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HEALTH OCCUPATIONS LIBRARY GUIDE

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I. GETTING STARTED: MEDICAL/HEALTH RESEARCH

Important library research tools are available via The World Wide Web from the library's home page at http://www.vinu.edu/cms/opencms/academic_resources/library. The most important links on the library home page for research and class assignments are titled **Find Articles** and **Find Books**. The medical databases discussed in this handout should probably be your first choice when seeking **full text** published articles for college level medical research (especially for research papers). VU students have **MY VU** accounts, which allow them to access many databases from off campus.

The Research Process:

1. To find information for your research projects, first access one of the databases below and enter your search term(s). **CINAHL** (Cumulative Index to Nursing and Allied Health Literature) contains over 750 full text nursing and allied health journals, is the most comprehensive database available in this field, and **should probably be your primary research resource**.
2. If you find a full-text article, you can print it, download it to a disk, or often email it to your account.
3. If you locate a **non**-full-text citation to a journal or magazine article, the next step is to determine if Shake Library subscribes to the publication. Do a **JOURNAL TITLE SEARCH** using WEBCAT (VU's electronic catalog of books and other holdings from the library's web page under the FIND BOOKS heading) to find out if the journal is on microfilm or is in the bound periodicals section.
4. To find out what databases contain a specific journal, access the **Find Periodical Titles** link from the library home page, type in the name of the journal you are seeking, and find out what resource it is located in. You can also find periodicals by topic.
5. **INTERLIBRARY LOAN:** Materials such as books or photocopies of articles may be ordered from other libraries. There is no charge to students or VU employees for this service. Please allow plenty of time for your Interlibrary Loan materials to arrive (at least a week for books, two weeks for articles).

1. VU LIBRARY SEARCH (FEDERATED SEARCH ENGINE):

SEARCH MANY E-RESOURCES FOR MEDICAL ARTICLES, EBOOKS, BOOKS

VU Library Search, which is Shake Library's **Federated Search Engine**, can help you find your way through a confusing array of different electronic databases. This is a good tool to use when you don't know which database to search for a particular topic, or would like to save time by searching numerous databases simultaneously. VU Library Search is found at the top of the Find Books and Find Articles web pages. **Directions:**

- Go to <http://www.vinu.edu>, select **Majors and Academics**, then **Libraries**, then Find Books.
- Click on **VU Library Search**, and when this page appears, type your search terms in the search engine, select the **Health/Medicine** category, click **Search**, and only the appropriate Health/Medicine related databases will be searched. By clicking the Full Text box you will exclude non-full text articles.
- **Discover print and electronic books, too!** You can also click the box labeled **Books** or **Include Library Catalog in Search** to find print and electronic books in the Shake Library book collection. Example below shows a search for information about **surgery and technology**:

VU Library Search (Tool to Search Multiple VU Library Electronic Resources):

Enter search criteria

[Basic Search](#) Advanced Search

Keyword Publication date
 All dates Year range
From To

And Keyword
And Keyword

Full-text articles only

Select category

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Books	<input type="checkbox"/> Humanities
<input type="checkbox"/> Business	<input type="checkbox"/> Indiana Newspaper Collection
<input type="checkbox"/> Computers & Technology	<input type="checkbox"/> News
<input type="checkbox"/> Education	<input type="checkbox"/> Pro/Con Issues
<input type="checkbox"/> General Reference	<input type="checkbox"/> Science
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Health & Medicine	<input type="checkbox"/> Social Sciences

Include library catalog in search

2. SPECIFIC ELECTRONIC RESOURCES: CINAHL, ETC. (EBSCOhost)

EBSCOhost (INSPIRE) is an Indiana tax-supported database provider that offers several databases of interest (listed below) to students in the Health Occupations areas.


INSTRUCTIONS:

- First go to the Vincennes University home page at <http://www.vinu.edu>, click on **Majors and Academics**, then **Libraries**, and then the FIND ARTICLES link.
- Select EBSCOhost (Inspire)
- Select your database, such as CINAHL (Cumulative Index to Nursing and Allied Health Literature), by clicking on its title, and begin your information search.

