

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.

Tip: Subject headings succinctly describe the content of an item. (The Basic subject search mode uses subject headings rather than key words.) Enter the subject heading examples below to find lists of related items for browsing:

- Nursing Assessment
- Nursing Diagnosis
- Nursing Handbooks, Manuals
- Nursing Mathematics
- Nursing Philosophy
- Nursing Research
- Nursing Services Administration

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.

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

Circulating Books

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

<i>Health assessment in nursing</i>	610.73 W374, 2003
<i>Nutrition essentials for nursing practice</i>	615.854 D845n, 2006
<i>Applying nursing process: a tool for critical thinking</i>	610.73 A385a, 2006
<i>Family violence and nursing practice</i>	362.82928 H927f
<i>Transcultural concepts in nursing care</i>	362.173 A568t, 2003
<i>Nursing diagnosis manual: planning, individualizing...client care</i>	610.73 D651nu
<i>Leadership roles and management functions in nursing...</i>	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:

<i>American Journal of Clinical Nutrition</i>	<i>JAMA</i>
<i>American Journal of Public Health</i>	<i>Health</i>
<i>Medicine and Science in Sports and Health</i>	<i>Nation's Health</i>
<i>New England Journal of Medicine</i>	<i>Nutrition Today</i>

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/rlinks.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?)