



Library Guide

Searching for a Scholarly Journal Article in CINAHL

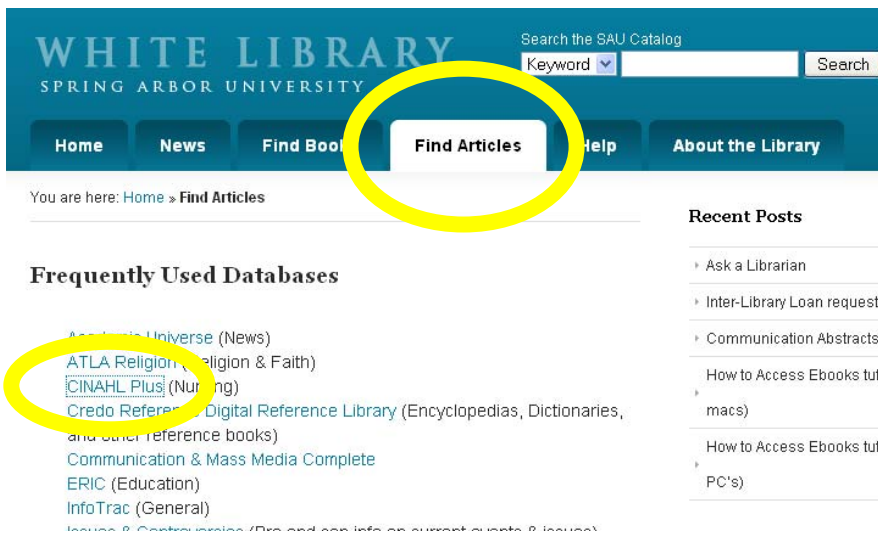
STEP ONE: Select an Article Database

A database can also be called a “periodical index”. The database, or index, provides subject access to articles appearing in a variety of periodicals (i.e., journals, magazines, newspapers, publications, etc). Most of our databases concentrate on scholarly journals as their information base.

A very important part of your search is selecting the correct database for your topic. For many topics related to Nursing, CINAHL is the best database to use. This database provides indexing for 2,960 journals from the fields of nursing and allied health. The database contains more than 2,000,000 records dating back to 1981.

At SAU, the article databases are accessed via the SAU Library Web Page:

<http://www.arbor.edu/whitelibrary>. To begin searching a database, click on the “Find Articles” tab. Click on the “CINAHL Plus (Nursing)” link.



Please note: If you are accessing library resources from off-campus, you will be asked to authenticate with a username and password. This is the same username and password you use to access the mySAU portal, SAUonline, and your SAU email.

This is login information for the library. Review <http://www.oclc.org/us/en/support/documentation/ezproxy/url/admin/> for information on how to create an administrative user account and www.oclc.org/us/en/support/documentation/ezproxy/user/ for information on user authentication options.

Please enter your username:
Please enter your password:

STEP TWO: Search the Database - instructions for CINAHL

The screenshot shows the EBSCO CINAHL search interface. At the top, there are three search input fields, each with an 'AND' dropdown and an 'in' dropdown. The 'in' dropdowns are labeled 'Select a Field (optional)'. To the right of these fields are 'Search' and 'Clear' buttons. Below the search fields is a 'Search Options' section with radio buttons for search modes: 'Boolean/Phrase', 'Find all my search terms' (selected), 'Find any of my search terms', and 'SmartText Searching Hint'. There are also checkboxes for 'Apply related words' and 'Also search within the full text of the articles'. Below this is a 'Limit your results' section with checkboxes for 'Full Text', 'Abstract Available', 'English Language', 'References Available', and 'Peer Reviewed'. There are also date range selectors for 'Published Date from' and a 'Publication' text field. Three callout boxes are present: #1 points to the search input fields, #2 points to the 'in' dropdowns, and #3 points to the 'Peer Reviewed' checkbox.

#1: Enter your search terms in the boxes to the right of “Search for”. You do not need to enter information in all the boxes.

#2: Select the field to search. The default is “keyword”, which searches the term wherever it appears in the journal citation, abstract, search terms, etc. Searching the “descriptor” field searches the topic of the article. Descriptors are terms assigned to each article which express the topic of the article. Using descriptors as the search field yields a more precise search.