CINAHL (Cumulative Index to Nursing and Allied Health Literature) 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. Of those, nearly 400 have cover-to-cover indexing in CINAHL, and of those, more than 426 are not available with full text from any other EBSCO database. This authoritative file contains full text for many of the most used journals in the CINAHL index - with no embargo. CINAHL also contains more than 200 books/monographs. With more than 600,000 full-text articles dating back to 1937, CINAHL Plus with Full Text is the definitive research tool for all areas of nursing and allied health literature. **See CINAHL search screen example below concerning aspirin and colon cancer:**

Searching: **Specific Databases, ...** | [Choose Databases >](#)

Suggest Subject Terms

 aspirin in ?

and in

and in [Add Row](#)

[Advanced Search](#) | [Visual Search](#) | [Search History/Alerts](#) | [Preferences >](#)

Health Source: Nursing/Academic Edition: This database provides coverage of general health magazines and professional health care journals and features searchable **full text for over 550 periodicals**. *Health Source: Nursing/Academic Edition* also features the *Lexi-PAL Drug Guide*, which covers 1,300 generic drug patient education sheets with more than 4,700 brand names.

Academic Search Premier: Here you will find **full text articles** from over **4600 periodicals** in many disciplines, some of them medical and health related. Indexing/ abstracting of many other journals are provided.

Biomedical Reference Collection: Basic: Designed for doctors, research scientist, students and clinical specialists, this database provides full text for over 100 journals in a variety of areas pertaining to medical study. All titles included in the *Biomedical Reference Collection: Basic Edition* are indexed in *MEDLINE*.

MEDLINE: MEDLINE, which contains some full text articles, is a large professional database that provides authoritative medical information on medicine, nursing, dentistry, veterinary medicine, the health care system, pre-clinical sciences, and more. Created by National Library of Medicine, MEDLINE allows users to search abstracts from over 4,800 current biomedical journals.

Health Business FullTEXT: This database provides full text coverage for nearly 130 well-known administrative journals. Health Business FullTEXT Critical for hospital administrators and managers, this database includes publications covering the business of health care administration, and much more.

3. SPECIFIC ELECTRONIC RESOURCES: PROQUEST NURSING/HEALTH

This library database provides full-text articles from many core nursing, health and medical journals, plus covers nonmedical technical subjects and numerous general topics. Here you will find **full text articles** from over 700 medical, nursing and allied health related **periodicals**.

INSTRUCTIONS:

- A. First go to the Vincennes University home page at <http://www.vinu.edu>, click on **Majors and Academics**, then **Libraries**, then the FIND ARTICLES link, then click **ProQuest**.
- B. You can search all ProQuest collections by using Basic Search or Advanced Search, or you can choose only medical/health journals by accessing the Databases selected link and clicking the **Proquest Nursing and Allied Health Source** box.
- C. Use the search blank(s) to enter terms and click the appropriate box (such as Full Text or Scholarly Journals limit).

4. SPECIFIC ELECTRONIC RESOURCES: ELECTRONIC MEDICAL BOOKS

Electronic library books related to Health Occupations are contained in WebCat, the electronic catalog, and may also be accessed by clicking on the Find Books heading and then the Electronic Book Collections page.

R2 DIGITAL LIBRARY:

R2 Digital Library is a new electronic resource offering 18 electronic book reference sources in health, nursing, and medical fields.

