Navigating the Library Databases for Nursing

Start at the FGC homepage: [https://www.fgc.edu/](https://www.fgc.edu/) and click on FGC Library.

You can start your search by clicking **Search the Library**, or going to a specific by clicking **Databases A-Z**, or seeing all the Health related databases by clicking **Databases By Subject**.
Students need to log in to get access to online resources.  
College is Florida Gateway College  
Borrower ID is your FGC Student ID  
PIN/Password is your birthdate in MMDDYYYY format  
Note: If you get an error when logging in, call the library at 386-754-4401 or email library@fgc.edu to have your password reset (this will not affect any of your other college passwords).

Once you are successfully logged in, you will proceed to the Library Catalog.

The Library Catalog tab will search the FGC Library for books, eBooks, DVDs and audiobooks that we own. The Articles tab will search for Full Text Articles and eBooks. You can select the box on the left to limit results to scholarly or peer-reviewed publications.
For the list of all databases available to students, click on **Databases A-Z**.

For nursing related databases, click on **Databases by Subject**, then click the + beside **Health and Medicine**. There are 13 nursing related databases listed:

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There are many databases to choose from in the **Health and Medicine** subject area. We’ll focus on:

- **CINAHL**
- **Medline with Full Text**
- **Nursing Library (Rittenhouse) - eBooks**
- **OVID**
  - Extended Core Journal Collection
  - and eBook Collection
- **Springer eJournal Collection**
- **Medcom Nursing – videos**
- **APA Citation Resources**
CINAHL: Cumulative Index to Nursing and Allied Health Literature

Options to select:
- Full Text
- Peer Reviewed
- Published Date within 5 years
- “Apply related words” will also search for synonyms (elderly, aged, seniors) and word variations (vaccine, vaccines, vaccination)
- You can also truncate your search (vaccin*) to search variations in word endings

- To find articles written by a nurse, go to the Advanced Search and limit search to “Any Author is a Nurse”.
- You can further refine the search on the left side of the results page to limit to Full Text, Publication Date, Source Type, and other criteria.
At the article level, click the yellow Cite button on the right to get an APA style citation of the article.

The database citation tool is useful, but it is important for you to review and correct the formatting yourself.

See APA citation resources at the FGC Library under Research Help and Guides (https://www.fgc.edu/students/library/research/), including an FGC Video Tutorials, APA Style Home, APA Style Blog and the Purdue OWL.
**CINAHL Subject Headings** find articles using authoritative search terms, as compared to keyword searches that look for occurrences of words in the article. Subject headings use controlled vocabulary and can build a search using the subject hierarchy and subheadings.

CINAHL Subject Headings are assigned based on article content and help you retrieve more relevant articles. A hierarchy for terms is shown that can be expanded.

- “Major Concept” means the search term will be the major focus of the article.
- “Explode” means the results will include narrower terms.
- “Scope” will give an explanation or definition of terms.

You can select to “Include all Subheadings” on right or choose specific ones to build a search.
Similar Databases (from EBSCO):
- Medline with Full Text - from National Library of Medicine. Includes MeSH Headings
- The Health and Nursing database searches CINAHL, Health Source: Nursing/Academic; and PsycARTICLES

You can cross-search EBSCO databases. Above the search box click Choose Databases and select multiple databases from list.
**Nursing Library (Rittenhouse)**

Rittenhouse R2 is a collection of over 1,200 Nursing ebooks. You can search a drug or condition by typing it into the large search bar. This will give you a list of results taken from specific chapters of books.

You can refine your results on the left side by Practice Area, Publication Date or Discipline.

Click on an entry in the results list to open the ebook for the full text context.

Clicking on hot links within the articles will perform a new search on that term.

The chapters can be printed, saved, and exported under Tools.

The APA Citation tool is found under Tools/Export Citation, but be sure to make corrections to the information given. See APA citation resources at the FGC Library under Research Help and Guides.
You can also click on the A-Z Index and browse by drug names, diseases or topics.
Ovid: Ebooks and Extended Core Journal Collection

There are 307 ebooks and 60 full text nursing journals available in Ovid. From the database list, click either “Books@Ovid” OR “OVID Extended Core Journal Collection” to open the platform.

You can search both ebooks and journals, or select one subset or the other by changing the Resources selected.

The Basic Search uses natural language to search. The Advanced Search uses keywords with the newest results showing first.
You can limit a search to only eBooks, then go to the chapter where the search terms are found:
Springer eJournal Collection
This database includes several different subject collections. Choose **Medicine** on the left sidebar. Un-check “Include Preview-Only content” to get the most efficient full text results. You can narrow your results by selecting a Subdiscipline.
Medcom Nursing Videos

This database includes 100 videos on a broad range of nursing and health topics:

- Video ID: VID78715-T: Anatomy and Physiology: The Cardiovascular System (w/Video)
- Video ID: VID78717-R: Anatomy and Physiology: The Digestive System (w/Video)
- Video ID: VID78723-T: Anatomy and Physiology: The Endocrine System (w/Video)
- Video ID: VID78724-T: Anatomy and Physiology: The Integumentary System (w/Video)
- Video ID: VID78719-T: Anatomy and Physiology: The Muscular System (w/Video)
- Video ID: VID78716-T: Anatomy and Physiology: The Nervous System (w/Video)
- Video ID: VID78720-T: Anatomy and Physiology: The Reproductive System (w/Video)
- Video ID: VID78716-T: Anatomy and Physiology: The Respiratory System (w/Video)
- Video ID: VID78721-T: Anatomy and Physiology: The Skeletal System (w/Video)
- Video ID: VID78722-T: Anatomy and Physiology: The Urinary System (w/Video)
- Video ID: VID78805R-T: Aseptic Nursing Technique at the Bedside: Standard Precautions (w/Video)
- Video ID: VID78808D-T: Aseptic Nursing Technique at the Bedside: The Sterile Field (w/Video)
- Video ID: VID78808AR-T: Aseptic Nursing Technique at the Bedside: Transmission of Infection (w/Video)
- Video ID: VID78808CR-T: Aseptic Nursing Technique at the Bedside: Transmission-Based Precautions (w/Video)
- Video ID: VID78810D-T: Aseptic Nursing Technique in the OR: Creating and Maintaining the Sterile Field (w/Video)
- Video ID: VID78810TC-T: Aseptic Nursing Technique in the OR: Gowning, Gloves and Surgical Skin Prep (w/Video)

Here is a screenshot of one of the many video lessons available:
APA Citation Help

For APA help, see the FGC Library - Research Help and Guides. Here you’ll find a 14 minute video tutorial, links to the APA Style Home and APA Style Blog, and a link to the Purdue OWL (Online Writing Lab).

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