Finding Research Studies Published in Professional Journals

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Use CINAHL and PubMed to find professional journal research articles. Click on the Finding Articles Tab, and select CINAHL Complete or PubMed under Subject Specific Databases.

Searching Strategies
1. Develop search statements that use keywords to define the Population, Intervention/Issue of Interest and Outcome of Interest
2. Use Controlled Vocabulary - CINAHL or MESH Headings
3. Use Advanced Search with the AND connector to combine searches
4. Will Truncation help? (for example: cod* will retrieve code, codes, coding)

Use Limiters/Filters to map toward desired results. For an extensive set of Limiters click on the “Show More” or “Show Additional Filters” links.

Should the article be current? __________________________ (Publication Date)

How do you know it is research-based? __________________________ (Research Article)

Does the article contain:
- Abstract __________
- Question to Be Studied __________
- Methodology __________
- IMRD Organization __________

How do you know it is peer-reviewed? __________________________ (Peer Review)

Does it matter if the journal is published or the studies are conducted in the United States, UK, Canada, Australia? (Geography)

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Should the article come from a Nursing Journal? __________________________ (Journal Subset: Nursing)

Does it matter if a nurse is an author / lead? __________________________ (First Author Is Nurse or Any Author is Nurse)

Is it available in Full-text? Or will you need to request it through InterLibrary Loan? __________

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Have you emailed the article to yourself and exported the citation to RefWorks? __________
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IMRD Structure

Introduction: Will include a literature review, i.e. what is currently known about the topic through a discussion of previously conducted relevant studies. May include a theoretical / conceptual framework. Provides the research question or hypothesis being studied.

Methodology: This is the research study design. Explains how one would recreate or replicate the study. A description of the population, research process, and analytical tools used are given in this section.

Results - Study findings. What was learned through the study. Delivered through statistical data (charts, graphs, tables) or as substantial quotations from research participants.

Discussion - May include related headings conclusion, implications. These areas describe how the study results could influence professional practice or future similar studies.

Include all of the citation information listed below:

Journal Title_________________________________________________Vol._____ Issue_____Pgs._____

Publication Year_________ Author(s)________________________________________________________

Article Title_____________________________________________________________________________

DOI (preferred) or Journal Homepage Web Address: __________________________