Use Quick Search or Advanced Search or select individual book titles to read specific chapters. Use copy/paste functions to incorporate text into a document. The R2 Digital Library is a web based database available from Rittenhouse Book Distributors that offers fully integrated and searchable medical, nursing and allied health secondary source book content from key health science publishers. R2 Electronic books include (July 2009):

All Things Nursing
Bates' Pocket Guide to Physical Examination and History Taking
Best Practices
Child Safety
Complete Guide to Documentation
Comprehensive Medical Terminology
Ethical Decision Making in Nursing and Health Care:
the Symphonological Approach
Fundamentals of Nursing
Introduction to Health Care Management

Laboratory Tests and Diagnostic Procedures with Nursing
Diagnoses
Medical Dosage Calculations
Nursing Diagnosis
Nursing Knowledge Development and Clinical Practice
A Practical Guide to Leadership Development
Professional Guide to Diseases
Professional Guide to Signs & Symptoms
Quick Reference to Critical Care
Sports Emergency Care

CREDO REFERENCE:

Credo contains hundreds of electronic reference books on many topics, including the Medicine/Health Occupations related titles below. Books may be searched individually or as a group.

The American Heritage Medical Dictionary
Baillière's Midwives' Dictionary
Black's Medical Dictionary
Black's Veterinary Dictionary
The Cambridge Historical Dictionary of Disease
Churchill Livingstone's Dictionary of Nursing
Collins Dictionary of Medicine
Dictionary of Medical Terms
Dictionary of Optometry and Visual Science
Dorland's Illustrated Medical Dictionary
The Human Body Book: An Illustrated Guide to Its Structure, Function and Disorders
International Dictionary of Homeopathy
Jablonski's Dictionary of Medical Acronyms & Abbreviations
Macmillan Dictionary of Toxicology

Merriam-Webster's Medical Desk Dictionary
Mosby's Dental Dictionary
Mosby's Dictionary of Complementary and Alternative Medicine
Mosby's Dictionary of Medicine, Nursing, & Health Professions
Mosby's Emergency Dictionary
Mosby's Handbook of Herbs & Natural Supplements
Natural Medicine Instructions for Patients
New Harvard Guide to Women's Health
Pharmaceutical Medicine Dictionary
The Royal Society of Medicine Health Encyclopedia
The Royal Society of Medicine: Medicines
Saunders Comprehensive Veterinary Dictionary
Taber's Cyclopedic Medical Dictionary
Webster's New World™ Medical Dictionary

GALE VIRTUAL REFERENCE LIBRARY:

Gale contains three electronic reference books related to Medicine/Health Occupations. They are:

Encyclopedia of Drugs, Alcohol Addictive Behavior, 3rd ed., 4v, 2009
Encyclopedia of Stem Cell Research, 2v, 2008
The Gale Encyclopedia of Senior Health: A Guide for Seniors and Their Caregivers, 5v, 2009

VU NETLIBRARY:

Netlibrary contains over 9,000 electronic books listed in VU's electronic library catalog, WebCat; at least 660+ of these ebooks pertain to the topics nursing, health, medicine, medical, etc. They may be found by using WebCat or by accessing the NetLibrary page found on the Electronic Book Collections page.

II. ADDITIONAL LIBRARY ELECTRONIC RESOURCES

Other WWW Indexes Accessible from the VU Library's Home Page

Access these databases by clicking on the Find Articles link.

1. **America's Newspapers**, by **NewsBank**, contains the electronic editions of valuable local, regional, and national U.S. newspapers as well as full-text content of key international sources and full-text coverage of many Indiana newspapers including the *Indianapolis Star* and *Vincennes Sun-Commercial*. This is a good source for newsworthy topics but not necessarily professional medical information (though there might be valid information, such as an interview with a medical professional or a news update on a disease).
2. **Sirs Knowledge Source** contains thousands of full-text articles and documents, many of them related to health and medical topics.
3. **Britannica Online** is an important online encyclopedia that is an excellent research tool and contains full-text information on almost all topics.
4. **Facts.com** is a layman's source for full-text coverage of world news, science & controversial issues.
5. **Opposing Viewpoints** provides numerous articles reflecting a variety of opinions on many topics.
6. **AccessScience** is the online version of the highly acclaimed *McGraw-Hill Encyclopedia of Science & Technology*.

III. LOCATE BOOKS WITH VU WEBCAT

WEBCAT is VU's computerized catalog of books, media (such as DVDs/CDs), and other library resources (such as titles of library owned periodicals). WebCat is available on the Shake Library Home Page. First go to the Vincennes University home page at <http://www.vinu.edu>, click on **Majors and Academics**, then **Libraries**, then the **FIND BOOKS** link, then **VU WebCat**.

