

CINAHL

Cumulative Index to Nursing & Allied Health Literature

CINAHL indexes English-language nursing journals and the primary journals from 17 allied health disciplines, including occupational therapy and physical therapy. CINAHL also selectively indexes books and book chapters, pamphlets from professional organizations, dissertations and a variety of other publication types. Coverage begins in 1982.

Getting Started

From the Library homepage, <http://library.stkate.edu>

- Click on **Find Articles** then **Databases and Indexes**.
- Select **CINAHL** (under the CSC favorites list or under **c** in the alphabetical database listing.)

*Off-campus users will need to enter their KateWay login.

From **KateWay**

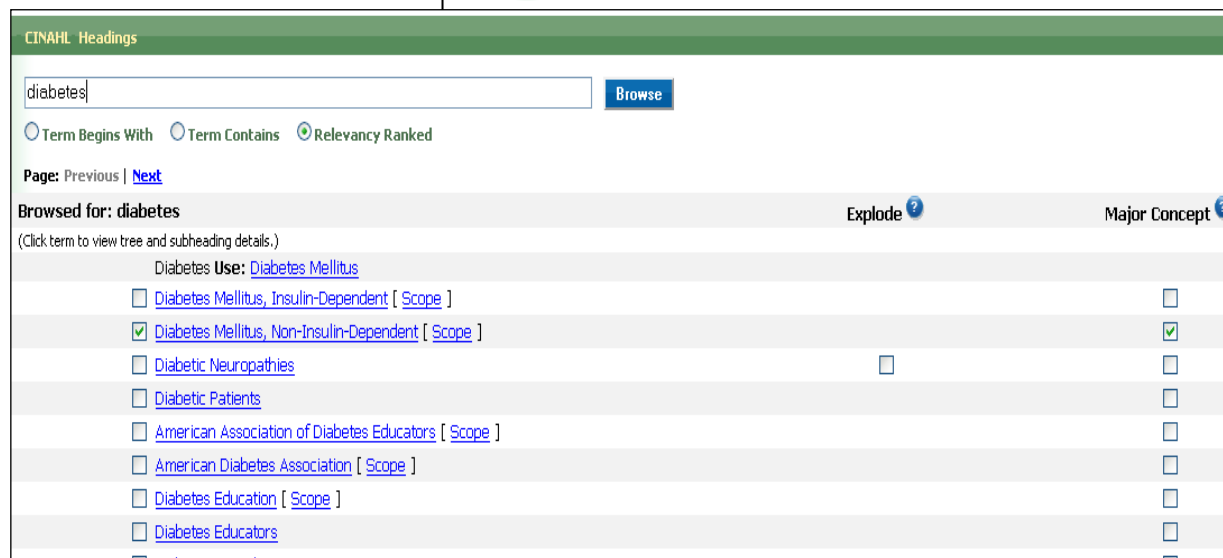
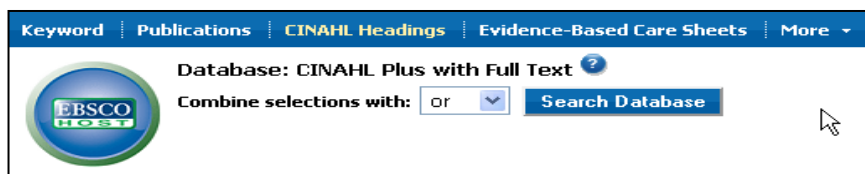
- Go to the **Library** tab
- Look for **Find Articles** and use the drop-down menu **See Databases by Subject**
- Choose **Health Sciences** and click **Go**
- Scroll down and click on **CINAHL**

Formulating a Subject Search

1. State your information need in the form of a question or a statement, e.g.: *What is the relationship between obesity and diabetes?*
2. Break the question down into individual parts for searching: **DIABETES, OBESITY**

Performing a Subject Search

Click on the **CINAHL Headings** option on the tool bar at the top of the screen.



- In the **Browse for** search box, type your search term.
- From the list of suggested terms for your keyword, you can "**Explode**" the term to search for your term and all more specific terms. Or select "**Major Concept**" to find only articles about this exact term.
- Check the box(es) next to the term(s) you want, then click **SEARCH DATABASE** to find articles on this exact topic.
- Browse for additional subject terms and combine selections with **AND** to build a multi-term subject search.

Limiting Your Results

At the right of the search results screen, select Search Options to see all available ways to limit your search. Options include: full-text articles only, publication type, language, gender and age of study participants, and within specific journals or journal subsets.

The screenshot shows a search results interface. On the left, there are 'Narrow Results by' sections for 'Source Types' and 'Subject'. The main area displays search results for '(MM "Diabetes Mellitus, Non-Insulin-Dependent") an...'. The 'Limit your results' panel is expanded, showing various filters. A red circle highlights the 'Search Options' link in the top right panel.

For example, to limit our search to **nursing research** articles, select CORE NURSING for Journal Subset and RESEARCH for Publication Type.

Displaying and Managing Results

Search results appear in a tabular format below the search boxes, 10 records at a time. Each record includes information such as the article title, author, source, and full text links, if available.

To see a more detailed record for an article, click on the hyperlinked article title.

Print articles individually from this screen or **Add to folder** for later printing and viewing.

Exporting results to RefWorks

Select items from the results list and add them to the folder. Click on the **Folder has items** icon to display its contents. Select the items to export and click on the export button. Select the **Direct Export to RefWorks** option. Click **Save**.

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