On the www.wwcc.edu home page click on Library from the top navigation menu. Or, directly visit www.wwcc.edu/library from your browser address bar.
Select the **Course & Subject Guides** tab, then click on the **Nursing/Health Sciences** link.

Begin your search by selecting the **Recommended Health and Medicine Databases** menu.

**Recommended Health and Medicine Database**

*ProQuest Health and Medicine Databases* (searches all ProQuest Health databases at once)

*Nursing and Allied Health Source*: This provides scholarly (peer-reviewed) healthcare information covering nursing, allied health, alternative and complementary medicine, and much more.

*Research Library*: Health and Medicine: This covers the latest in medical research.

*Family Health*: This database is for a more general audience covering a wide variety of health-related topics.

See search tips below.
1. Click the ProQuest Health and Medicine Databases link (you may have to enter your SID)
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 **pbloc(United States)** in the blank box - (no space between pbloc and left parenthesis; this command will narrow the results to articles from U.S. publishers)
   c. Search box line 3 (you may have to click “Add a row“)
      - 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)

Choose the following **Search Options** (filters):
- 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**

![Advanced Search Screenshot]
If necessary, expand your search by exploring other subscription databases located under the **Other Health and Medicine Databases** menu.

### Other Health and Medicine Databases

- **ProQuest (Recommended) Health and Medicine Subscription Databases**
- **Gale and EBSCO Health and Medicine / Other Subscription Databases**
- **Open Access Health and Medicine Databases**
- **Useful Websites**
- **Need Help?**

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**Gale Cengage Infotrac Health Reference Center Academic**: This multi-source database provides access to the full text of nursing and allied health journals, plus the wide variety of personal health information sources.

**EBSCO Health and Medicine Databases** (searches all EBSCO Health databases at once)

- **Health Source – Nursing/Academic Edition**: Written for health professionals, find scholarly (peer-reviewed) articles on a variety of medical issues.

- **Health Source – Consumer Edition**: Health information written for people with no medical background. This database offers a rich collection of consumer health information in the area of medical sciences, food sciences and nutrition, childcare, sports medicine, and general health.

- **Medline**: The National Library of Medicine collects and indexes the information from over 4800 biomedical journals.

- **Medicina**: This provides a variety of medical topics in Spanish.

- **AllHealth Watch**: This provides articles about alternative health options. Some are full-text and peer reviewed.

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See search tips below.
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.)

Choose the following options in **Limit Results** to the following (filters):
- 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**

![Health Reference Center Academic](image-url)
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)

Choose the following **Search Options** (filters):
- 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.

**Example**
For even further investigation, you may also wish to explore open source materials located under the **Open Access Health and Medicine Databases**.

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**Open Access Health and Medicine Databases**

- **Directory of Open Access Journals – Nursing**: This is a direct link to a collection of scholarly peer-reviewed nursing journals within this multi-disciplinary database that are freely available on the Internet. Please check with your instructor to make sure open access journals will be accepted.

- **National Institute of Health (NIH) / National Library of Medicine (NLM) – Pub Med Central (PMC)**: PMC is a free full-text database of articles in the biomedical and life sciences.