The user can find materials by using the Simple Search system, which is the default that shows up each time you access VU WebCat. Using the menu to search the database in areas such as authors, titles, subjects, and journal titles. Use the Command Search Keyword choice for keyword searching using AND, OR, NOT, also phrase searching. Another choice is Keyword Search, which allows you to do field searching (such as key words within titles, etc.) as well as general searches with key words. The **Find Books** link on the home page also is a starting point to search other library catalogs by clicking on other libraries. **Sample WebCat search screen:**



IV. PRINT REFERENCE BOOKS

The library's Print Reference Collection includes many health, medical, and nursing books (encyclopedias, dictionaries, guide books, etc.). These books are for use in the library only. Ask a librarian for suggestions about the best reference book to use for your topic. Below are a few selected titles students should be aware of.

1. DICTIONARIES AND ENCYCLOPEDIAS

A. Medical and Nursing Encyclopedias

- American Medical Association Complete Medical Encyclopedia*. Ref. 610.321 A512a 2003
- Encyclopedia & Dictionary of Medicine, Nursing, and Allied Health*. Ref. 610.3 M647e 2003
- Encyclopedia of Addictions and Addictive Behaviors*. Ref. 362.29 G994e 2006
- Encyclopedia of Autism Spectrum Disorders*. Ref. 618.92 T939e 2007
- Encyclopedia of Cancer*. Ref. 616.994 T939e 2005
- Encyclopedia of Child Abuse*. Ref. 362.76 C594e 2007
- Encyclopedia of DNA and the United States Criminal Justice System*. Ref. 614.1 P174e 2004
- Encyclopedia of Elder Care: the Comprehensive Resource on Geriatric and Social Care*. Ref. 362.1989 E56e 2008
- Encyclopedia of Endocrine Diseases and Disorders*. Ref. 616.4 P489e 2005
- Encyclopedia of Health & Behavior*. Ref. 610.3 E56h 2004
- Encyclopedia of Health Care Management*. Ref. 362.1 E56h 2004
- Encyclopedia of HIV and AIDS*. Ref. 616.9792 W343a 2003
- Encyclopedia of Infectious Diseases*. Ref. 616.9 T939e 2007
- Encyclopedia of Multiple Sclerosis*. Ref. 616.834 T939e 2005
- Encyclopedia of Nursing Research*. Ref. 610.73 E56n 2006

Encyclopedia of Obesity and Eating Disorders. Ref. 616.85 C344e 2006
Encyclopedia of Parkinson's Disease. Ref. 616.833 M912e 2004
Encyclopedia of Plague and Pestilence: from Ancient Times to the Present. Ref. 614.49 E56k 2008
Encyclopedia of Sexually Transmitted Diseases. Ref. 616.951 M821e 2005
Encyclopedia of Sports Medicine. Ref. 617.1027 O11e 2005
Encyclopedia of Stress and Stress-Related Diseases. Ref. 616.98 K12e 2006
Encyclopedia of Women's Health. Ref. 613.042 A518e 2005
Facts on File Encyclopedia of Health and Medicine. Ref. 610.3 F142f 2007
Merck Index: an Encyclopedia of Chemicals, Drugs, and Biologicals. Ref. 615.1 M554m 2006
Professional Guide to Diseases. Ref. 616 P964p 2005

