

PubMed / CINAHL Database Comparison

PubMed / MEDLINE	CINAHL
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Indexes literature of medicine, nursing, pharmacy, veterinary medicine, history of medicine, basic science, & more 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Indexes the literature of nursing and allied health (athletic training, physical therapy, surgical technology, respiratory therapy, audiology, nutrition & dietetics)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coverage: 1950's- present 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coverage: 1982 – present
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Indexes more than 5,200 journals 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Indexes more than 700 journals
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contains citations & abstracts to only journal articles 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contains citations to journal articles, book chapters, dissertations, AV material, CE, & more
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Focus biomedical journal articles 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Focus nursing & allied health literature
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Database size – over 18 million records 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Database size – over 800,000 records
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Controlled vocabulary - MeSh – Medical Subject Headings 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Controlled vocabulary - CINAHL Headings – based on MeSH
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contains mainly English citations 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contains mainly English citations
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Print index – Index Medicus 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Print index – Cumulated Index to Nursing and Allied Health
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Includes only abbreviated journal titles 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Includes full and abbreviated journal titles
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Includes links to full-text in PubMed Central or publisher sites 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Includes some full-text depending upon the version of CINAHL
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Does not include article references 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Included references to many articles
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Updated daily 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Updated weekly