Selected Nursing Resources

CINAHL Plus (articles in Nursing Journals)

- Available through the Library Home Page (http://library.csustan.edu).
  Click on Journal Articles ➔ Articles by Subject ➔ Nursing ➔ CINAHL
- The main database for nursing research, covers 700,000 articles published in 700 nursing and allied health journals dating back to 1937.
- Use core terms and concepts, not sentences, and combine different search terms with the word and (for example, wound healing and diabetes).
- To limit to just research articles, in the Advanced search find the Publication Type menu and chose Research.
- Read the abstracts and subject headings in the records to get ideas for other search terms. Use can also use the (CINAHL Headings) button toward the top of the screen to look for "official" search terms.
- Look for PDF Full-Text or click to see if our library owns a particular journal or if the article is available online.

MEDLINE/PubMED (articles in Medical Journals)

- Available through the Library Home Page (http://library.csustan.edu).
  Click on Journal Articles ➔ Articles by Subject ➔ Nursing
- The main database for medical research, listing over 7 million articles published in 6000 bio-medical journals.
- The MEDLINE version is part of the CSU Stanislaus Thomson Web of Knowledge/Web of Science subscription. Use to see if the Library has the full-text online or to request an article via Interlibrary Loan.
- PUBMED is accessible to the entire public, but requires extra steps to access CSU Stanislaus library content.

For More Help:

- Reference Librarians
  Visit the library website under: Help ➔ Ask a Librarian
  Visit us in the library, via telephone (209-667-3233) or via online chat
- Librarian Liaison to Nursing:
  John Brandt (jbrandt@csustan.edu, 209-664-6563)
OneSearch

- Available through the Library Home Page (http://library.csustan.edu).
- **Articles** section includes huge interdisciplinary database covering 160 million articles in 40,000 journals. Searching for a topic will retrieve articles in many disciplines (including medicine, veterinary science, psychiatry, biology, business, etc.)
- Use the **Full Text Online** to access the article immediately online. If the library does not own it, use **No Full Text** link and/or **Get It** and you can request a copy via Interlibrary Loan (usually available in PDF in 1-4 days).
- **Books & Media** sections identify books available to CSU Stanislaus online, and print/hard-copy books shelved in all 23 CSU campus libraries. Physical books shelved off-campus (at a different CSU) can be requested via **CSU+** link and delivered or pick-up at the CSU Stanislaus library in 2-4 days.

Interlibrary Loan (materials not owned by the library)

From a **Find It!** menu, click on **Request via Interlibrary Loan**
-OR-
From library page, choose **Services → Interlibrary Loan**

- When the library does not own a book or journal, we can usually get a copy for you (often in 2-4 days) via one of our request services (CSU+ for books and Interlibrary Loan for articles and some books).
- No charge for current CSUS students, faculty and staff.
- The first time you use Interlibrary Loan, you’ll be prompted to register for a free account.

Off-Campus Access (via the library’s website)

- Available through the Library Home Page (http://library.csustan.edu).

- Most online library resources are not free to the general public, but may be accessed online (at home or elsewhere) with no charge to CSU Stanislaus students, faculty and staff via the Library’s website.
- When accessing a subscription via the Library’s site, if you are off-campus you’ll be prompted once each session for your campus User ID and password.
Finding Specific Types of Studies
Using the CINAHL database

Types of Studies as Subject Terms

CINAHL uses subject terms to categorize articles, and often assigns an article a type of study, such as Qualitative, Descriptive, Correlational, etc.

Under "Search Options", check the "Research Article" box

In the search boxes:
- In the first search box, type terms describing your topic.
- In the second search box, type a CINAHL study type in quotation marks:

"Correlational Studies" in MW Word in a Subject Heading

Some study types used as CINAHL subject headings:

Qualitative Studies
Quantitative Studies
Descriptive Research
Correlational Studies
Experimental Studies
Clinical Trials

All of the results should be of the appropriate type. In the article, read the abstract and/or the methodology section to confirm the type of study conducted.

To see a list of CINAHL study types,

Use the CINAHL Headings button (at the top of the CINAHL screen)

Search for “Study Design,” and click the “Study Design” link.

For These Tips and More: Library Page for Nursing 3700

Available via: 1. Library Website (http://library.csustan.edu)
2. Help / Research Guides
3. Nursing
4. Class Pages
Qualitative Studies (Clinical Query Option)

CINAHL has a second option to find qualitative studies. In addition to searching a subject term, the database provides a “Clinical Query” selector as a Search Option.

In the CINAHL Advanced Search screen, under the "Search Options" section:

- In the Clinical Queries limiter box, choose "Qualitative - Best Balance."
- Type in your search term or terms in the search boxes at the top of the page.

Note: this limit will be applied to any following searches until removed.

Systematic Reviews

To find systematic reviews in CINAHL, in the Search Options section of the (main) Advanced Search screen:

Under the Publication Type pulldown menu, select Systematic Review

Clinical Practice Guidelines

To find clinical practice guidelines in CINAHL, in the Search Options section of the (main) Advanced Search screen: this in the first search box:

- In the first search box, type "clinical practice guideline*"
  (including the quotation marks and the asterisk)
- Type your topic in the second search box.

Be sure to use the quotation marks, which searches the words as a phrase, and the asterisk, which brings back both singular and plural.

You'll need to look through your results list to see which ones are actual specific clinical practice guidelines and which ones merely refer to clinical practice guidelines in a general way. In addition, the online library page links to several sites that provide access to clinical practice guidelines.