Research Guide for Nursing 211: Print Sources and Catalog Searching

How Do I Find Books at the Library?
Use the Library’s online catalog to find encyclopedias and books.
1) Start from the Library’s Homepage:
   http://www.glendale.edu/library/
2) Click the Catalog tab or the Find books and more link.
3) Choose search mode: Advanced, Basic, E-books, Course Reserves, etc.
4) Type your search terms into text boxes; Click Search.

Reference Books
Although you may not check reference books out, the reference collection is a good place to begin your research. Use reference books to provide definitions, terminology, and overviews of topics.

Gale encyclopedia of nursing & allied health 610.7303 G151
Handbook of medical-surgical nursing 610.73 H236, 2002
Historical encyclopedia of nursing 610.7309 S673h
Intravenous medications: a handbook for nurses and allied professionals 615.855 G136i, 2005
Nursing diagnosis reference manual 610.73 S736n, 2001
PDR nurse’s drug handbook 615.1 S767p, 2003
Taylor’s clinical nursing skills: a nursing process approach 610.73 E92t

Circulating Books
These examples of circulating book titles reflect the broad range of items on nursing in our collection:

Health assessment in nursing 610.73 W374, 2003
Nutrition essentials for nursing practice 615.854 D845n, 2006
Applying nursing process: a tool for critical thinking 610.73 A385a, 2006
Family violence and nursing practice 362.173 A568t, 2003
Transcultural concepts in nursing care 362.173068 M357L, 2006
Nursing diagnosis manual: planning, individualizing…client care 610.73 D651nu
Leadership roles and management functions in nursing… 362.173068 M357L, 2006

Print Journal and Magazines
The most recent periodicals will be located in the center of the library in the reading area. Back issues of periodicals are located on the fourth floor in the center of the library and are alphabetically arranged by title of the periodical. Following are a selection of periodicals related to nursing:

American Journal of Clinical Nutrition JAMA
American Journal of Public Health Health
Medicine and Science in Sports and Health Nation’s Health
New England Journal of Medicine Nutrition Today

Based on this list, you can see why we rely on electronic database subscriptions to provide most of the periodical literature in the health sciences.

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Some Useful Websites:

AgeLine Database
http://www.aarp.org/research/ageline/
AARP’s site provides health information pertinent to the elderly as well as information on policies and legislation that directly impact the healthcare for senior citizens.

Health Topics A to Z
http://health.nih.gov/
Sponsored by the National Institutes of Health, the most notable features of this site are the links organized by body location/body systems as well as by condition/disease. In addition, quick links are available for health issues associated with specific populations such as children and teens, women, senior citizens, and minorities.

Herbal Safety
http://www.herbalsafety.utep.edu/default.htm
This is an excellent website for medical and scientific information and research findings on herbs and related products; the most useful information are the individual linked fact sheets that include scientific names, origins, uses, and effects of herbs.

RN Central
http://www.rncentral.com/
The most useful resource on this site is “Careplan Corner,” which contains ‘predefined nursing care plans under three categories: Altered/Alterations, Impaired/Impairment, and General. Some examples for student use are “Comfort: Chest Pain,” and “Physical Mobility.” Users may copy, save, or print and modify any of the plans’ or print out and fill in a blank template careplan.

Transcultural and Multicultural Health Links
http://web.nmsu.edu/~ebosman/trannurs/links.shtml
Compilation of research, resources, and links on nursing care to specific ethnic, religious, and special populations. Also find excellent information on care plans, care plan software, and case studies from the link “Nursing.” This site is very well organized and user friendly.

World Health News
http://www.worldhealthnews.harvard.edu/
Provides original articles as well as a digest of news and commentaries worldwide related to international public health issues.

Be skeptical of information you find on the web. Remember to critically evaluate websites for:

- Authority and current contact information (individual and/or organizational)
- Accuracy and Sources Cited (compare it with what you know and other sources you know are reliable)
- Advocacy and Objectivity (is there an agenda? is the web site trying to sell you a procedure or a specific medication?)
- Coverage (how complete is the information?)
- Currency (medical science information depends on currency)
- Purpose and Audience (who is the target audience and does the purpose of the site match your information need?)