

Exploring the Databases:

CINAHL Complete

CINAHL Complete is a powerful subject-specific database made for research in nursing and health-related fields. There are many powerful tools and search “limiters” on this page; let’s examine some that researchers will use most frequently:

The screenshot shows the EBSCOhost search interface for CINAHL Complete. At the top, there are search boxes and buttons for 'Search' and 'Clear'. Below this, there are three search boxes with 'AND' operators and 'Select a Field (optional)' dropdowns. A callout box points to the '+' and '-' buttons between the search boxes, stating: "Need more/fewer search boxes? Use the + and - buttons to add/remove them!".

The 'Search Options' section includes 'Search Modes and Expanders' with radio buttons for 'Boolean/Phrase', 'Find all my search terms', 'Find any of my search terms', and 'SmartText Searching'. A callout box states: "Change the way that the database conducts its search." Below this, there are sections for 'Limit your results' with checkboxes for 'Full Text', 'Abstract Available', and 'Author'. A callout box for 'Full Text' says "Full-text limiter". A callout box for 'Abstract Available' explains: "Abstracts are quite useful to allow you to get the gist of what an article is about. It doesn't replace reading the full-text, but it does help you to quickly determine whether or not the article will be useful to your research!". A callout box for 'Scholarly (Peer Reviewed) Journals' says "Limit to peer-reviewed articles." To the right, there are options for 'Apply related words', 'Also search within the full text of the articles', 'Apply equivalent subjects', 'References Available', and 'Published Date'. A callout box for 'Published Date' says: "Use this to select a specific date range for your results to have been published in." Below this, there are dropdowns for 'Month' and 'Year' for both start and end dates. A callout box for 'English Language' says: "This helps the researcher limit results to items that are written in the English language only." A green arrow points from the 'Abstract Available' callout to a text box at the bottom left.

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