



CCBC LIBRARY ORIENTATION FOR NURSING STUDENTS

NURSING RESOURCES

CCBC Library is organized according to the Dewey Decimal System. The majority of nursing-related books are shelved under the call numbers **610 – 620**. The Nursing Collection is located on the last bookshelf past the Customer Service desk.

Locating books:

To search for **books, periodical titles and audiovisual materials** in the Library collection, use **B-VR-PAC**, the Beaver County Library System online catalog.

To access the online catalog:

1. Go to <http://www.ccbc.edu/lib>
2. Click on "Library catalog"
3. Select type of search.
4. Enter your search terms.

Locating periodical articles

Print subscriptions:

The Library has several current nursing periodical subscriptions. A list of titles is available at the reference desk or on the library web site under "**Course-specific resources: Nursing & Allied Health Courses**". The nursing journals are located on the shelf across from the Customer Service desk and can only be used in the Library.

Electronic format:

The easiest way to find articles from reference publications or journals on a certain topic is to use our electronic databases, which can be accessed from the page www.ccbc.edu/databases. Databases can be searched by topic, author, journal title, etc. The most recommended databases for nursing are:

- CREDO REFERENCE

Provides full-text content from more than 260 reference books on all subjects, such as dictionaries, handbooks and encyclopedias. Good for drug information, overview of diseases and symptoms, anatomical images, etc.

- **CINAHL Plus with Full Text (EbscoHost)** is the world's most comprehensive source of full text for nursing & allied health journals, providing **access to 275 books/monographs and more than 770 journals**. CINAHL+FT also includes text of dissertations, conference proceedings, images, and a medical dictionary. In addition, **Evidence-based Care Sheets** and **Quick Lessons** include two-page pdf summaries for many diseases and conditions, with references.

- **Health Source: Nursing/Academic Edition (EbscoHost)**

This database provides more than **550 scholarly full text journals** focusing on many medical disciplines as well as access to **LEXI-PAL Drug Guide** with information on 4700 drug names.

To locate **journal articles from nursing publications** using EBSCOHost:

1. Go to the Library web page:
<http://www.ccbc.edu/lib>
2. Click on "**Databases**".
3. Look for the EBSCOHost logo and click the "**Connect to EBSCOHost**" link.
4. At the next page, **enter your CCBC network username and password.***
5. Click the top link: "**EBSCOHost Web**."
6. On the next screen, check the boxes for "**Health Source**" and "**CINAHL**" databases and click "**Continue**." **
7. Click the "**Advanced Search**" link.
8. In the first text box, enter your **topic**; click the "**Select a Field**" arrow and select "**TI Title**" or "**AB Abstract**."
9. At the second box, type "**nursing or nurse**" and select "**SO Source**" from the menu. This is to ensure your articles will come from a **nursing journal**, not from a medical journal.
10. Check the "**Full Text**" box.
11. If you need to locate articles to support **evidence-based practice**, utilize CINAHL's "Limit your Results" choices. Under "Publication Type", the most useful will be:
 - "clinical trials" or "randomized control trial" (single studies comparing a control and an experimental group of subjects)
 - systematic review (summarize the best available studies on a topic)**Select only one of these according to the type of article your instructor will accept.**
Or you may select "Evidence-based practice" under "Special Interest."
12. If results are unsatisfactory, do not hesitate to contact the librarian for help.

** If your account is expired, you must call the **Helpdesk** at 724-480-3399 and request that your College email account be reset.*

*** Our subscription to CINAHL allows only **four people to search the database simultaneously**.*