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Library Databases: <http://www.sunyit.edu/library/lib/databases.inc>

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

CINAHL (Cumulative Index to Nursing and Allied Health Literature)

Medline – National Library of Medicine’s world literature in medicine

ScienceDirect - Clinical topics in nursing and other health professions

Searchable Databases on the Internet:

Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) the United States’ premier evidence-based practice agency, also Research Findings and Data & Surveys

<http://www.ahrq.gov>

Centre for Evidence-based Medicine click on Resource Centre, then Directory

<http://www.cebm.net>

Health Services/Technology Assessment Text (HSTAT)

is a searchable collection of large, full-text clinical practice guidelines, technology assessments, and health information.

<http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/books/bv.fcgi?rid=hstat>

PubMed Clinical Queries, select Systematic Reviews which retrieves systematic review and meta-analysis studies for search topics:

<http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/entrez/query/static/clinical.html>

SUMSearch Searches best evidence sites from the U of TX Health Sciences Center

<http://sumsearch.uthscsa.edu>

TRIP Database allows health professionals to find the highest-quality material available on the web – to help support evidence based practice

<http://www.tripdatabase.com/index.html>

Search Engines:

Scirus <http://www.scirus.com>

Related Websites:

Joanna Briggs Institute – evidence-based resources for healthcare professionals

<http://www.joannabriggs.edu.au>

National Institute of Nursing Research – links to other resources, grant information

<http://www.nih.gov/ninr>

National Center for Health Statistics

<http://www.cdc.gov/nchs>

National Guideline Clearinghouse

<http://www.guideline.gov>

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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

Ask a Librarian – available at: http://www.sunyit.edu/library/lib/ask_a_librarian.inc

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

AskUs 24/7 – live reference chat available at:

http://www.sunyit.edu/library/lib/ask_a_librarian.inc

CATALOGS

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

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

Available on 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>