Learning outcomes

• Access your Nursing subject guide
• Understand the fundamentals of academic writing
• Set up a RefWorks account
• Formulate a search strategy and appreciate searching techniques and tools
• Search and retrieve results in USearch
• Export to RefWorks
Using ideas from other texts and citing other people’s work is a central part of academic writing.

By citing previous research you can incorporate information from other studies in your own discussion of the topic and support your own argumentation with ideas and information drawn from these studies.

When you use information from other people’s work, you must always indicate the source. Using other people’s ideas without acknowledging them is plagiarism.
Ulster Harvard LHS
Referencing style

• Academic writing requires the use of citations to signpost where you found your information.

• In Ulster Harvard LHS this is a two-part process

• Firstly an in-text citation is required and then, a corresponding reference should be formatted in LHS Ulster Harvard style, in a reference list at the end of your assignment
RefWorks® Ulster University supported

- RefWorks is bibliographic citation software
- It will organise, archive and format all your references
- It will produce a formatted reference list for your assignments
- You can import references directly from many of the Library databases
What does this headline **NOT** tell us?

• Reading Healthcare information & evidence are critical skills for a nurse
• You cannot believe everything you read
• This headline probably relates to the fact that research involved injecting five rats with highly concentrated coffee solution, and this caused some changes in cells that might lead to tumours eventually
• Also you might find, with further reading, that the study funded by The Association of Tea Marketing.
• You need to use credible, scholarly resources- evidence based practice
Where do I start?
You will find all Library resources in the Library tile on the Portal.
Accessing Resources ~ Subject Guides

Library Services
Welcome to Ulster University Library. Find out about library services and resources supporting learning, teaching & research at the University.

Quick Links
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Nursing Subject guide
Subject Guide

- Select Subject Guides from the Library Services Page

- And then select the LHS subject guides> Nursing, midwifery and health promotion

- This guide will have information on finding resources, using resources, referencing, class handouts, video guides to database searching and much more.
Welcome to the Ulster University Subject Guide for Nursing, Midwifery and Health Promotion.

Use the tabs along the top of this page to find out more information on the resources available for your subject.

If you need any help please contact the Life and Health Sciences Library team.
USearch
Discovering e-journals for evidence based practice
“The changing nature of diabetes care and the role of community nursing.”
What is a literature search?

- A literature search is a well thought out and organised search for all the literature published on a topic. It will keep your search focused.

- A well-structured literature search is the most effective and efficient way to locate sound evidence on the subject you are researching.

- Evidence may be found in books, journals, government documents and the internet. However all literature that you retrieve should be critically appraised in order to determine its quality and relevance to your search.
Why do we use databases? Never Google

• It is important to look for research in peer-reviewed journals. This means that the articles published have passed through peer critiquing before they are accepted for publication.

• This ensures that the articles have had some quality control.

• Our databases hold the most credible, scholarly and timely material on your topic.

• However, databases use unique searching tools that we need to be aware of.
Plan before you search

Search Strategy

• When searching the databases it is important to remember that the database will only search what you ask it to search
• What are the key concepts in your topic question?
• The same topic may be referred to/described by an author in more than one way e.g. hypertension is also called high blood pressure; bed sore can be called a decubitus ulcer
• Think about author terminology- consider synonyms, plurals, different spellings and abbreviations orthopaedics/orthopedics; tumour/tumor
Identify concepts, synonyms etc.

- For each concept try and produce a comprehensive list of other keywords that might describe your concepts.
- This helps to make a comprehensive search and helps the database to include all the different ways that your concept might be described (Author terminology).
Synonyms
For Example

Community nursing
Community nurse
District nurse/nursing
Health visitor
Community nurse role
Community health nursing
Community health nurse

Diabetes
Diabetic
Diabetes mellitus
Diabetes type 2
Diabetes type two
Type 2 diabetes
Type two diabetes
Diabetes management
Diabetic management
A concept table

- A concept table can be a good way to map out your search terms
- You can find a template in your subject guide
Combining search terms: OR

Use OR to add alternative ways of describing each search concept.

Use OR for terms that are similar

e.g. “Health visitor” OR “Community nurse” - They are not always the same, but they are similar concepts and will return a comprehensive search of papers

This will **INCREASE** the number of results
Combining search terms: AND

Use AND to include ALL your search terms in your results.

Use AND for terms that are different

e.g. Health visitor AND diabetes

They combine our concepts, and will return papers that have content on all our concepts

This will REDUCE the number of results
Using truncation

Use an asterisk * to find words which can have a different ending or plurals for words

e.g. Diabet* will find results containing

diabetes
diabetic
diabetic-related
diabetes-related
diabetes-specific
diabetic-specific
diabetes-induced
diabetic-induced etc.

Remember to check your subject guide for database variations in truncation

https://guides.library.ulster.ac.uk/nursing/advsearch
Searching with Phrases

- Some databases will search for phrases when they are wrapped in quotation marks.
- We use this when we want the database to search for 2 or more words, where they are found together, in the order they are typed.
- For Example: “Type 2 diabetes” or “Health Visitor”.
USearch
Access through the library website on the Portal

To view a video of this step click [here](#)
OR connector

Be as comprehensive as possible with search terminology, or your results will be very narrow in focus—you could miss out important papers.
Use OR to widen results

Searching: **Electronic journals and many library databases**

"type two diabet*" or "diabet* type 2" | Select a Field (optional)  

AND "community nurs*" or "district nurs*" 

AND  

Basic Search  Advanced Search  Search History

Click here to view this step
Applying limiters

Usually we apply limiters to make the search more focused. Limiters reduce the search results to a specific date range, publication or language.
Click on the article title to view the abstract
Click on the **U Find it** button and follow the blue hyperlinks to access full text
Exporting to RefWorks
Tick papers required & add to folder
Select all & export
Export Manager
Direct export to RefWorks & Save

- Number of items to be saved: 3
- Remove these items from folder after saving
- Save

Save citations to a file formatted for:
- Direct Export in RIS Format (e.g. CITAVI, EasyBib, EndNote, ProCite, Reference Manager, Zotero)
- Direct Export to EndNote Web
- Generic bibliographic management software
- Citations in XML format
- Citations in BibTeX format
- Direct Export to RefWorks
- Direct Export to EasyBib
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