NUR100: Introduction to Professional Nursing

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**Finding Help**

**Chat:** Chat reference service are available online. A librarian is available to chat during research help hours.

**Telephone:** Contact the research help desk at 508-678-2811 ext. 2108.

**In person:** A librarian is available at the research help desk at the following times:

- Monday through Thursday: 9:00 am - 8:00 pm
- Friday: 9:00 am - 4:00 pm
- Saturday: 10:00 am - 5:00 pm
- Sunday: 12:00 - 5:00 pm

**Book-A-Librarian (appointment):** This service is open to all BCC students, faculty, and staff. You can "book" time with a librarian (up to 60 minutes) so that we can sit down and help you, one-on-one, with your research.

**E-mail:** Complete the form on the help page, and a librarian will e-mail you back with answers and suggestions. You will receive a reply within 2 business days.

**Resource Overview**

For your assignment you will need to use at least to find several credible sources. Here's what we'll be covering today.

- Evidence Based Practice
- Finding Articles
- Other Useful Sources
KEYWORD SEARCHING

Phrase Searching
Phrase searching allows you to search for a phrase, as opposed to individual words. To complete a phrase search, use quotation marks around two or more word phrases. This will give you far more specific results.

Example: metastatic breast cancer = 16,019 results
“metastatic breast cancer” = 12,744 results

Truncation
Truncation allows a researcher to search for multiple endings for a single word in a single search instead of trying spelling variations in multiple searchers. Most databases require the use of the asterisk (*) as the truncation symbol.

Example: cancer* finds items with the words cancer, cancers, cancerous, etc.

Choosing Keywords
Choosing your search words, or keywords, correctly can mean the difference between relevant and irrelevant results.

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*Alternative keywords help to identify other words that may be used in articles to say the same thing. Choosing alternative keywords is almost as important as choosing your main search terms.

Boolean Logic
Using Boolean Logic in your advanced search means that you are using command words (Boolean operators) to connect your search terms. Boolean Logic allows you to conduct a more specific search and find relevant and specific information. The three Boolean operators are AND, OR, and NOT.

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SEARCHING STEP-BY-STEP

Step 1: Adding Databases
Add Health Source Nursing, Medline

Step 2: Choose the Advanced Search

Step 3: Phrase Searching
Step 4: Use Boolean to add Alternative Keywords

![Boolean search with keywords]

Step 5: Add Keywords

![Additional keywords added]

Step 6: Use Boolean to add Alternative Keywords

![Further Boolean search with additional keywords]

Step 7: Narrow to Full Text, Peer Reviewed, & Last 5 Years

![Limit settings with options for full text, peer-reviewed, and publication dates]
Step 8: Select an Article

Step 10: Finding Articles in Other Databases
OTHER RESOURCES

Health & Wellness Resource Center
Provides instant access to carefully compiled and trusted medical reference materials. Includes nearly 400 health/medical journals, hundreds of pamphlets, over 700 health-related videos from partner Healthology, Inc., and articles from 2,200 general interest publications in addition to a broad collection of Gale reference titles. Material contained in this Resource Center is intended for informational purposes only.

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