



Nursing

Finding Books:

It's easy! The library's **online catalog** (library.plu.edu) provides access to the library's print materials. Jot down the complete call number and obtain the book from the library's second and third floors. *Hint:* to identify the best-possible subject headings for your topic, use the *Library of Congress Subject Headings* (a set of massive red books situated on a lectern in the library's reference section). Note the emphasis on the patient and the nursing area.

Basic Information

Reference books are excellent places to **begin** your research.

Need an overview of your topic? An encyclopedia article will give a terrific summary of (or introduction to) your subject area – and, at the end of the article, the bibliography will list books for further reading and research. Because biology is a wide subject area, there is no way to recommend reference resources without knowing the specific area being studied. Following are some general items. Stop by the reference desk to find items that best suit the topic.

Encyclopedia of human biology -- ref. QP11.E53 1997

Mosby's handbook of diseases -- ref. R121.L37x 2000

Nursing diagnosis reference manual -- ref. RT48.6.S66 2001

Historical encyclopedia of **nursing** -- ref. RT31.S66 1999

Mosby's handbook of patient teaching -- ref. RT90.C36 2000

Texts and Reviews

Remember our book collection has many texts that might be useful. In addition to traditional nursing topics remember you might need to broaden your search to topics related to health care, ethics and culture. Review articles, though not primary, lead to primary resources as well as summarizing information of specific topics.

Advanced health assessment & clinical diagnosis in primary care RC71.5.D35 2003

Alexander's care of the patient in surgery RD99.M387 2003

Annual review of nursing research RT1.A56 (a book series)

Between technology and humanity: the impact of technology on health care ethics R724.B48x 2002

Christian Science on trial: religious healing in America BX6950.S34 2003

Core curriculum for pain management nursing RT87.P35C673 2002

Hospice and palliative care : concepts and practice R726.8.H653 2003

To comfort always : a nurse's guide to end of life care (on order)

Community: a human becoming perspective RT84.5.P355 2003

Nursing quality measurement: a review of nursing studies 1995—2000 (on order)

Pocket guide to psychiatric nursing RC440.S8 2002

Practical aspects of nutritional support : an advanced practice guide (on order)

Review of research in nursing education RT73.R472x (a journal)

Examples of LC subject headings:

- Nursing care
- Nurse and patient
- Nurses – attitudes

- Geriatric Nursing
- Cancer – Nursing
- Hospice Care.

- Patient education
- Patient discharge
- Patient compliance

Finding Articles in Periodicals & Journals:

Periodical indexes (including online databases) provide the most efficient subject access to journals, magazines & newspapers. Some of these indexes are print, and some electronic (online). Access the online resources from the PLU Library website (<http://www.plu.edu/~libr/>).

Note: Some electronic resources require a username and password.

To locate articles on topics related to nursing, use the following indexes:

<p><u>CINAHL</u> (ProQuest) – Indexes and abstracts articles from allied health, biomedical and consumer health journals including publication of ANA and the NLN. Includes full text of 400+ nursing and medical journals.</p> <p>Make sure you use the Thesaurus and the “More Search Options” to focus your search.</p>	via PLU Library website
<p><u>Academic Search Premier</u> (EBSCOhost) A multi-disciplinary database that indexes roughly 4,500 journals, magazines, and newspapers with 3,600 titles in full text. Of those, nearly 2,600 titles are full text scholarly (peer reviewed) publications.</p>	via PLU Library website
<p><u>MEDLINE</u> (FirstSearch) -- Indexes and abstracts biomedical literature, published from 1969 to present.</p> <p>Search hint – limit your results to the nursing subset.</p>	via PLU Library website <i>This database may also be searched at the National Library of Medicine's website.</i>
<p><u>PsychInfo</u> (FirstSearch) -- Comprehensive index to the world's literature in Psychology. Be aware that not all articles are in English, even though the abstract is. Includes full text of American Psychological Association journals.</p>	via PLU Library website



Finding Journals: Most of the articles in the databases above are *not* full-text – in which case you need to find a *paper* copy of the journal containing your article. The library subscribes to hundreds of journals. The most recent issues are on the library's 1st Floor (south end). The older issues are shelved on the 2nd and 3rd floors by call number. Find the call numbers by searching the library's online catalog (<http://library.plu.edu/>). Choose the “**Journals at PLU**” to locate both paper and electronic journals.

Websites:

PLU Library's website includes carefully researched lists of sites. From the homepage, choose “Web Search” and then select one of the nursing resource pages listed. Or, go directly to:

- ✓ Nursing Resources Web page
<http://www.plu.edu/~libr/web/nurspres.html>
- ✓ Nursing Theory and Research Web page
<http://www.plu.edu/~libr/web/nursingtheory.html>