Finding articles in Cinahl with Full Text
Finding journal articles

- You can find articles, many of them full text, via the Libraries web page http://www.uvic.ca/library

- Here we will look at searching **Cinahl with Full Text**, the main database for nursing topics
Where to find Cinahl with Full Text

From the Library web page (http://www.uvic.ca/library) select **Search & find**, **Databases**, then **Cinahl with Full Text**

*(Note: The instructions here show access via Chrome, Safari, or IE → In Firefox, click on “Navigation” to see the headings described)*
Searching Cinahl with Full Text

- Enter your **Netlink ID** and Password if/when prompted to do so.

- Once in the database, click on the **Advanced Search** tab.
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- Enter your **keywords** in the search boxes
- Note the **Add row (plus sign)** link if you have more than three keywords
- Keyword phrases of 2 or more words need **quotation marks** so they’re searched as a single unit
Searching Cinahl with Full Text

- When you run the search, a list of results will be displayed with an indication of the **number of results found**.

- Often, as in this case, the number is high and the search needs to be **refined** further.
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- One strategy when you have too many results is to be more precise by adding another keyword.

- Now each record displayed must include all three of the terms entered.
Another strategy...

**Select a field (optional)** means the terms can be from **anywhere** in the brief Cinahl with Full Text record which describes the item – the Title, Author, Source, Keyword, Abstract etc.

While your keywords are there, they may not be the true focus of the material.
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- To focus your search, use the drop down menu to the right of the search box.

- If you select **TI Title**, for example, your keywords will be in the title of the material and therefore be more likely to be on topic.
Searching a database is all about **tweaking your search** until you are happy with your list of results.

- If you need to **find more** results, add some **synonyms** to your search.
- Place **or** between the keywords within a box.

![Search Results](image)
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- This search also makes use of a **truncation symbol** at the end of “nursing home*” and senior*

- The **asterisk** will ensure that the **plurals** of these terms are found

- The asterisk can also be used to find all **variant endings** to a word stem. For example, the term nurs* would find nurse, nurses, nursing, etc.
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- You can modify your search at any time by using the refine options to the left of the screen.

- The **Scholarly (Peer reviewed) Journals** box will limit your search to scholarly references.
Finding research articles

- To limit your search to research articles only...
- Click on “Show More” and select the “Research Article” option
- This Cinahl feature is useful if you are taking a research methods course!
Finding full text

- Cinahl with Full Text includes the contents of over 1,600+ journals
- Many (but not all) come with PDF full text access displayed with the record
- This is great! Click on the PDF Full Text link and the article will appear on your desk top
Finding full text

- Where there is no PDF or Full Text link, click on the **Get This?** button.

- **Get This?** will reach outside of the database to see if full text is available from another source.
Finding Full Text - Article

- A few different options may appear…
- You might see an **Article** link which will go thru to the article text

**Full Text Available**

- **View:** Article
- **Journal:**
- **Dates Available:** 10/01/1993 - present
Finding full text - Journal

- Or the **Get This?** link might take you to a Journal link that looks like this

- You will need to click on Journal and find your own way thru to the article

- (we can’t always configure the link directly to the article)

**Full Text Available**

- **View**: Journal
- **Dates Available**: 08/01/2004 - present
- **Provided via**: Directory of Open Access Journals
Finding Full Text - Journal

- When you’re using the Journal link, be aware that each journal’s web page has its own look and functionality.

- Learn to scan the page for links, search boxes or other features to navigate to the article you want.
Finding Full Text - Infoline

- Clicking on Get This? might also bring up a red "**No Results Returned**" message if no full text is found.

- No worries!…if you a UVic distance student living outside of Greater Victoria, simply click “**Request from Infoline**”

**No results returned. Please check the UVic Libraries Catalogue**

**Item not @ UVic?**
- **Request from another library** (UVic borrowers)
- **Request via Law Interlibrary Loan** (Law borrowers)
- **Request from Infoline** (registered distance education students only; must reside outside the Greater Victoria area)
Finding Full Text - Infoline

- Fill in the form that comes up and hit "Send Request"

- This will come to us at Infoline@uvic.ca and we will track the material down and send it to you!
Contact INFOLINE for help

- Every search is different

- If you are running into difficulties or have questions about requesting items which aren’t full text, please contact us at INFOLINE!

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