**How to Begin Research**

Compile a list of subject keywords
- 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.

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**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

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**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 2023-2024**
**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/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 .I5 Intensive Care Nursing

Call 275-4875 for current database login information

**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

**Gale Power Search**
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)**
csbn.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/ainian/

**National Institutes of Health-Health Information**
health.nih.gov/

**National Clinical Trials Database**
clinicaltrials.gov/