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Subject Coverage: Nursing and Allied Health.

Types of Material: Indexing and abstracting for over 1,600 current nursing and allied health journals and other publications and contains over 700,000 records. It offers coverage of English-language nursing journals and publications from the National League for Nursing and the American Nurses' Association. This database covers nursing, biomedicine, health sciences librarianship, alternative complementary medicine, consumer health and 17 allied health disciplines. This database offers access to health care books, nursing dissertations, selected conference proceedings, standards of practice, educational software, audiovisuals and book chapters. This database also provides full text for 56 journals plus legal cases, clinical innovations, critical paths, drug records, research instruments, clinical trials.

Printed Tool: *Cumulative Index to Nursing and Allied Health Literature*

Years Covered: 1982-present

Frequency of Updates: Every other month

Database Producer: CINAHL Information Systems

Vendor: EBSCO

List of Fields:	AB Abstract	MJ Word in Major Subject Heading
	AF Author affiliation	MM Exact Major Subject Heading
	AN Accession number	MW Word in Subject Heading
	AU Author(s)	NM Name
	BN ISBN	NP Named Person
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	CE CE Indicator	PD Publication date
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	DF Description field	PM MEDLINE PMID
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	ED Editor	RD Revised Date
	EM Entry Date	RF Number of References
	FT Full Text Flag	RT References Text
	GI Grant Information	RV Review
	IN Instrumentation	SB Journal Subset
	IP Issue Part	SI Serial Identifier
	IS ISSN	SO Source (journal, book publisher, etc)
	IT Supplement title	SP Start Page
	JN Journal Title	ST Series Title
	JT Journal title abbreviation	TC Table of Contents
	LA Language of article	TI Title of article
	LE Legal	VI Volume
	MH Exact Subject Heading	YR Publication year

To search:

By subject heading: Click on **[CINAHL Headings]** to use the index of terms assigned to the articles from the *Cinahl Subject Heading List*. Type in a word or brief phrase in the Browse for: box. Click on **[Browse]**. From the list presented, click in box to left of term(s) you wish to search. If you click on more than one, they will be "ORed" together in a search statement. Clicking on a highlighted term will bring up the term's tree, related terms and relevant subheadings. If you want to include the more narrow terms you can OR them together automatically by checking on **[Explode]**. To search, check the term(s) you want and click on **[Add]**. This will place the term(s) in the "Find" box. You can continue to build your search. When your search strategy is complete, click **[Search]** to execute it.

By keyword: Enter a word or brief phrase in the **Find** box. Some occurrences of the term(s) may not be relevant. To retrieve all relevant records, you must think of every possible way an author might have described your concepts (e.g. *elderly or geriatric or senior or aged, etc., for people 65 and over*). **Subject heading searches are more effective.**

Other searchable fields: Click on the **[Advanced Search]** tab. Type a term in the “Find” box and then highlight field to search from the “in” pull down menu. For example, to search for an **author**, type last name, first initials or first and middle initial (e.g., Rowe M or Rowe MA) and highlight Author field). Do not place a coma between the last name and first initial.

To search for a **journal** title, type in the title (e.g., *nurse practitioner*) and highlight **Source** field or click on the tab labeled **Publications**. An alphabetical listing of the publications indexed in the database will appear. Place check marks in the boxes of the ones that you are interested in searching. Then click on the search button. Navigate this section by using the arrows on the top of the page or by entering the title in the browse box at the top of the page.

Truncation symbol: * This symbol after a word root will retrieve all words starting with that root (e.g., clinic* will get clinic, clinics, clinical, clinician, clinicians.)

To combine sets: Click on the **[Search History]** tab to combine search sets by using the logical operators AND, OR, and NOT. Click on the boxes to left of the sets you want to combine. **AND** is assumed. If you want to use OR, click on the menu and choose OR. Then click on the “Add” button. This will place your search in the Find box. Click “Search” to execute it. The **Search History** is only available if a search is done in the **Advanced Search** mode.

AND will **narrow** your search; terms in **both** sets **must** be present
OR will **broaden** your search; terms in **either** set **may** be present
NOT **eliminates** terms in second set from those in the previous set

To limit searches: **These limits will remain for all searches typed in the Find box until you click on [Clear].**

Click on **[Search Options]** tab. Choose limits from the following:

Journal Subset - highlight in pulldown box, e.g. Allied-health, alternative-or-complementary-therapies, consumer-health, health-services-administration, peer-reviewed, core nursing, information science

Year of Publication – type in a range of years.

Special interest - e.g. case-management, critical-care, gerontologic-care, home-health-care, physical-therapy

Publication Type - e.g. review, research-instrument, dissertation, audiovisual, care-plan, book, etc.

Language - highlight language in pulldown box

Journal/Magazine – type in title or title abbreviation

Author – type in an author’s name

Gender – choose male or female

Age – choose an age range (e.g. adult)

Check boxes for “full text” and “abstract”

Full text- Checking this box will greatly reduce your retrieval. Also, it will not include all of the full text that is available in the database.

To view results: Click on the **[Results]** tab to view records. Click on a record title to see the full view.

To view Full Text: If the article is available in Full text, “Linked Full Text” will appear under the record. Click on this.

To mark items: Click on Add folder to the right of each record. To see the marked items, click on folder toward the top right of the screen.

To print: Go to your folder of marked items. Click on **[Print]**.

To E-mail records: Go to your folder of marked items. Click on **[E-mail]**, Type in your email address and subject and click on “Send”.

To download records: Go to your folder of marked items. Click on **[Save]**.

Help screens: Click on **[Help]** at the top right of the screen.

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