Nursing Literature Search/Research

An overview of resources from the library website.

Where to Go First

- Malone Library Website [http://www.malone.edu/library](http://www.malone.edu/library)
- Begin with the Pioneer Trail located in the Research Sources box. Search by subject, title or keyword for a general overview of resources in a variety of formats, including full-text journal articles.
- Search the Malone Catalog (OPAL) for more resources including journal titles, books, electronic resources, and databases. When searching, you can specify Malone only, or select All OPAL (Ohio Private Academic Libraries) or OhioLINK libraries – depending on your preference.
- Click on individual items for more detailed information regarding holdings, availability and location.
- If an item includes the phrase “electronic resource”, clicking on it will either take you directly to the electronic item, or to detailed information that includes a link to the resource.
- If you know the title of a journal, you can find it by going to the Electronic Journal Center (EJC) or by using the online Full-Text Finder (FTF) journal list. Both resources are accessible by going to the library homepage. Under Research Sources, click on the Research and Journal Resources link to get to the EJC. FTF can be accessed from the library homepage Additional journals can be found at the Academic Journal Archive (JSTOR) at [http://www.jstor.org/](http://www.jstor.org/) (Does not include last 5 years)

A library guide has been created just for students in the School of Nursing and Health Sciences. To access, click on Course/Research Guides from the library homepage and select the Nursing Resources guide or go directly to the guide by using the URL [http://libraryguides.malone.edu/nursing](http://libraryguides.malone.edu/nursing) There you can find information on Malone holdings as well as reliable Internet resources.

- WorldCat is the largest library network in the world. Searches include a zip code option so that materials located closest to you appear at the top of the results list. You can access by going to the Research and Journals Resources page and searching Databases A-Z.

Navigating the databases


Best Databases for Nurses

Many databases can be searched together by selecting EBSCO Databases and selecting the databases you want to search. Just enter your search terms and all your selected databases will search your topic.

OhioLINK/Malone Databases

- **CINAHL Plus** – Cinahl is a comprehensive, full text source to nursing and allied health journals dating back to 1937. Unique features include cited references, evidence-based care sheets, a visual search option and a folder to save searches.
- **Health Source - Nursing/Academic Edition** – smaller database with a more streamlined search interface than CINAHL. However, it provides full-text and also includes the LexiPAL drug guide. A consumer edition is also available.
- **MEDLINE with full-text (EBSCO)** – provides full text for more than 1,370 of the most used journals indexed in MEDLINE.
- **Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews**/Includes Ovid (Research Databases)
  Includes the full text systematic reviews of methodological studies and protocols, which summarize the background and rationale for the review. In other words, experts have crunched the data and done some analysis to provide a review of studies, which have been conducted.
- **Global Road Warrior** (Research Databases)
  Extensive country and culture information.
- **Full-Text Finder** (Search by Journal Title link)
  Use Full-Text Finder to locate a particular journal or article within that journal. If you find the journal, but the article you're looking for is not in the range of issues available online, check the OhioLINK library catalog to see which libraries hold the issue in print and request it through interlibrary loan.
- **Natural Medicines Comprehensive Database** (print and online)
- **Prescriber's Letter** (Research Databases)
  Latest information and new developments in drug therapy.
- **Proquest Nursing and Allied Health Source** (Research Databases)
  Includes options for study paths (key topic summaries and recommended reading), scholarly and peer reviewed articles and access to Joanne Briggs Institute Evidence-Based Nursing content.
- **PubMed** – see Medline
  Service of the National Library of Medicine and National Institutes of Health. For journal articles found here use the Search by Journal Title link on the Malone library webpage.

**Finding Full-Text**

- If it appears that full-text is not available, click on the Find It! button or Full Text Finder link. If full text is available, it will take you to the article in a few additional steps.
- Check in Full-Text Finder or EJC (Electronic Journal Center)– Search by Journal Title (type in title of journal)
- If neither of those options work, determine whether the library subscribes to the journal in print by checking the library catalog (OPAL). You can also fill out an interlibrary loan form located on the library homepage under Library Services and we can get articles scanned and sent directly to you or the library.
- A subject term or phrase that works in one database may not work in another. If you are not getting results, try related terms, broaden the search term or click on the suggest subject terms option.

**Searching Tips and Help**

- **CITE IT**: You can find APA citation by clicking on “Cite” in the right column in Ebsco Databases. This allows you to cite an article you have selected for use. You can copy/paste the citation into your research paper bibliography. It's already formatted for you.
  (WARNING: not all the APA citations in EBSCO are accurate. If the title of the article appears in ALL CAPS, this is incorrect. Only the FIRST word of the title (and proper nouns) is capitalized).
  APA information is also available from the APA Citation Style, 6th edition guide.
- For information on using ebooks or accessing databases from home consult the FAQs: Answers Here link on the library’s website.
**REMEMBER**, if you are accessing information from off campus you will be required to **enter your last name and password** (the barcode # on back of your student id) to enter the system.

**NEED MORE HELP!**

- Come to the library to talk to one of our reference librarians
- Call the library reference desk (330 471-8314
- We also offer email reference service at reference@malone.edu

**REFERENCE DESK HOURS**

Reference librarians are available
Monday – Thursday: 10am - 9pm
Friday: 10am – 5pm
Saturday: 10am – 5pm
Sunday: 2pm – 10pm

If you need to speak with a reference librarian at a time not listed, please call the Reference Desk (330-471-8314) to set up an appointment.

**Library Hours**

Regular semester hours:
Monday-Thursday: 7:30am-11:30pm
Friday: 7:30am-5pm
Saturday: 10am-5pm
Sunday: 2:00pm-10:00pm

For daily hours of operation or changes in hours due to breaks and holidays, click on the Library Calendar link found on the library homepage.

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