

Finding Online Nursing Articles and Nursing Resources

Two EBSCO databases, **CINAHL** and **Health Source Nursing/Academic Edition**, are the definitive databases for nursing research. These databases provide access to more than 1,000 peer-reviewed full text nursing and medical journals.

The **CINAHL** and **Health Source Nursing** databases can be located by navigating the library homepage (www.tmcc.edu/library). At the library home page click **Databases and Journals**. At the next screen click **Electronic Articles**. A list of databases will appear. Click **EBSCO**. For home access a login (**truckee**) and password is required (**fall**). Remove the check mark next to the MasterFile Premier database. Scroll down the list of databases and place check marks in the boxes associated with **CINAHL Plus** and **Health Source Nursing Academic Edition**. Click the blue Continue button located at either the top or bottom of the page.

Four Sample searches: 1. **Diabetes and Nursing**; 2. **Elderly and Diabetes and Nursing**; 3. **Diabetes and Treatment and Nursing**; 4. **Diabetes and Cardiovascular**

Note the use of the word “**and**” between your search keywords to narrow your search. In addition, to find articles published within the last five years, the initial EBSCO search screen provides a date limiter. In this series of boxes enter the month and date associated with five years ago. For example: January and 2006. The “to date” will be this current month and year. Click search.

A list of retrieved articles will appear. This list is arranged in chronological order meaning the most current articles will appear first. The most recent articles are not necessarily the best. Change the screen **Sort by** function, located above the first retrieved article, from **Date Descending** to **Relevance**.

When you click on any of the article titles an **article abstract** automatically appears. An abstract is a brief summary of the article’s major points. It takes less than 30 seconds to read an abstract and it assists you in determining the relevancy of the article to your research. A quick reading of article abstracts will save you a considerable amount of time and effort. Often the article will be found just below the abstract, but sometimes you may have to click on the **PDF full text** link to retrieve the article.

The **APA citation** for each article can be accessed by clicking the **Cite page icon** located three to the right of the printer icon, located just above the article title. Copy and paste the APA citation into your works cited page. Example:

Jones, E., & Appel, S. (2008). Type 2 Diabetes: Fueling the Surge of Cardiovascular Disease in Women. *Nursing for Women's Health*, 12(6), 500-514. doi:10.1111/j.1751-486X.2008.00384.x.

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MedlinePlus:

At the library home page www.tmcc.edu/library click on **Databases**. Next click **Electronic Articles**. Click on **MedlinePlus**. MedlinePlus is a database produced by the National Library of Medicine and the National Institute of Health. MedlinePlus offers the following resources:

Medical Encyclopedia which includes for each disease:

- Illustrations
- Definition
- Causes, Incidence and Risk Factors
- Symptoms
- Signs and Tests
- Treatment
- Complications
- Prevention

A Drug Directory that includes:

- Why the Medicine is Prescribed
- How it is to be Used
- Precautions to Follow
- Dietary Instructions
- Side Effects

Interactive Tutorials for Procedures which includes:

- Anatomy of the Disease
- Diseases Related to the Test
- Procedure Options
- Before Procedure Protocol
- The Procedure Process
- Procedure Risks
- After the Procedure Protocol

Interactive Tutorials for Diseases and Conditions which includes:

- Disease Anatomy
- Symptoms and Causes
- Triggers
- Diagnosis
- Treatment Options

Videos of Surgical Procedures

Medical Dictionary for spellings and medical definitions.

News on current health issues.

Micromedex: The medical industry's most comprehensive information on drugs, disease, toxicology, alternative medicine and patient education. This resource is used in most hospitals including Reknown and St. Mary's.

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This resource is accessible from the Class Resources library page. Micromedex provides: Care Notes, Disease Information, PDR Access, Toxicology Reports, Formulary Advisor, Acute Care Notes, Interactive Online Tutorials, User Guides, and Quick reference Cards.