How to build a search in CINAHL

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Tutorial
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Schools & Programs: Select Nursing
Select CINAHL Complete

Find appropriate subject headings. In this example, we will use burns. Type the word burns in the search bar.
1. Select burns

2. Click Search

Select Burns as a subject heading by clicking the box to the left. A list of subheadings will appear.
Major Concept = the main topic of the article

Subheadings
Subject With Subheading

A subheading limits a CINAHL subject heading to a particular facet of the subject.

Example:

Hypertension, prevention & control

Some relevant subheadings:
- ethical issues
- legislation & jurisprudence
- nursing
- prevention & control
Clear out the search box. Look for additional subjects.

Type nursing assessment
Click Search

Click the box next to Nursing Assessment
Combining Subjects

Disease or Condition AND Nursing concepts

Go to Search History
Your searches for this session display in the Search History/Alerts. Searches will disappear after a period of inactivity. To keep a search permanently, you will need an EBSCOHost account.

Consider Creating an Account

- Save & re-run searches
- You will be asked to create a strong password
  - MyEbscoHost is the account
  - Works for all Ebsco products
Select the boxes next to S1 and S2

Search with AND

Results equal 86 articles
Filtering Results

Go to Advanced Search
Select filters relevant to search.

Scroll to the bottom of the screen and click **Search**
Change dates to articles published in the last 5 years. Type the year. Hit ‘Enter’

Click on the blue folder to save articles of interest to you.
Icon turns yellow and stores the article in the yellow folder above.

Click the yellow folder.
1) Click Select

2) Click E-mail

1) Enter your E-mail

2) Change to Brief Citation and Abstract

4) Click Send

3) Change to APA.

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