

# PRACTICAL NURSING: Subject Guide

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## BOOKS

Use the **Search the Library Catalogue** link to find books on your topic. Search by author, title, subject heading or keyword(s). Alternatively, if you are using the “Search Everything” box, limit your search to books only by checking off “Book” and/or “E Book” under Content Type on the left hand side of the page. You can then choose an appropriate subject heading if needed.

Some suggested subject headings:

<i>Practical Nursing</i>	<i>Nursing;</i>
<i>Nursing - Canada</i>	<i>Nursing Assessment</i>
<i>Nursing Care</i>	<i>Nursing Process</i>
<i>Surgical Nursing</i>	<i>Nursing – Dictionaries</i>
<i>Nursing – Philosophy</i>	<i>Nutrition</i>
<i>Community Health Nursing</i>	<i>Nursing Care Plans</i>

## AUDIOVISUAL MATERIALS

Use the **Search the Library Catalogue** link to find videos and DVDs. In the advanced search mode, change the drop down menu in the Format box to “Audio visual material” and search by keyword, title or subject.

To access streamed videos click on the “**Video on Demand**” link.

## JOURNALS

Periodicals (newspapers, magazines and journals) contain the most current knowledge available on a subject; their articles will provide state-of-the-art, timely and focused information. New trends and research in a field will appear in journals (professional or scholarly periodicals) before it is published in books.

some examples of nursing journals in the Library:

*American Journal of Nursing*  
*Canadian Nurse*  
*Journal of Gerontological Nursing*  
*Journal of Psychosocial Nursing and Mental Health Services*  
*Nursing2014*  
*Nursing Clinics of North America*  
*The Registered Practical Nursing Journal (RPNAO)*  
*The Standard (College of Nurses of Ontario)*

## E- RESOURCES

Electronic resources include bibliographic and full-text periodical databases, online books and reference books. Full text article databases can be searched individually or simultaneously using Summons (the “Search Everything” box), an all in one search tool.

### Health Sciences Sources – selected examples

#### **CINAHL Plus Full Text (Cumulative Index to Nursing and Allied Health Literature)**

CINAHL records link to full text articles in the following databases (as well as many others):

*Nursing & Allied Health Source*

*Health Source: Nursing/Academic Edition*

*YourJournals @Ovid*

*Sage Nursing and Health Sciences Subject Collection*

*ScienceDirect College Edition: Health and Life Sciences*

*Books @Ovid*

*e-CPS (Compendium of Pharmaceuticals and Specialties)*

*Credo Reference* (for health science dictionaries – some have audio files for proper pronunciation of medical terms)

#### To access the Library’s electronic resources:

- 1) go to **library.centennialcollege.ca**
- 2) click on the **E-Resources E-Books** link in the **Start Your Research** box
- 3) scroll down and click on your subject area (**Health Sciences**)
- 4) click on the database you want to search: **CINAHL**
  - if you are at home (outside the College) you will see a log-in screen:
  - 5) type in your student number and your PIN (last 4 numbers of your student number)
  - 6) click on “sign in”

## INTERNET

Web sites of selected Canadian based nursing organisations:

<i>Canadian Nurses Association</i>	<a href="http://www.cna-nurses.ca">www.cna-nurses.ca</a>
<i>College of Nurses of Ontario</i>	<a href="http://www.cno.org">www.cno.org</a>
<i>Canadian Practical Nurses Association</i>	<a href="http://www.cpna.ca">www.cpna.ca</a>
<i>Registered Practical Nurses Association of Ontario</i>	<a href="http://www.rpnao.org/home.asp">www.rpnao.org/home.asp</a>

Canadian government websites:

<i>Canadian Institute of Health Information</i>	<a href="http://www.cihi.ca">www.cihi.ca</a>
<i>Canadian Institutes of Health Research</i>	<a href="http://www.cihr.ca">www.cihr.ca</a>
<i>Health Canada</i>	<a href="http://www.hc-sc.gc.ca">www.hc-sc.gc.ca</a>
<i>Ontario Ministry of Health &amp; Long Term Care</i>	<a href="http://www.health.gov.on.ca">www.health.gov.on.ca</a>

Helpful academic writing websites:

<i>Purdue University’s Online Writing Lab (OWL)</i>	<a href="http://owl.english.purdue.edu">owl.english.purdue.edu</a>
<i>Acadia University “You Quote It, You Note It” tutorial</i>	<a href="http://library.acadiau.ca/tutorials/plagiarism">library.acadiau.ca/tutorials/plagiarism</a>

Centennial College Library Classes: Nursing <http://libhandouts.wordpress.com/category/nursing/>