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.

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/
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  Nursing

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/aiian/

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

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