NURBN1005 Workbook

Search skills

Activity A. Search skills using QuickSearch

1. Using QuickSearch find the following journal article;


Name a database where you can access this article.

2. Using QuickSearch do the following searches and then narrow your results by selecting options under Tweak my results (right hand side of the results page).

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3. Read through the Read wisely section from the Nursing subject guide (Search Skills tab)

4. Explore the tabs under Do your references pass the CRAAP test? (Search Skills tab)

Activity B. Targeted Searching – Databases

1. Watch the video – What’s a library database? from the subject guide

2. Using Cinahl, use the Advanced Search interface.
3. Run the following searches
   a. climate change AND health
   b. “climate change” AND health (note: make sure you include the quotation marks!)
   c. (“climate change” OR “global warming”) AND health
   d.

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4. Run the following searches
   a. “Childhood immunisation” AND Australia
   b. “Childhood immunisation” AND Australia

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Activity C. Rocket powered referencing

1. In the Nursing subject guide, look under the drop down box in the Search Skills tab, and click on Rocket-powered Referencing

2. Complete It’s time to play: What’s that reference?

3. Using FedCite (link on the Home tab of the Nursing subject guide) write the APA reference for the following book chapter, journal article and website

   a. Book chapter

   Gathering relevant information and making decisions / Clint Douglas and Jackie Crisp from the book – pages 60-80 from;

   Title: Potter & Perry’s fundamentals of nursing
   Author: Jackie Crisp editor. >
   Clint Douglas editor. >
   Geraldine Rebeiro editor. >
   Donna Waters editor. >
   Publisher: Elsevier Australia a division of Reed International Books Australia Pty Ltd.
   Creation Date: 2017

   b. Journal article

   Title: Pertussis: Where did we go wrong and what can we do about it?
   Author: Locht, Camille
   From: Journal of Infection, 5 July 2016, Vol.72, pp. S34-S40
   DOI: https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jinf.2016.04.020
c. Website

If you have time and would like to learn more, try the following two activities.

**Optional - Activity D. Using Google**

Google is worth using to find government documents. Develop the following search in Google

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Optional - Activity E. Evidence based sources

Using the Joanna Briggs Institute (JBI) Library do a search for marijuana OR cannabis (http://joannabriggs.org/, then look for JBISRIR to connect to the JBI Library)

How many results do you get and what sort of information is it?

Think about better ways to search

Use AND, OR and NOT to combine terms. Note: Always use capital letters when using these terms, so that the database knows the word is an instruction.

- **AND** will find items that contain both terms e.g. sustainable AND community
  - Gives more precise results
- **OR** will find items that contain either term e.g. adolescents OR teenagers
  - Gives more comprehensive results
- **NOT** will exclude a term e.g. community NOT urban
  - Removes alternative, unwanted meanings

Phrase searching using " " (quotation marks)
- Using “ ” will search the terms together as a single term e.g., “social media” will find items that contain the words together as the concept, “social media”, rather than as separate terms e.g. “The media staff were very social.”
- **Note.** Quote marks are not the same as using AND to combine terms, as AND will simply look for both terms anywhere in the same record, not together as a phrase

Use * (truncation) to find variations on a common word stem
- e.g., research* will find research, researchs, researcher, researching etc.
- **Note.** This is equivalent to using OR to find either term, but more efficient than typing all the variants out in full, e.g research OR researchs OR researcher OR researching
- **Note.** Use carefully: commun* will find community and community development, but also communist, communal, communicate, etc.

Use a wildcard to find variations in the middle of a word
- ? used in the body of a word will find variations on one character in the middle of a word e.g. wom?n will find woman and women
- * used in the body of a word will find variations on one or more characters e.g. mindfu*ness will find both mindfulness and mindfullness
- **Note.** This is equivalent to using OR to find either term, but more efficient than typing out in full e.g. woman OR women
- **Note.** The characters used as wildcards may vary in different databases.