#3: Limit the search to peer-reviewed journals by selecting “Peer-reviewed.” This ensures that every article in the search results list is a peer-reviewed article.

#4: You may also specify the following:
Years of publications to be searched
The language of the publication
Request only full-text articles

STEP THREE: View the Records and Evaluate your Search

#1: View the list of search results. Are the articles pertinent to your topic?

The screenshot shows a search results page with 29802 results for 'patient care'. The left sidebar includes filters for 'Full Text' and '1998 - 2010'. The main content area lists two articles. The first article is titled 'Professional practice and innovation: Chronic disease, geographic location and socioeconomic disadvantage as obstacles to equitable access to e-health.' and includes a 'PDF Full Text' button. The second article is titled 'SNOMED CT and its place in health information management practice.' Callouts point to the title of the first article and its 'PDF Full Text' button.

#2: Click on the title of the article you would like to view. Read the abstract

The screenshot shows a detailed record for the article 'The impact of the NSF for Diabetes on patient empowerment'. The left sidebar has a 'Detailed Record' section with a 'PDF Full Text' button and a 'Find Similar Results' button. The main content area displays the article title, authors (Begum S; Por J), source (British Journal of Nursing (BJN) (BR J NURS), 2010 Jul 22; 19(14): 887-90 (34 ref)), publication type (journal article - tables/charts), language (English), major subjects (Diabetes Mellitus -- Therapy, Empowerment, National Health Programs, Self Care), and minor subjects (Community Health Services; Patient Care Plans; Patient Education; Support, Psychosocial; United Kingdom). The abstract text is provided below. Callouts point to the title of the article, the title of the journal, the abstract, and a major subject heading.

STEP FOUR: Revise your Search

It may take some effort to find the best search terms. Some of the strategies include: use of synonyms, keywords, other databases. Looking at the list of major subject headings associated with the article you are viewing is often a good place to look for better search terms. If after some searching, you still do not have adequate results, please don't hesitate to contact a Librarian at SAU. They will be glad to provide assistance.

STEP FIVE: Locate the article

If the article you are looking for is not available "full-text" in the CINAHL database, it may be available in another database or format that SAU owns.

Click on the "List of Journals @ SAU" on the library home page.

The screenshot shows the White Library homepage. At the top, there is a search bar and navigation tabs for Home, News, Find Books, Find Articles, Help, and About the Library. Below the navigation is a large banner with the text "White Library Resources 24/7. Choose What You Need" and buttons for "Find Books" and "Find Articles". Underneath the banner are three main sections: "List of Journals @ SAU", "My Account Info", and "Help". The "List of Journals @ SAU" section includes a yellow circle around the link and another yellow circle around the "More Info" link. The "My Account Info" section has icons for "Modify Your PIN", "Modify Personal Info", "Preferred Searches", and "My Reading History". The "Help" section includes links for "Citation Style Guides", "Ask-A-Librarian", and "Subject Guides".

Enter the title of the journal for the article you are looking for.

The screenshot shows the "List of Journals @ SAU" page. At the top, there is a search bar and navigation tabs for Home, News, Find Books, Find Articles, and Help. Below the navigation is a breadcrumb trail: "You are here: Home > List of Journals @ SAU". The main heading is "SAU Journal List". Underneath is a section titled "Search for Journal Titles" with a search form. The search form has a dropdown menu for "Title begins with" and a text input field containing "nursing research". A yellow circle highlights the text input field. Below the search form is a paragraph: "This is a search-able list of all the full-text journals, newspapers, magazines, and other periodicals that Spring Arbor University has access to. Search by **title of the publication** you are looking for."

Notice there is a link if the journal is available in a database. If it is available in print or another format held at the library, contact the library and a scanned copy of the article will be sent to you.

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Title begins with

- Please select a subject category -

1 record retrieved for the search: **Title begins with "nursing research"**

Nursing research (New York) (0029-6562)
from 06/01/1952 to present in [Journals@Ovid_Ovid Full Text](#)
from 2002 to 2009 in SAU Paper (Journal & Magazine Shelving), Lower Level

If SAU does not own the journal, we can obtain a copy for you from another library. Please provide the citation information (author, article title, journal title, date, etc.) for the article you are looking for [here](#).

If you have any questions or trouble accessing library resources, contact a librarian by [email](#) or phone (800-968-9103, x1742).