Searching CINAHL for Evidence-Based Medicine Articles

Must access via the Columbus State Library website:
library.cscc.edu > Find Books & More > Databases > CINAHL

The Search Process

☑️ **Step 1**
CINAHL automatically starts on the advanced search screen.

Click the drop down menu to the right of the search bar, *Select a Field (optional)* and select **DT Publication Date**.

Put the preferred date range, in years, in the search bar to the left. This will search for articles published within the specified time frame.

Scroll down to the **Limit your results** section to narrow your search.

☑️ **Step 2**
To limit results to *Evidence-Based Medicine* articles, under **Publication Type**, select (use Ctrl or Cmd to select multiple publication types at once):

- Case Study
- Clinical Trial
- Meta Analysis
- Meta Synthesis
- Practice Guidelines
- Randomized Controlled Trials
- Research
- Review
- Standards
- Systematic Review

☑️ **Step 3**
Under **Journal Subset** select Nursing to limit the results to **Nursing Journals**.

☑️ **Step 4**
Under **Geographic Subset** select USA to limit results to articles published within the United States.

☑️ **Step 5**
Once you’ve selected your chosen limiters, click **Search**
☑ Step 6
Click on the title of an article to view the Detailed Record, which includes: author information, abstract, publication type, and specific journal information.

All information required for the citation can be found in the Detailed Record.

☑ Step 7
If you need to edit your search limiters, click on Show More, under Refine Results on the left side of the results page, to open a Search Options box.

This allows you to narrow or expand your current search without having to start over.

Note
Checking Peer Reviewed limits the results to journals and/or articles that CINAHL considers peer reviewed.

You will need to confirm if an article is Peer Reviewed by checking the individual journal’s editorial process. The peer review criteria and reviewer or referee qualifications vary depending on the journal.

DO NOT check Evidence-Based Practice, this limits the results too much.

If you find an article that does not have full text availability, contact a Reference Librarian.