Nursing 254 Course Guide

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Tips on Searching Library Databases

- Focus on the words, not the phrase
- Search for each piece of your topic separately then combine them
- Always apply filters or limits when you’re done your search
Search Tools: Boolean Basics

- **AND**: Depression AND Exercise

  - Searching with AND combines terms. It gives you results that satisfy both search terms (only where the two overlap). Some databases use + for AND.

- **OR**: Depression OR Exercise

  - Searching with OR “means more”! It gives you everything available for each term, including when they overlap. Some databases use | for OR.

- **NOT**: Depression NOT Exercise

  - Searching with NOT excludes an entire term, including any overlap between terms. Some databases use – for NOT.
54 year old woman with deep vein thrombosis (DVT), how effective is the use of compression stockings?
How to Limit Your Search

- Always apply limits at the end of your search
  - Age groups (children, adults)
  - Language (English)
  - Publication types (randomized controlled trials)
  - Years (Last 5-10 years)
- CINAHL has a research limit!
Don’t Forget PubMed

- Major biomedical database
- Over 27 million citations
Don’t Forget RefWorks!
Getting Help

- **Tutorials**
- **Ask a Librarian**
  - Call
  - Email
  - Chat
- **Make an Appointment**
- **Workshops**
  - In person or [online](#)
Need Help?

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