Finding Credible Academic Information

NUR1101 Nursing in the Australian Healthcare System
Topic: Critically discuss the role of the registered nurse as a member of the inter-professional healthcare team.

Key aspects for discussion should include professionalism, leadership, teamwork, and inter-professional collaboration.

- You will have used a minimum of 8 articles and the related nursing codes and standards to support your final essay discussion.
- In-text references are correctly formatted as per APA throughout the essay.
- End text references are listed under the reference section, using correct APA formatting.
Assignment resources

Journal Articles and Academic information

- CINAHL
- PsycINFO
- MEDLINE

Websites

Nursing and Midwifery Codes and Standards

Searching for Information

Learn how to create search strategies and find information in ECU Worldsearch.

Creating search strategies to find information in ECU Worldsearch & the CINAHL Database

Searching ECU Worldsearch and Databases

Module 4 of the Academic Skills in Nursing and Midwifery Library Guide
A reminder about searching concepts – Connectors

• Use AND between concepts
  – Cystic fibrosis AND psychosocial - finds results that include both of these terms

• Use OR between synonyms/alternate terms
  – Cystic fibrosis OR fibrocystic disease of the pancreas
    – finds results that include either of these terms

For a list of the common smart search strategy tips go to the Nursing Library Guide under the Getting started tab
### Refining: too much information or too little?

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<td>Apply limits in databases (e.g. publication year, age group, publication type)</td>
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Some examples of search strategies

Try a search with **inter-professional collaboration** and compare this with the results when you search **interprofessional collaboration**. Add **nurse*** to narrow the search.
Some examples of search strategies

Here are some more possible search combinations. Remember to limit the search to the last five years. You can also add the limit of ‘Academic Journals’ under Source Types.

But this is just a starter.
Scan and skim results

Read the Title of the search result then read the abstract – is the journal article potentially relevant
Scan and skim results

If potentially relevant then save into the folder

1. Examining the context of community nursing in Ireland and the impact of missed care.

2. Workload of Nurses and Care Left Undone: Do we Really Care Enough?

3. Does Missed Care in Isolated Rural Hospitals Matter?

Scan and skim results

Then read in more detail the search results to make a final selection

1. **Causes & consequences of ‘Care Left Undone’... European Academy Of Nursing Science 2016**
   - Includes abstract
   - Smith, Jessica G.; Western Journal of Nursing Research, Jun 2018; 40(6): 775-778, 4p.
   - Subjects: Nursing Science Organizations, Quality of Nursing Care

2. **Does Missed Care in Isolated Rural Hospitals Matter?**
   - Includes abstract
   - Smith, Jessica G.; Western Journal of Nursing Research, Jun 2018; 40(6): 775-778, 4p.
   - Subjects: Quality of Nursing Care, Nursing Care, Nursing Staff, Hospital, Hospitals, Rural, Rural Health

3. **Nurse staffing level and overtime associated with patient safety, quality of care, and care left unin**
   - Includes abstract
   - Cho, Eunhee; Lee, Nam-Ju; Kim, Eun-Young; Kim, Sinhye; Lee, Kyongeun; Park, Kwang-Ok; Sung, Yo
   - Article - research ISSN: 0020-7489, Database: CINAHL Plus with Full Text
Websites

Refer to your Unit Outline/Plan for credible health websites recommended by your Unit Coordinator

Critical evaluation of Websites

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<td>Does the author have a hidden agenda? Is their intent to sell something? Is it all a hoax? What is the motivation behind the page?</td>
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For more detailed help on how to a website is available click on this link: Finding Credible Sources
Save copies of the information you use for your assignment.

You can use them for referencing in the APA style.
And finally – some useful links

• Nursing Library Guide: http://ecu.au.libguides.com/nursing


• Referencing Library Guide: http://ecu.au.libguides.com/referencing