONARY.**
  REF R 121 .B598 2004

- **CONCISE DICTIONARY OF SCIENTIFIC BIOGRAPHY.**
  REF Q141 .C55 1981

- **DICTIONARY OF AMERICAN NURSING BIOGRAPHY.**
  REF RT34 .D53 1988

- **DICTIONARY OF NURSING THEORY AND RESEARCH. 2nd ed.**
  REF RT81.5 .P69 1995

- **INTERNATIONAL DICTIONARY OF MEDICINE AND BIOLOGY.**
  REF R121 .I58 1986

- **MANAGED HEALTH CARE DICTIONARY. 2nd ed.**
  REF RA413 .R58 1998

- **MELLONI’S ILLUSTRATED MEDICAL DICTIONARY.**
  REF R121 .D76 2002

- **MOSBY’S MEDICAL AND NURSING DICTIONARY. 2nd ed.**
  REF R121 .M89 1986

- **STEDMAN’S MEDICAL DICTIONARY. 25th ed.**
  REF R121 .S8 1989

- **TABER’S CYCLOPEDIC MEDICAL DICTIONARY. 14th ed.**
  REF R121 .T144 1981

#### Directories

- **NATIONAL DIRECTORY OF NURSE PRACTITIONER LEGISLATION.**
  REF RT82.2 .N38 1996

- **NATIONAL NURSING DIRECTORY.**
  REF RT25 .U5 L38 1982

- **STATE DRUG RESOURCES: NATIONAL DIRECTORY.**
  HV5825 .S86 1994

#### Encyclopedias

- **AMERICAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION’S COMPLETE MEDICAL ENCYCLOPEDIA.**
  REF RC81.A2 A497 2003

- **BIOGRAPHICAL ENCYCLOPEDIA OF SCIENTISTS.**
  REF Q141 .B53 1981

- **ENCYCLOPEDIA AND DICTIONARY OF MEDICINE, NURSING, AND ALLIED HEALTH. 3rd ed.**
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Nursing, Health Care, and Medical Periodicals at Wilmington College

Nursing
- Advances in Nursing
- American Journal of Nursing
- American Nurse
- ANS, Advances in Nursing Science
- Case Manager
- CCQ, Critical Care Quarterly
- Child Development
- Clinical Nursing Research
- Clinician Reviews
- Computers, Informatics, Nursing
- Contemporary Pediatrics
- Critical Care Nursing Quarterly
- Geriatric Nursing
- Geriatrics
- Image: The Journal of Nursing Scholarship
- Journal of Advanced Nursing
- Journal of Community Health Nursing
- Journal of Family Nursing
- Journal of Holistic Nursing
- Journal of Nursing Administration
- Journal of Nursing Education
- Journal of Nursing Scholarship
- Journal of Obstetric, Gynecologic and Neonatal Nursing: JOGNN
- Journal of Professional Nursing
- Journal of Psychosocial Nursing & Mental Health
- Journal of School Nursing
- Journal of the American Academy of Nurse Practitioners
- Journal of Transcultural Nursing
- MCN: The American Journal of Maternal Child Nursing
- Nurse Educator
- Nurse Practitioner
- Nurse Practitioner Forum
- Nursing Administration Quarterly
- Nursing Clinics of North America
- Nursing Economics
- Nursing Education Perspectives
- Nursing Law’s Regan Report
- Nursing Leadership Forum
- Nursing Management
- Nursing Outlook
- Nursing Research
- Nursing Science Quarterly
- Nursing Standard
- Nursing Times
- Oncology Nursing Forum
- Pain Management Nursing
- Pediatric Nursing
- Primary Care
- Rehabilitation Nursing
- RN
- Western Journal of Nursing Research

Health Care
- American Journal of Public Health
- Family & Community Health
- Health
- Health Care Management Review
- Health Services Research: HSR
- Hospitals & Health Networks
- JCAH Perspectives – Joint Commission on Accreditation of Hospitals
- Joint Commission Journal on Quality Improvement
- JONA’s Healthcare Law, Ethics, and Regulation
- Journal of Healthcare Management
- Journal of Public Health Management and Practice
- Nursing and Health Care Perspectives
- Public Health Nursing

Medical
- Journal of Family Practice
- New England Journal of Medicine