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# Nursing

## Finding Resources

As a health care professional, it is important for you to stay informed about new developments and procedures. Doing so allows you to give your patients the best care possible.

If you want to find the most recent and reliable information, use the library databases

Sometimes the way you word your search will change the results you receive. If you are researching a phrase, try putting the phrase in quotation marks. It isn't always necessary; however, if you just enter the words with no quotation marks, the computer might search the database for each instance of each word used, instead of for the words as a phrase. For any database, mark the Full Text box, if you want to

see the entire article.

The following databases will be most helpful in researching health care topics:

**CINAHL Plus:** Searchable full text for over 1100 journals in nursing and allied health. Use the Evidence-Based Care Sheets and Quick Lessons, too.

**Health & Wellness Resources Center:** Medical references, such as Gale Encyclopedia of Medicine and PDR Family Guide to Health and Nutrition.

**Health Reference Center: Academic:** Articles on health topics..

**Health Source: Nursing/Academic:** Full text articles from over 500 journals in the

health fields.

**MEDLINE(EBSCO):** Search for articles in over 4000 biomedical journals.

**Science and Medical Art Imagebase:** Study anatomy. View animations of medical procedures.

**STAT!Ref:** Electronic medical library containing numerous resources, such as Davis's Drug Guide for Nurses, Current Medical Diagnosis and Treatment, The Merck Manual of Diagnosis and Therapy, Nurse's Pocket Guide: Diagnoses, Prioritized Interventions, and Rationales, and more.

## Accessing the Library Off-Campus

Current students can access the databases from home, if they have an internet connection. Just go to our website at <http://kcfac.kilgore.edu/library>. Click on Databases & Indexes or go to the Database & Index Quick Links. Use the drop down box to select a database. At this

point, a screen will appear asking for your username and password. Your username is your last name. Your password is made up of the first four letters of your last name, the first four letters of your first name, and the last four numbers of your Social Security Number.

If you have a question or have problems accessing the library off-campus, please call us at 903-983-8237.

You can also use the Ask-A-Librarian email service found on the library home page.



Reference books are great sources of information!

Use the online Library Catalog to find books and ebooks.

Use the Online Tutorial to learn more ways to search.



## Journals, Ejournals & Internet

The library has journals in print and online for your use.

To view ejournals, go to the library home page. Click on **e-Journals** under **Find Articles**. In the search box, enter your terms, such as **Nursing** or **Health**.

The results page will list ejournals containing your search term in the journal title. Under the title of the ejournal will be a list of our databases in which the ejournal articles can be found.

Once you have gotten a results page, you can click on the title of a database. From here, you can select which year and even which issue of a journal to search. You can view all available article titles found in a particular issue.

### \*\*\*Internet Sites\*\*\*

When using internet sites, try to stick with those you know are reliable. Here are a few you might try:

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention: [www.cdc.gov](http://www.cdc.gov)

National Guideline Clearinghouse: [www.guideline.gov](http://www.guideline.gov)

National Library of Medicine: [www.nlm.nih.gov](http://www.nlm.nih.gov)



## Books and Ebooks

Books can be found from the library's home page using the library's online catalog. Books that can be checked out of the library are located on the second floor, in the main collection.

Randolph C. Watson Library uses the Library of Congress classification system. The LC classifications for nursing,

medicine and health related areas are: R, RA, RB, RC, RD, RE, RF, RG, RJ, RK, RL, RM, RS, RT, RV, RX, RZ.

Many books are available in ebook form. While we may not have these books in print form, we do have them available to be read from your computer screen.

To view an ebook, click on the title of the book on the results page of your online catalog search. Next, click the **Linked Resources** where it says **Click to access online book**. Then, click **View this eBook** to go to the book. You may now read the book page by page.

## Online Tutorial

If you were unable to attend a library instruction class, if you slept through the class, or if you just can't remember how to use the library resources, check out the tutorials on the library's home page.

Look for **Tutorials** on the right-hand side of the page, under **Quick Links**.

Some of our vendors provide more information about searching their databases. The tutorial contains information on how to access the vendor

instructions. This is also a good way to get accustomed to using the databases.

Good luck! I hope you all do well in the nursing program.