**Researching for Nursing**

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**Library Hours**  
Mon-Thurs 8 am - 8 pm  
Fri 8 am - 5 pm  
Sat 10 am - 2 pm  
Sun Closed  
Call us @ 682.6710

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**John A. Brown Library Basics**

- Your library card is your student ID card (SID).
- Books checkout for 3 weeks. Magazines checkout for one week.
- Materials can be renewed over the phone, on the web or in person at the library.
- You may have up to 15 items on your card at any one time.
- Books located at Omak can be transferred to WVC in 2-3 days for pickup.
- Copies are 10 cents/page. There is currently no charge for printouts.
- Reserve materials are held at the Circulation Desk.

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**Search Smart!**

### Start at the Library

On Campus or Online.

### Refer to the Sources

Listed on the back of this sheet.

### Use the Library Website

Choose the Health Reference Center or CINAHL databases to search for articles on Nursing.

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**Ask for Us for Help!**  
**Research Guarantee:** If you follow these Search Smart steps doing your research will be easier, you will save your valuable time AND you will get a better grade! We guarantee it!

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Selected Resources @ Your WVC Library

Health Reference Center Academic
Multi-source database provides access to the full text of nursing and allied health journals, plus the wide variety of personal health information sources in InfoTrac's award-winning Health Reference Center. All in a single, easy-to-use database, the material contained in this database is intended for informational purposes only. 1143 items indexed.

CINAHL Plus with Full Text
CINAHL Plus with Full Text is the world's most comprehensive source of full text for nursing & allied health journals, providing full text for more than 750 journals indexed in CINAHL. This authoritative file contains full text for many of the most used journals in the CINAHL index – with no embargo. CINAHL Plus with Full Text is the definitive research tool for all areas of nursing and allied health literature.

PUBMED Central
PubMed Central is a free digital archive of biomedical and life sciences journal literature at the U.S. National Institutes of Health (NIH), developed and managed by NIH's National Center for Biotechnology Information (NCBI) in the National Library of Medicine (NLM). With PubMed Central, NLM is taking the lead in preserving and maintaining unrestricted access to the electronic literature, just as it has done for decades with the printed biomedical literature.

Salem Health—Magill’s Medical Guide
Salem Health brings online access to Salem Press’ award-winning health reference works. The first reference set included is Salem Press’ bestselling Magill’s Medical Guide. The Guide covers diseases, disorders, treatments, procedures, specialties, anatomy, biology, and issues in an A-Z format, with sidebars addressing recent developments in medicine and concise information boxes for all diseases and disorders. It is available in print and online in Omak and online for Wenatchee students.

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WVC Library Webpage · http://commons.wvc.edu/library
MICROMEDEX Healthcare Series:
- The wide range of evidence based information you expect from Micromedex is now part of Thomson Healthcare Evidence. This includes all the unbiased, referenced information about drugs, toxicology, diseases, acute care, and alternative medicine you have come to expect.

CareNotes™ System:
- CareNotes™ provides your patients with complete, easy-to-understand information about all aspects of their care, medications, and health, in English or Spanish.

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- Formulary Advisor® is an easy-to-use online formulary management tool to effectively manage and update a hospital's formulary and communicate the most current formulary information facility-wide.

PDR® Electronic Library:
- The PDR® Electronic Library provides instant access to FDA approved drug information to include drug interactions, side effects, recommended dosages, contraindications, and more.

Access:
Go to www.Thomsonhc.com
Username: Wenatchee
Password: library08
Any of our Nursing and Allied Health students, faculty and staff may use this product; I cannot provide access to this to the general college population. Yes, we're operating on trust here . . .

Content:
- AfterCare® Instructions
- AltCareDex®
- AltMedDex®
- AltMedDex Points®
- AltMedDex® Protocols
- AltMed-REAX™ for the Patient
- CareNotes™
- ClinicalPoints®
- Detailed Drug Information for the Consumer™
- DISEASEDEX™ Emergency Medicine
- DISEASEDEX™ General Medicine
- DRUGDEX®
- DrugPoints®
- DRUG-REAX®
- Herbal Medicines, A Guide for HealthCare
- IDENTIDEX®
- Index Nominum
- IV INDEX®
- Lab Advisor™
- Material Safety Data Sheets (MSDS)
- P&T QUIK® Reports
- PDR®
- POISINDEX®
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CINAHL Searching for Nursing Students

The Initial Search:
1) Open CINAHL + Full Text Select the advanced search tab.
2) Enter your search term, making sure that “suggest subject headings” is marked.
3) Click the search button. A list of headings will appear.
4) Review the list of subject headings and click on the best one. This opens up the “Tree View”. Is there a better subject heading? Maybe a broader or narrower one?
5) Review the “qualifying subheadings”. Is there a particular aspect that seems relevant? Mark it. (Click on the box to the left of the subject heading to mark it. A check mark will appear in the box.)
6) Add it. (Select the ADD button.) (Don’t forget the boolean operator if you need it. Boolean operators include AND, OR, NOT.)
7) Search for it. (Select the SEARCH button.)
8) Evaluate your retrieval. Did you get enough to choose from? Look through and select articles you want to obtain.

For Help—click search tips or ask a Librarian.

Refining Your Search:
1) After performing some basic searches, go to the advanced search tab.
2) Select view search history/alerts.
3) Mark the searches you wish to refine and add them to the search box using the ADD button. (Don’t forget your Boolean Operators - AND, OR, NOT.)
4) Evaluate your retrieval. Is this search method working? Are you finding the best subject headings? What else could you try? Do you need to ask for help?

CINAHL Tips & Tricks:
- Use the limiters to refine your search—but don’t go crazy. The more limits you select, the less you will retrieve.
- Did you find the perfect article? What were the subject headings that article was indexed under? Try those subject headings to find more articles like it.
- Does your article have any references listed? Use these reference to find more articles.

Use CINAHL subject headings

Selected Resources for Nursing Research: Access from Library Homepage

Reference Books:
• Credo – electronic
• Salem Health - electronic

Books:
• Catapult — WVC library book catalog
• Ebrary — electronic books

Subject Specific Information Pages
• Health Sciences

Stuck? Don’t struggle! Ask for help!

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