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LIBRARY DATABASES FOR NURSING

From the library's web page at <http://www.sunyit.edu/library>, select "Databases"

CINAHL - Cumulative Index to Nursing and Allied Health Literature

Cochrane Library - Reliable evidence-based health care information contains full-text research based reviews and protocols

Medline - National Library of Medicine-world literature in medicine

Health Reference Center Academic - Patient health information

ERIC - Nursing education

PsycInfo - A database of psychological literature from 1800s to the present.

ScienceDirect - Nursing and health professions

NURSING THEORY WEBSITES

The Nursing Theory Page

<http://www.sandiego.edu/academics/nursing/theory>

The Nursing Theory Link Page from Clayton College and State University

<http://healthsci.clayton.edu/eichelberger/nursing.htm>

NURSING THEORY BOOKS ON RESERVE IN THE LIBRARY

Alligood, M.R. & Tomey, A.M. (2006). *Nursing theory*. 3rd ed. St. Louis: Mosby Elsevier.
Reserve RT84.5.N94 2006

George, J. B. (2002). *Nursing theories: The base for professional nursing practice*. 5th ed.
Upper Saddle River, NJ: Prentice Hall. Reserve RT84.5.N89 2002

Meleis, A. I. (2005). *Theoretical nursing: Development and progress*. 3rd ed., rev.
Philadelphia: Lippincott Williams & Wilkins. Reserve RT84.5.M45 2005

Parker, M. E. (2001). *Nursing Theories and nursing practice*. Philadelphia: F. A. Davis.
Reserve RT84.5.N8793 2001

**Tomey, A.M. & Alligood, M.R. (2006). *Nursing theorists and their work*. 6th ed. St.
Louis: Mosby Elsevier (my personal favorite) Reserve RT84.5.N9 2006

Walker, P. H. & Neuman, B. (1996). *Blueprint for use of nursing models: Education,
research, practice and administration*. New York: NLN Press. Reserve RT84.5.B58
1996

SEARCH ENGINES

<http://www.scirus.com> – “the most comprehensive scientific research tool on the web”

<http://scholar.google.com/> - higher level Google search engine

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SEARCHING FUNDAMENTALS

With Keyword Searching, you determine your search terms; you have greater flexibility but you get broader results. You must try multiple searches using different spellings and synonyms in order to match all the variations authors could use. Alternatively, Subject Searching is very organized and uses only pre-determined terms; you find your Subject Heading and you search for it. You must use the term chosen by the person who has cataloged the book or article.

1. Perform a keyword search using important terms that define your topic.
2. Find a good result and look at its Subject Heading.
3. Perform a subject search using the Subject Heading you find.

FINDING MATERIAL

You should divide your research into two stages:

Stage 1: Use the library databases to identify a source, e.g., a journal article

Stage 2: Use various resources to obtain the source, including:

360 Link / List of E-journals – a list of magazines & journals available via our databases

List of Print Journals – a list of our print serials; the list is available in print & online

Librarians – always feel free to ask a librarian to help you locate material

Interlibrary Loan – fill out an online ILL form to obtain material we do not own

CATALOGS

SUNYIT Catalog – A catalog of all items owned by Cayan Library.

WorldCat – An international catalog of books, websites, maps, etc.

Available at the library's webpage: <http://www.sunyit.edu/library/lib/catalogs.inc>

HOW TO CITE YOUR WORK

Publication manual of the American Psychological Association. (2010). 6th ed.

Washington, D.C.: American Psychological Association. Ready Reference

BF76.7.P83 2010

American Psychological Association web site

<http://www.apastyle.org/>

APA Documentation Style and APA Sample Bibliography handouts on the Cayan Library

Research Guides page at: <http://www.sunyit.edu/library/lib/guides.inc>