Nursing Database Search Tips

On the www.wwcc.edu home page go to Quicklinks, then click on Library, then select the Research by Subject & More tab, then click on the Health Sciences and Nursing Resources link.
1. Click the **ProQuest Health and Medicine Databases** link
2. Click **Advanced Search** and fill in the search boxes using some or all of the following suggestions:
   a. Search box line 1 → type in key words for your topic in the blank box
   b. Search box line 2 →
      - choose the **AND** Boolean operator
      - type `p bloc(united states)` in the blank box - (no space between `p` and left parenthesis; this command will narrow the results to articles from U.S. publishers)
   c. Search box line 3
      - choose the **AND** Boolean operator
      - type `nurs*` in the blank box - (the asterisk is a wildcard that will select any form of the word nurse i.e. nurse, nursing, nurses, etc.)
      - select [in] **Publication title – PUB** - (use this to narrow the results to journals with nurse, nursing, nurses, etc. in the title if the results are showing too many articles in non-relevant journals)

You may also choose the following **Search Options** (filters) as desired or required:
- Full text, Peer reviewed
- Publication date: choose **“Specific date range”** then enter the start year (subtract 5 from the current year) and the end year (the current year)

Click the **Search** button.

3. Additional notes about results:
   - The **ICON** to the left of each title in the results list indicates the type of publication.
   - Verify the journal is an American publication. European word spellings may be a clue that it’s not. To view the full publisher information, click the **Citation/Abstract** link, then **Publication Title** link, then the **Show all** link.
   - If the abstract mentions **“Review”** or **“Literature Review”** this is an indication that the information is from a secondary source.

**Example**

![ProQuest Advanced Search](image)
1. Click the **Health Reference Center Academic** link
2. Click **Advanced Search** and fill in the search boxes using some or all of the following suggestions:
   a. Search box line 1 → type in key words for your topic in the blank box
   b. Search box line 2 →
      - choose the **AND** Boolean operator
      - choose **Publication Country** in the next box
      - type **united states** in the blank box - (this command will narrow the results to articles from U.S. publishers)
   c. Search box line 3
      - choose the **AND** Boolean operator
      - choose **Publication Title** in the next box - (use this to narrow the results to journals with a nurse in the title if the results are showing too many articles in non-relevant journals)
      - type **nurs*** in the blank box - (the asterisk is a wildcard that will select any form of the word nurse i.e. nurse, nursing, nurses, etc.)

   You may also choose the following **Limit Results** options (filters) as desired or required:
   - to documents with full text
   - to peer-reviewed publications
   - by publication date(s): click **Between** then enter the start year (subtract 5 from the current year) and the end year (the current year)

   Click the **Search** button.

3. Additional notes about results:
   - Publication type is indicated to the right of each title in the results list.
   - Verify the journal is an American publication. European word spellings may be a clue that it’s not.
     To view the full publisher information, click the publisher link under the article title.
   - If the abstract mentions “Review” or “Literature Review” this is an indication that the information is from a secondary source.

**Example**
1. Click the **EBSCO Health and Medicine Databases** link
2. Fill in the search boxes using some or all of the following suggestions:
   a. Search box line 1 → type in key words for your topic in the blank box
   b. Search box line 2
      - choose the **AND** Boolean operator
      - type **united states** in the blank box- (though not 100% accurate, this will help narrow the results to articles from U.S. publishers)
   C. Search box line 3
      - choose the **AND** Boolean operator
      - type **nurs* in the blank box** - (the asterisk is a wildcard that will select any form of the word nurse i.e. nurse, nursing, nurses, etc.)
      - select **SO Source** - (use this to narrow the results to journals with nurse, nursing, nurses, etc. in the title if the results are showing too many articles in non-relevant journals)

You may also choose the following **Search Options** (filters) as desired or required:
- Linked Full Text, Scholarly (Peer Reviewed) Journals
- Date Published: in the first “Year” box enter the start year (subtract 5 from the current year) and in the second “Year” box enter the end year (the current year)

Click the **Search** button.
3. Additional notes about results:
   - The **ICON** to the left of each title in the results list indicates the type of publication.
   - Verify the journal is an American publication. European word spellings may be a clue that it’s not. To view the full publisher information, click the **Citation/Abstract** link, then click the publisher link next to **Source**.
   - If the abstract mentions “**Review**” or “**Literature Review**” this is an indication that the information is from a secondary source.

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