

### CINAHL Plus with Full Text via EBSCOhost

#### What is CINAHL Plus with Full Text?

*CINAHL* is the authoritative resource for nursing and allied health professionals, students, educators and researchers. This database provides indexing, abstracts and full text for over 3,000 nursing and allied health journals and publications dating back to 1937. Full text includes journals plus legal cases, clinical innovations, critical paths, drug records, research instruments, and clinical trials. EBSCO CINAHL is limited to 20 users at a time.

#### Accessing Cinahl/EBSCOhost

1. From the Hilton M. Briggs Library Home Page (<http://lib.sdstate.edu>) click **EBSCOhost** under **FIND**.
2. Select **CINAHL PLUS** by checking the box next to **CINAHL PLUS WITH FULL TEXT** and **un-checking the box next to EBSCO MegaFile**. Click **CONTINUE**.
3. The various search types are organized using tabs at the top of the search screen.
  - The default search is **Basic Search - Keyword**. Click in the **Find** box and skip to #4 on this guide to continue.
  - Click **Publications** to browse for journal/magazine titles.
  - Click **CINAHL Headings** to browse subject headings alphabetically, by keyword, or by relevance.
  - Click **Indexes** to browse by a variety of index choices, i.e. age group, author, gender, journal name, language, etc.
4. **BASIC SEARCH-KEYWORD**. Click in the **FIND** box and enter search terms for a keyword search.
  - Use **AND** to narrow your search, i.e. campaign AND regulations
  - Use **OR** to broaden your search, or to combine synonyms, i.e. cancer OR carcinoma
  - Use **NOT** to exclude words from your search results, i.e. Cats NOT kittens
  - Use parenthesis to group terms in a search string or to designate a phrase. For example: (home health care) AND (cancer OR melanoma)
  - **Truncation or Wildcard Searching**: Use the \* to search for word plurals or variations of word roots. Example: type adolescen\* to search for 'adolescent', 'adolescence' and 'adolescents'. Use the ? to replace one letter in a particular word – for example: wom?n will retrieve results with both 'woman' and 'women' in the results.
  - You may also **limit or expand your search** using the options below the **find** box.

Click **SEARCH** once all desired selections are made.

5. View all results on the **search results** screen. Citations linked to full text will display **PDF, HTML, or LINKED FULL TEXT**. To view an article or a citation/abstract, click the **full-text link** or **article title**.
  - **NOTE: If the article is NOT linked to full-text check the online MAGAZINE AND JOURNALS LIST linked off the main library web page to determine library holdings.**
6. Options for **printing, e-mailing, or saving to a disk** are available at the top of the article/citation. **Note:** full-text linked PDF files should be printed or e-mailed using the Adobe Acrobat Reader toolbar.
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7. To **add an article to your folder** for later retrieval, click **Add Folder**. To retrieve items in folder, click **View Folder** at top of search screen. Note: the folder will automatically be cleared upon ending the search session unless you sign in to My EBSCOhost and save the folder (See My EBSCOhost below).
8. Click **Refine Search** or the **Keyword/Basic Search Tab** to return to main search screen.

### Further Instructions

- **Advanced Search** allows a more sophisticated search process including the ability to combine search terms from different fields. For example, you could find articles about a certain subject that are written by a specific author or articles written with specific words or phrases in the titles that were written by certain authors, etc. This search also offers more in-depth limiting of **publication type, language, age groups and special interest**.
- **Publications** finds a journal by browsing alphabetically, searching by subject or description, or searching for one or more words in the title of a journal/magazine. This search also indicates whether or not full-text for the publication is available, listing the coverage dates. After locating the desired title, click the hyperlinked title to view all available issues as well as more in-depth information on the title.
- **Search History/Alerts**. While using the advanced search screen, you may save particular search strategies for later use, or set up an automatic e-mail alert to be notified when new articles matching your search string are added to the database. In order to save a search history or set up alerts, users must create a **free** My EBSCOhost account (see below).
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