B. Medical and Nursing Dictionaries

Black's Medical Dictionary. Ref. 610.3 B631m 2006
Cambridge Historical Dictionary of Disease. Ref. 610.9 C178d 2003
Dictionary of Medical Biography. Ref. 610 D554b 2007
Dictionary of Nursing Theory and Research. Ref. 610.73 P888d 2006
Dictionary of Nursing. Ref. 610.73 D554n 2003
EMS Essentials: a Portable Glossary. Ref. 616.02 C341e 2001
Melloni's Illustrated Medical Dictionary. Ref. 610.3 M527d 2002
Merriam-Webster's Medical Dictionary. Ref. 610.3 M568m 2005
Mosby's Medical Dictionary. Ref. 610.3 M894m 2006
Oxford Dictionary of Medical Quotations. Ref. 610 S634o 2004
Oxford Dictionary of Sports Science & Medicine. Ref. 617.1027 O98s 2006
Stedman's Medical Abbreviations, Acronyms & Symbols. Ref. 610.14 S812sm 2008
Stedman's Medical Dictionary. Ref. 610.3 S812s 2006
Surgical Word Book. Ref. 617 T339s 2004
Taber's Cyclopedic Medical Dictionary. Ref. 610.3 T113c 2005

2. HANDBOOKS, GUIDES AND DIRECTORIES

A. Handbooks and General Health Reference Sources

AIDS Sourcebook. Ref. 362.19697 A288as 2008
Alzheimer's Disease Sourcebook. Ref. 616.8 A478a 2003
American Medical Association Family Medical Guide. Ref. 616 A512a 2004
Blood and Circulatory Disorders Sourcebook. Ref. 616.15 B655s 2005
Cancer Sourcebook. Ref. 616.994 C215c 2003
Cardiovascular Diseases and Disorders Sourcebook. Ref. 616.1 C276j 2005
CDC Health Information for International Travel 2008. Ref. 613.6 C386a 2007
Childhood Sexual Abuse: a Reference Handbook. Ref. 362.76 K55c 2007
Complete Guide to Symptoms Illness & Surgery. Ref. 616 G853c 2006
Emergency Medical Services Sourcebook. Ref. 616.025 E53s 2002
Emerging Infectious Diseases and the Threat to Occupational Health in the U.S. and Canada. Ref. 362.1969 E53c 2006
Exploring Health Care Careers. Ref. 610.69 E96h 2006
Family Practice Desk Reference. Ref. 610 F198f 2003
Global AIDS Crisis: a Reference Handbook. Ref. 614.5993 M348g 2004
Gray's Anatomy: the Anatomical Basis of Clinical Practice. Ref. 611 G784a 2005
Griffith's 5 Minute Clinical Consult. Ref. 616 G855f
Handbook of Nuclear, Biological, and Chemical Agent Exposures. Ref. 615.902 H236L 2007
Health Care Organizations Risk Management: Forms, Checklists & Guidelines. Ref. 362.1068 R893h 2007
Health Care Systems: Major Themes on Health and Social Welfare. Ref. 362.1068 H434h 2005
HIPAA Plain & Simple: a Compliance Guide for Healthcare Professionals. Ref. 610.65 H332h 2004
Homosexuality and Science: a Guide to the Debates. Ref. 616.8583 R789h 2002
Hospital Accreditation Standards: Standards, Intents: HAS. Ref. 362.1 J74h
Kids in the Syndrome Mix of ADHD, LD, Asperger's, Tourette's, Bipolar, and More! Ref. 618.9289 K97k 2005

Magill's Medical Guide. Ref. 610.3 M194m 2005
Mayo Clinic Family Health Book. Ref. 613 M473m 2003
Mosby's Diagnostic and Laboratory Test Reference. Ref. 616.075 P128m 2007
Muscular System. Ref. 612 H918m 2004
Oxford Illustrated Companion to Medicine. Ref. 610.3 O98o 2001
Practical Orthopaedic Sports Medicine and Arthroscopy. Ref. 617.1027 P895j 2007
Professional Guide to Diagnostic Tests. Ref. 616.075 P964p 2005
Sexually Transmitted Diseases Sourcebook. Ref. 616.951 S518s 2006
Sexually Transmitted Diseases: a Physician Tells You What You Need to Know. Ref. 616.951 M358s 2007

