HOW TO BEGIN RESEARCH

• Compile a list of subject key words. You will use them when researching.
  o Think of synonyms (words that mean the same thing)
  o Check the spelling! Searching in the library catalog or databases won’t correct your spelling. 😊
• Start small. Find between 5-10 resources that match your subject. Analyze these sources for your paper before gathering more.
• Create a rough outline. Based on the information you have already collected, write down a summary of what you want to cover in your paper.

WHERE TO LOOK FOR INFORMATION

When should I use books?
• For in-depth overviews or historical background on a subject.
• Look for books using the Catalog on the Library website.

When should I use a database?
• For scholarly research articles that give specific case data or recent developments in an area
• Access databases from the Find Items tab on the Library website.

When should I use the Web?
• For demographic statistics or VERY current information that has not yet been published academically

NURSING WRITING HELP

Doing a Literature Review in Nursing, Health, and Social Care
RT 81.5 .C68 2013

Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association
In-Library Use Copies: Reserve Shelf
Checkout Copies: BF 76.7 .P83 2010

Understanding Nursing and Healthcare Research
RT 81.5 .C76 2015

Want to set up a research appointment with a librarian?
Call the Library! (406) 275-4875
The following are Library of Congress Call Numbers for possible Nursing research topics.

**R : Medicine**
- RC 952-954.6  Geriatric Nursing
- RD 92-98  Wound Care
- RG 951  Maternal Child Nursing / Obstetrical Nursing
- RJ 245  Pediatric Nursing

**RT: Nursing**
- RT 41  Medical Surgical Nursing
- RT 48  Nursing Assessment / Nursing Diagnosis
- RT 81.5  Nursing Research
- RT 85  Nursing Ethics
- RT 86.54  Transcultural Nursing
- RT 97-98  Community Health Nursing / Public Health Nursing
- RT 120 .E4  Emergency Nursing
- RT 120 .F4  Family Nursing
- RT 120.15  Intensive Care Nursing

## Want to Browse Print Journals?
(Newest issues in Commons)

- **Journal of Gerontological Nursing**
  - RC 954 .J67
  - Periodical Guide of additional titles available at the Library

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### Databases

**EbscoHost – CINAHL with Full Text**
- Recommended place to begin database research
- Covers nursing, biomedicine, alternative / complementary medicine, and consumer health

**EbscoHost – Health Source: Nursing/Academic Edition**
- Includes full-text articles on many medical disciplines, especially nursing and allied health

**EbscoHost – AHFS Consumer Medication Information**
- Recognized standard for patient drug information. Includes more than a thousand drug information monographs written in simple language for consumers

**EBSCOhost Consumer Health - Complete**

**Cochrane Library Database**
- Easy-to-read summary reviews of complete medical interventions or treatment histories

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### Websites

#### Citing Sources (APA)
- APA Style Blog
  - [http://blog.apastyle.org/apastyle/](http://blog.apastyle.org/apastyle/)

#### Professional Associations / Federal Departments
- National Council of State Boards of Nursing (NCSBN)
  - [https://www.ncsbn.org](https://www.ncsbn.org)
- Montana Nurses Association
  - [http://www.mtnurses.org/](http://www.mtnurses.org/)
- Indian Health Service
  - [http://www.ihs.gov/](http://www.ihs.gov/)

#### Statistics
- Montana Health Data and Statistical Reports
- National Center for Disease Control – Health Statistics
  - [http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/hus.htm](http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/hus.htm)
- US Census Bureau – Native American / Alaskan Native Information
  - [http://www.census.gov/ian/](http://www.census.gov/ian/)

#### Health Research
- National Institutes of Health – Health Information
- National Clinical Trials Database

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