



# Finding Nursing Journal Articles

## Practical Nursing

# Periodicals

Publications that are issued on a regular basis

They are useful for providing current and focused information on a variety of topics

Newspapers, magazines and journals are examples of periodicals

Periodicals are available in both paper and electronic format

# Journal Articles:

- > Intended for a scholarly/professional audience
- > Written by a practitioner in the field such as a nursing professor
- > Require specialized knowledge and vocabulary
- > Documented – include in - text citations and references to earlier research, books and articles
- > Peer reviewed

# Peer reviewed

Also called refereed or academic or scholarly

Other subject specialists/academics evaluate the article before it is published in the journal

Peer review helps to establish a journal article as a trusted source of information

Blaney, W. (2010). Taking steps to prevent pressure ulcers. *Nursing*, 40(3), 44-47.



(Click on the cover to go to the article from the Library databases. If you are at home you will need to log on with your student number and PIN)

# Electronic Resources (Databases)

Full text periodical collections (most)

Electronic books and reference books

Other information

# Electronic Resources (cont.)

Online periodical databases are the best way to find articles on any topic.

Can be searched from home:

logon with your student number and  
your PIN

Have citation tools to help you cite your information sources in APA format.

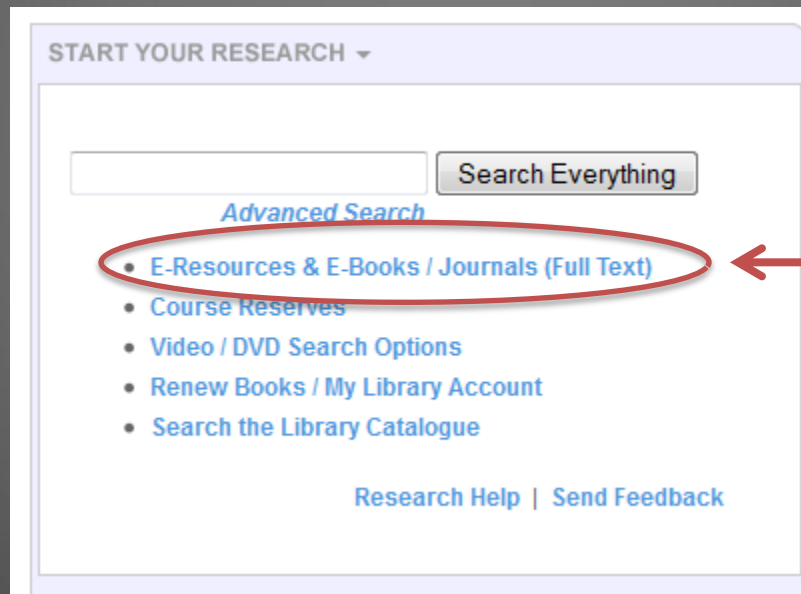
# The CINAHL database

- The CINAHL database is the best way to find nursing journal articles on any nursing topic.
- CINAHL records will link to the full text articles available in other health sciences databases.
- CINAHL is the only database you need to search to find nursing journal articles.



# CINAHL Access

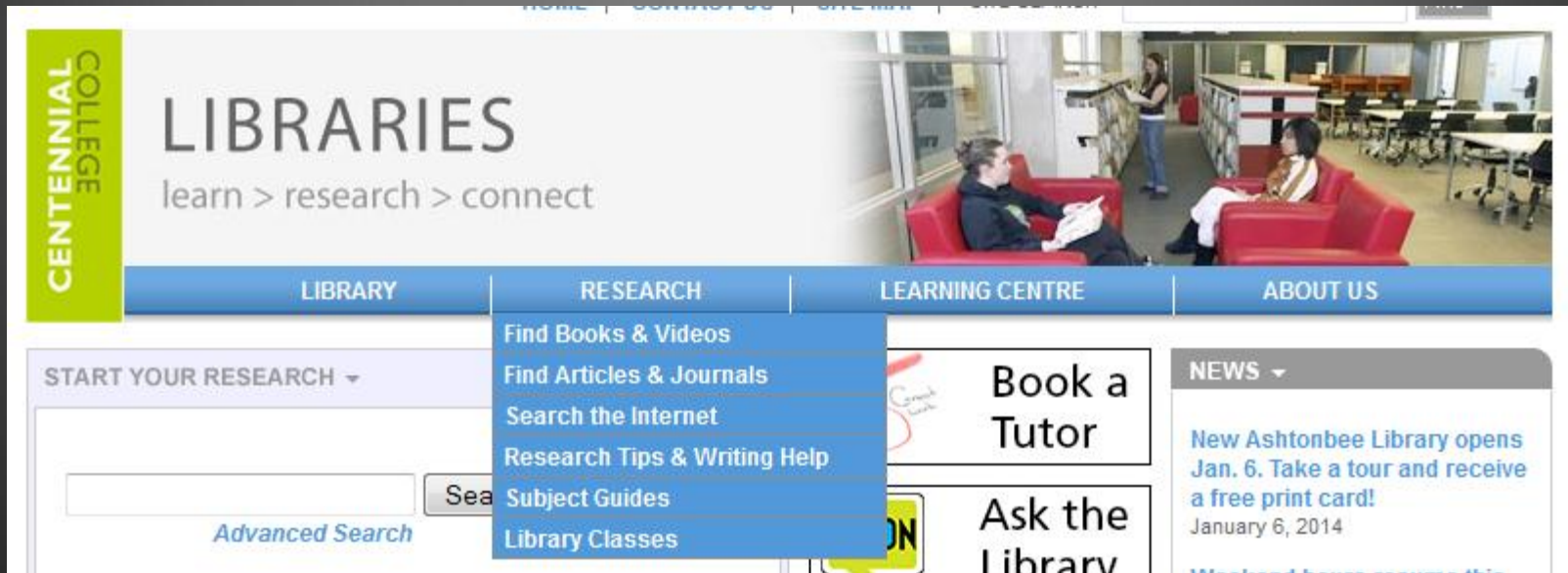
library.centennialcollege.ca



(see *Searching the CINAHL Database* slides for more information)

# Research Help

Guides on the Library webpage will help you in using the library and doing research.



The screenshot displays the Centennial College Libraries website. On the left, a green vertical banner reads "CENTENNIAL COLLEGE LIBRARIES". The main header area features the word "LIBRARIES" in large black letters, with the tagline "learn > research > connect" below it. A photograph of a library interior with red armchairs and people is visible on the right side of the header. Below the header is a blue navigation bar with four tabs: "LIBRARY", "RESEARCH", "LEARNING CENTRE", and "ABOUT US". The "RESEARCH" tab is active, and a dropdown menu is open, listing the following options: "Find Books & Videos", "Find Articles & Journals", "Search the Internet", "Research Tips & Writing Help", "Subject Guides", and "Library Classes". To the left of the navigation bar is a search section titled "START YOUR RESEARCH" with a search input field and a "Search" button. Below the search field is a link for "Advanced Search". To the right of the search section are two promotional boxes: "Book a Tutor" and "Ask the Library". On the far right, there is a "NEWS" section with a dropdown arrow, containing a news item titled "New Ashtonbee Library opens Jan. 6. Take a tour and receive a free print card!" dated January 6, 2014.

# Library Help

Science and Technology Centre Library: (416)  
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(links to AskON Online Chat  
Research service and AsktheLibrary email)

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