

## HOW TO BEGIN RESEARCH

- **Compile a list of subject key words.** You will use them when researching
- **Think of synonyms** (words that mean the same thing)
- **Check the spelling.** Searching in the library catalog or databases won't correct your spelling.
- **Start small.** Find between 5-10 resources that match your subject. Analyze these sources for your paper before gathering more.
- **Create a rough outline.** Based on the information you have already collected, write down a summary of what you want to cover in your paper.

## WHERE TO LOOK FOR INFORMATION

### **When should I use books?**

- For in-depth overviews or historical background on a subject.
- Look for books using the Catalog on the Library website.

### **When should I use a database?**

- For scholarly research articles that give specific case data or recent developments in an area.
- Access databases from the **Useful Links** bar in the Catalog.

### **When should I use the Web?**

- For demographic statistics or VERY current information that has not yet been published academically

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## NURSING WRITING HELP

### *The Student Writer: editor and critic*

PE 1408 .C537 2010

### *A Troubleshooting Guide for Writers: strategies and process*

PE 1408 .C5378 2010

### *The McGraw Hill Handbook*

PE 1408 ..M3365 2010

### *Text and Thought: an integrated approach to college reading and writing*

PE 1413 .R38 2000

### *Communicating Technical Information: a guide to current uses and abuses in scientific and engineering writing*

PE 1478 .R3

### *Online Writing Lab at Purdue University*

<http://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/>

### **Medicine Spring Library**

**338-5441 x2701**

**<http://library.bfcc.edu>**

Blackfeet Community College

517 SE Boundary St.

PO Box 819

Browning, MT 59417

# NURSING



Research at:

Medicine

Spring

Library

## Books

The following are Library of Congress Call Numbers for possible books on Medicine and Nursing.

### Q Science

QM	Human anatomy
QP	Physiology
QR	Microbiology

### R Medicine

RA	Public aspects of medicine
RB	Pathology
RC	Internal medicine
RD	Surgery
RE	Ophthalmology
RF	Otorhinolaryngology
RG	Gynecology & obstetrics
RJ	Pediatric
RK	Dentistry
RL	Dermatology
RM	Therapeutics. Pharmacology
RS	Pharmacy & materia medica
RT	<b>Nursing</b>

### Interlibrary Loan

If there is a book that you need for your research please see the library staff to help you get an interlibrary loan.

To help staff out please find the item you are looking for in <http://www.worldcat.org> before asking.

## Databases

### EBSCO Host

- Provides online access to several medical and consumer health databases.
  - CINAHL Full Text
  - Academic Search Elite
  - Health Source-Consumer
  - Health Source-Nursing/Academic
  - Medline
  - AHFS Consumer Medical Info.

### Credo Reference

- Encyclopedic entries on Nursing and Medicine. A good place to start when you are beginning a new topic.

### Medline Plus

- Provides consumer health information. Another good place to start your research.

### PubMed

- Is the U.S. National Library of Medicine's premiere search system for health information.

## Print Journals

### Diabetes Educator

RC 660 .A1 A494

### Journal of Studies on Alcohol and Drugs

RC 565 .Q28

## Websites

### Citing Sources

- APA Style Blog  
<http://blog.apastyle.org/apastyle/>
- Online Writing Lab at Purdue  
<http://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/>

### Professional Associations/ Federal Departments

- National Council of State Boards of Nursing  
<https://www.ncsbn.org>
- Montana Nurses Association  
<http://www.mtnurses.org>
- Indian Health Service  
<http://www.ihs.gov>

### Statistics

- Montana Health Data and Statistical Reports  
<http://www.dphhs.mt.gov/statisticalinformation>
- National Center for Disease Control  
<http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/hus.htm>
- US Census Bureau-Native American/ Alaskan Native Information  
<http://www.census.gov/aian/>

### Health Research

- National Institutes of Health-Health Information  
<http://health.nih.gov>
- National Clinical Trials Database  
<http://clinicaltrials.gov>
- American Indian Health  
<http://americanindianhealth.nlm.nih.gov>
- Native Health Databases  
<http://hsc.unm.edu/library.nhd>
- National Indian Health Board  
<http://www.nihb.org>