How to Begin Research

Compile a list of subject key words
Synonyms
Check the spelling
Start Small

Find between 5-10 resources that match your subject. Analyze these sources for your paper before gathering additional information.

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

Books - in depth overviews or historic background on a subject

Database - For scholarly research articles that give specific case data or recent developments in an area

Internet - for demographic statistics or current information that has not yet been published academically

Nursing Writing Help

American Psychological Association
BF 76.7 .P83 2010

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

Understanding Nursing and Healthcare Research
RT 81.5 .C76 2015

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Guide to Library Resources for Nursing Research
2017-2018
Books
The following are Library of Congress call numbers for Nursing research topics.

R: Medicine
   RC 952-954.6 Geriatric Nursing
   RD 92-98 Wound Care
   RG 951 Maternal Child 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 .I5 Intensive Care
       Nursing

Databases

**EBSCOhost Web**

- *Academic Search Complete*
  - comprehensive and scholarly multidisciplinary full-text database
- *CINAHL Complete*
  - world’s most comprehensive source of full-text for nursing & allied health journals

**InfoTrac**

- *Academic OneFile*
  - premier source of peer-reviewed full-text scholarly content across the academic disciplines
- *Health Reference Center Academic*
  - access to medical and professional periodicals, health and fitness magazines, and reference books and pamphlets
- *Nursing and Allied Health Collection*
  - access to academic journals and other reference content covering all aspects of the nursing profession, from direct patient care to health care and administration
- *Physical Therapy and Sports Medicine Collection*
  - access to academic journals and magazines covering the fields of fitness and sports
- *Health and Wellness Resource Center*
  - access to thousands of full-text medical journals, magazines, reference works, and more

Websites

**APA Citation Help**
   blog.apastyle.org/apastyle
**National Council of State Boards of Nursing (NCSBN)**
   ncsbn.org
**Montana Nursing Association**
   mtnurses.org
**Indian Health Service**
   ihs.gov
**Montana Health Data and Statistical Reports**
   dphhs.mt.gov/
   statisticalinformation
**National Center for Disease Control-Health Statistics**
   cdc.gov/nchs/hus.htm
**US Census Bureau - Native American/Alaskan Native Information**
   census.gov/aiian/
**National Institutes of Health-Health Information**
   health.nih.gov/
**National Clinical Trials Database**
   clinicaltrials.gov/

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