B. References Pertaining to Drugs

Consumer Drug Reference. Ref. 615.1 C758c
Drug Abuse Handbook. Ref. 615.19 D794k 2007
Drug Information Handbook for Nursing. Ref. 615.58 D794n
Drug Use: a Reference Handbook. Ref. 362.29 I85d 2004
Drugs, Alcohol, and Tobacco: Learning About Addictive Behavior. Ref. 613.8 D794d 2003
Encyclopedia of Addictive Drugs. Ref. 615.78 M649e 2002
Get the Dope on Dope: first Response Guide to Street Drugs. Ref. 613.83 W241g 2001
GHB and Analogs: High Risk Club Drugs. Ref. 616.86 D794gw 2007
Guide to Off-Label Prescription Drugs: New Uses for FDA-Approved Prescription Drugs. Ref. 615.1 G946g 2006
Illegal Drugs: a Complete Guide to Their History, Chemistry, Use, and Abuse. Ref. 616.86 G136i 2001
Ketamine: Dangerous Hallucinogen. Ref. 616.86 D794kL 2007
Marijuana. Ref. 615.78 C678j
Methamphetamine Crisis: Strategies to Save Addicts, Families, and Communities. Ref. 362.299 M592m 2007
Methamphetamine: the Dangers of Crystal Meth. Ref. 616.86 D794ms 2007
Oxycontin: from Pain Relief to Addiction. Ref. 616.86 D794oL 2006
Pain Relievers, Diet Pills, and Other Over-the-Counter Drugs. Ref. 615.78 C678j Vol 12
PDR for Nonprescription Drugs, Dietary Supplements, and Herbs: the Definitive Guide to OTC Medications. Ref. 615.13 P578p
PDR Guide to Drug Interactions, Side Effects, and Indications. Ref. 615.13 P578g
PDR Guide to Terrorism Response. Ref. 616.02 P348t 2005
PDR Nurse's Drug Handbook. Ref. 615.58 P578n
Physicians' Desk Reference. Ref. 615.13 P578p
Prescription Drugs. Ref. 616.86 D794pr 2007

C. Nutrition

American Dietetic Association Complete Food and Nutrition Guide. Ref. 613.2 D988a 2002
Encyclopedia of Nutrition and Good Health. Ref. 613.2 R775e 2003
Nutrition Almanac. Ref. 613.2 N976a 2007
Nutrition and Diet Therapy Reference Dictionary. Ref. 613.203 L181n 2004
Nutrition and Well-Being A to Z. Ref. 613.2 N976j 2004

D. Mental Health Resources

Encyclopedia of Mental Health. Ref. 616.89 K12e 2008
Encyclopedia of Schizophrenia and Other Psychotic Disorders. Ref. 616.89 N793e 2007
Encyclopedia of Suicide. Ref. 362.28 E92s 2003
Gale Encyclopedia of Mental Disorders. Ref. 616.89 G151g 2003
Mental Disorders of the New Millennium. Ref. 616.89 M549p 2006
Mental Health in America: a Reference Handbook. Ref. 362.2 K32m 2007

E. Health Directories

Complete Directory for Pediatric Disorders. Ref. 618 C737p

Complete Directory for People with Chronic Illness: DCI. Ref. 616.0025 C737c

Complete Directory for People with Rare Disorders. Ref. 616 C737r

Consumer Health Information Source Book. Ref. 613 C758h 2003

V. SELECTED HEALTH/MEDICAL WEB SITES

(There are thousands more you can find on your own using the search engines like **google.com**, **bing.com** or **alltheweb.com** .)

American Medical Association

<http://www.ama-assn.org/>

World Health Organization (WHO)

<http://www.who.int/>

U.S. Dept. of Health and Human Services

<http://www.os.dhhs.gov/>

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

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

National Institutes of Health (NIH)

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

American Diabetes Assoc.

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

American Lyme Disease Foundation

<http://www.aldf.com/>

Ohio State Univ. Comprehensive Cancer Center

<http://www.jamesline.com>

Mayo Clinic

<http://www.mayo.edu>

National Library of Medicine

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

Internet Medical Resources

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

Pharmweb (Pharmacology Portal)

<http://www.pharmweb.net/>

National, State and International Nursing Organizations

<http://www.nurse.org/orgs.shtml>