

DATABASES FOR NURSING JOURNAL ARTICLES

There is one database available for Penn Valley students which contains nursing journal articles:

ProQuest Nursing and Allied Health Source

It is listed under the Health Subject Categories and under the alphabetic list (Alpha List) on the MCC-Penn Valley Databases page.

1. Basic search is the default on this database. This will work well for most searches. Type a word or phrase on the find line. To get better search results, narrow the topic by typing *and* then another search term. (Ex: preeclampsia and clinical signs will get better results than just preeclampsia.)
2. Be sure to limit search to documents with full text.
3. You can limit to scholarly if you want, but depending on your topic, you will usually get a lot of journal articles without limiting to scholarly.
4. Nursing journals (written by R.N.'s) will have the word nursing in the title. (If you're not sure if it's a nursing journal and it doesn't have nursing in the journal title, you probably should not use the article, even if it's written by an R.N.) The title might have an abbreviation that stands for a nursing association. For example, AAACN Viewpoint, which is published by the American Academy of Ambulatory Care Nursing – these are fine for you to use.
5. This database has options such as downloading, printing, or e-mailing. For downloading, you can save to my documents by using file and save as. You can check with your resource center or computer lab if you need help with any of these.
6. You can get further help with searches by asking at the Health Resource Center in HSI or at the Library in Learning Resources at MCC-Penn Valley. Online Chat is available during library hours by using the link on the PV Library pages.
7. *Database searches can be done on your home computer by going to the PV Library homepage and entering your student ID and MyMCCKC password at the prompt.*

There are other databases under the Health Subject Categories list that contain medical information and are all right for you to use if you don't need nursing articles.