GETTING STARTED: MEDICAL/HEALTH RESEARCH

Important health occupations research resources are available from Shake Library’s home page (located by going to the VU Home Page at http://www.vinu.edu and accessing the Services link, then select Library. VU students have MY VU accounts, which allow them to access most library resources 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 770 full text nursing and allied health journals, is the most comprehensive database available in this field, and **should probably be your primary research resource. (See #1 below.)**

2. Articles from databases may be printed, saved to a storage device, or emailed to your account.

3. If you find a citation/abstract to a journal or magazine article that is not available online, the next step is to determine if VU Libraries subscribes to the publication. Use the **Journal Finder** link on the library home page to find out if the article is available in another online resource or is in the library’s print or microform collections.

4. **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. Allow plenty of time for your Interlibrary Loan materials to arrive (at least a week for books, possibly longer for articles). Ask a librarian for help or visit the Interlibrary section under the Library Services heading.

1. FIND ARTICLES: ONLINE RESOURCES

**EBSCOhost** (INSPIRE) offers several databases of interest (listed below) to students in the Health Occupations areas.

**INSTRUCTIONS:**

A. First go to the VU home page at http://www.vinu.edu, click Services, then Library. Then select **Databases A-Z.**

B. Select your database, such as CINAHL (Cumulative Index to Nursing and Allied Health Literature), by clicking on its title from the listing, and begin your information search.

- **CINAHL (EBSCO’s 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 770 journals indexed in CINAHL®. 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:**
- **Health Source: Nursing/Academic Edition**: EBSCO’s database provides nearly 550 scholarly full text journals focusing on many medical disciplines. *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**: This multi-disciplinary EBSCO database provides full text for more than 4,600 journals (many are health related), including full text for nearly 3,900 peer-reviewed titles. PDF backfiles to 1975 or further are available for well over one hundred journals, and searchable cited references are provided for more than 1,000 titles.

- **Health Business FullTEXT**: EBSCO: 130 publications covering topics such as staffing, health care regulation, health care facilities management, marketing, finance, and more.

- **BioMed Central**: EBSCO, includes more than 290 open access, online, peer-reviewed journals covering all areas of biology and medicine.

- **Biomedical Reference Collection: Basic**: EBSCO, Designed for doctors, research scientists, 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**: Ebsco, 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.

- **MedlinePlus**: Free website provided by the U.S. National Library of Medicine and the National Institutes of Health. Provides information on diseases, conditions, wellness, treatments, drugs, supplements, medical terminology, and clinical trials.

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

- **Nursing Resource Center with Nursing and Allied Health Collection** (Gale): Designed for nursing students, brings together in an easy-to-use interface disease and drug overviews, care plans, relevant journal results and animated anatomy and physiology diagrams to complement the core encyclopedia texts. Written in accessible language for students completing class assignments and preparing for clinicals as they learn how to care for and treat patients. Search results are returned in tabs that correspond to steps in the nursing process.

- **Health and Wellness Resource Center and Alternative Health Module** (Gale) Includes over 1,000 full-text medical journals, magazines, newspapers, reference works, and multimedia.

- **Health Reference Center Academic** (Gale) 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.

- **Nursing & Allied Health Database** (Proquest) Abstracting and indexing for over 850 journals, with over 715 titles in full text and more than 12,000 full-text dissertations on topics including: cytology, nursing, nutrition, oncology, pediatric care, pharmacology, public health, and radiology.

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**2. FIND EBOOKS**

Many electronic library books related to Health Occupations are contained in various databases accessible via ONEVU (below). Individual databases provide more search options and may be accessed via the Databases A-Z link.

**R2 Library** offers numerous electronic book reference sources in health, nursing, and medical fields. Use basic or advanced search options or choose Browse to view individual book titles and 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.

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

**The Gale Virtual Reference Library** contains a variety of electronic reference books related to Medicine/Health Occupations (as well as e-reference books on many other topics).

### 3. FIND BOOKS (PRINT AND EBOOKS) WITH ONEVU

OneVU is a discovery tool that allows the researcher to use a single interface to search most library databases, books, ebooks, articles. Just select **Vincennes University** from the OneVU drop-down menu to search all VU collections. In addition, you can manage your personal library account, create lists, discover items through other users’ lists, grab citations, and more.

After discovering online articles and ebooks you will be prompted to log in using your MYVU account information to read, print or download, whether you are on campus or off campus. You can bypass OneVU if desired and still search for articles using specific resources by selecting your choice from the Databases A-Z listing.

### 6. 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.

### DICTIONARIES AND ENCYCLOPEDIAS

#### A. Medical and Nursing Encyclopedias

- *Encyclopedia of Women’s Health.* Ref. 613.042 A518e 2009
- *Merck Index: an Encyclopedia of Chemicals, Drugs, and Biologicals.* Ref. 615.1 M554m 2013
- *Professional Guide to Diseases.* Ref. 616 P964p 2009

#### B. Medical and Nursing Dictionaries

- *Dictionary of Medical Biography.* Ref. 610 D554b 2007
- *Mosby’s Medical Dictionary.* Ref. 610.3 M894m 2009
- *Stedman’s Medical Abbreviations, Acronyms & Symbols.* Ref. 610.148 S812sm 2013
- *Stedman's Medical Dictionary for the Health Professions and Nursing.* Ref. 610.3 S812s 2012
**A. Handbooks/General Health References**

- *AIDS Sourcebook.* Ref. 362.19697 A288as 2008
- *Blood and Circulatory Disorders Sourcebook.* Ref. 616.15 B655j 2010
- *Gray’s Anatomy for Students.* Ref. 612 D762g 2010
- *Health Care Organizations Risk Management: Forms, Checklists & Guidelines.* Ref. 362.1068 R893h 2010
- *Kids in the Syndrome Mix of ADHD, LD, Asperger’s, Tourette’s, Bipolar, and More!* Ref. 618.9289 K97k 2005
- *Lippincott’s Concise Illustrated Anatomy: Back, Upper Limb & Lower Limb.* Ref. 611.9 P196l 2012

**B. References Pertaining to Drugs**

- *Companion to Medicine in the Twentieth Century.* Ref. 610.904 C736c 2016
- *Complete Guide to Prescription and Nonprescription Drugs.* Ref. 615.13 G853c 2016/17
- *Drug Information Handbook for Nursing.* Ref. 615.58 D794n 2009
- *Handbook on Injectable Drugs.* Ref. 615.1 H236h 2015
- *Methamphetamine Crisis: Strategies to Save Addicts, Families, and Communities.* Ref. 362.299 M592m 2007
- *Pediatric Injectable Drugs.* Ref. 615.1083 P541p 2013
- *PDR Guide to Drug Interactions, Side Effects, and Indications.* Ref. 615.13 P578g 2010
- *Physicians’ Desk Reference.* Ref. 615.13 P578p 2013

**B. Nutrition**

- *CRC Desk Reference for Nutrition.* Ref. 612.303 B486c 2011
- *Handbook of Nutrition and Food.* Ref. 612.3 H236b 2014

**C. Mental Health Resources**

- *African American Children and Mental Health.* Ref. 155.457 A258h 2011
- *Comprehensive Accreditation Manual for Behavioral Health Care.* Ref. 616 C736c 2015
- *Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders: DSM-V.* Ref. 616.89 A512d (available at Reference Desk)
- *Encyclopedia of Mental Health.* Ref. 616.89 K12e 2008

**D. Health Directories**

- *Complete Directory for Pediatric Disorders.* Ref. 618 C737p2003
- *Older Americans Information Directory: 2013-14.* Ref. 362.6 O44a 2012