

NURSING RESEARCH GUIDE

PURPOSE

The purpose of this document is to outline the available resources that Library Services provides to support students in the Nursing program at Medicine Hat College. Please contact the library for further assistance.

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ARTICLES

You can locate journal, magazine, and newspaper articles using databases. These resources cannot commonly be accessed using standard search engines such as Bing, Google, Yahoo, etc.

Databases are located at: <http://www.mhc.ab.ca/en/Library/Resources/Databases.aspx>

Databases that you can employ specifically for your program include:

[CINAHL Plus with Full Text](#) [EBSCO]

- CINAHL is your best bet for nursing research. The Cumulative Index to Nursing and Allied Health Literature (CINAHL) is the primary resource for literature in nursing and allied health. This database indexes over 2,800 journals, with full text coverage for more than 560 titles. You will also find Evidence-Based Care Sheets (EBCS), current, 2-page summaries of key nursing topics.

[ScienceDirect College Edition](#) [Elsevier B.V.]

- This database contains over 1800 full-text peer reviewed journals. The journals cover behavioral/social sciences, health/life sciences, and physical sciences. Select "Nursing and Health Professions" under 'Subject' when you perform a search to narrow down your results.

[Academic Search Complete](#) [EBSCO]

- This multidisciplinary database can be used for research on most topics, including nursing and health. It includes over 5,000 full-text journals. The content from *Health Source: Nursing/Academic Edition* is included in *Academic Search Complete*.

[Nursing Reference Center](#) [EBSCO]

- This is a source for information on diseases and conditions, nursing skills and practice, drug fact sheets and patient education. As this is a reference tool, you will not find research articles in this database.

For an overview and search tips, go to our Database Tips How-To Guide:

http://www.mhc.ab.ca/Library/Get_Assistance/~media/Files/library_documents/how_to_guides/general_research_guides/database_tips.pdf

BOOKS & AUDIOVISUALS

Search the library catalogue (<http://darius.uleth.ca/search~S2>) to find books and audiovisual resources on a topic.

Browse the library catalogue or shelves using these associated terms and call number ranges respectively:

- QM 23-34 [Human anatomy](#).
- RC 954 [Geriatric nursing](#).
- RJ 245-247 Nursing of children. [Pediatric nursing](#).
- RT 1-120 [Nursing](#).
 - RT 23-24 [Communication in nursing](#).
 - RT 31 [Nursing history](#).
 - RT 48-50 [Nursing assessment](#). [Nursing diagnosis](#). [Nursing care plans](#).
 - RT 55 [Nursing examinations](#). (Review and study guides for NCLEX exams)
 - RT 62 [Practical nursing](#).
 - RT 73 [Nursing students](#). (Guides to student success in nursing school)
 - RT 84.5 [Nursing philosophy](#). (Theory)
 - RT 85 [Nursing ethics](#).
 - RT 86 [Nursing psychological aspects](#). (Job stress, roles/image, nurse-patient relationships)

WEBSITES

Health Canada (<http://www.hc-sc.gc.ca>)

- This Canadian government website is the starting point for information relating to health in Canada. From this site, you will find information on the health care system and policies in Canada, health promotion, food and nutrition, as well as statistics, research reports and the Drug Product Database (DPD).

Alberta Health and Wellness (<http://www.health.alberta.ca/>)

- This Government of Alberta website provides information about accessing health care services in the province. Information on health topics and services is available to health professionals and consumers.

College and Association of Registered Nurses of Alberta (CARNA) (<http://www.nurses.ab.ca>)

- This association website provides information on becoming a registered nurse, professional resources and legislation in Canada. The association's publication, *Alberta RN*, is available online.

Canadian Institute for Health Information (CIHI) (<http://www.cihi.ca>)

- CIHI is an independent, not-for-profit organization. Their website provides research reports on health and healthcare in Canada.

Health on the Net (HON) (<http://www.hon.ch/>)

- The Health on the Net website provides access to reliable health information on the internet. The search engine HONSearch will help you find useful websites for health information, images and news for your research topic. This is a non-government, non-profit website.

OTHER HOW-TO GUIDES

Library Services produces a number of how-to guides to assist you with academic writing (APA and MLA styles), Microsoft Office, research and technology guides, as well as class specific handouts.

Other how-to guides can be located at: http://www.mhc.ab.ca/en/Library/Get_Assistance/How-To_Guides.aspx

CONTACT LIBRARY SERVICES

Library Services offers many points of assistance:

- In person (Information Desk)
- Telephone: 403-504-3544; Toll free: 1-866-282-8394 (ext. 3544)
- E-mail (http://www.mhc.ab.ca/Library/Get_Assistance/Email.aspx)
- Instant Messenger (*Library Online Agents*;
http://www.mhc.ab.ca/Library/Get_Assistance/IM.aspx)
- Text Messaging: 403-866-5872