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**Cinahl with Headings (advanced tips)**

- Journal Subset – nursing
- click research article
- publication type
- truncation * (type part of word such as nurs*)

**Google Scholar (advanced tips)**

- click all versions
- click right arrow down in search box: Advanced Scholar Search
- truncation * (type part of word such as nurs*)

**OneSearch (advanced tips)**

- subject terms
- discipline
- arrow down in by search in box: Advanced Search
- truncation * (type part of word such as nurs*)

**Ovid ADU Journals (advanced tips)**

- in advanced search
- click search history – combine 2 searches with **And – Or**
- truncation * (type part of word such as nurs*)

**Nursing & Allied Health (ProQuest) (advanced tips)**

- add a row
- subject headings
- truncation * (type part of word such as nurs*)
Boolean Operators And, Or, Not

Using AND narrows a search by combining terms; it will retrieve documents that use both the search terms you specify.

- Using OR broadens a search to include results that contain either of the words you type in. OR is a good tool to use when there are several common spellings or synonyms of a word.
- Using NOT will narrow a search by excluding certain search terms. NOT retrieves documents that contain one, but not the other, of the search terms you enter.
- To search two or more words together as a phrase, you would place the phrase in quotation marks.

Examples of search strategies:
- "medical marijuana" and legislation
- "nuclear energy" and (safety or accidents)

Truncation

Truncation is when you use a symbol to look for multiple forms of a word. In most cases, an asterisk (*) is used.

Examples:
- child* = child, childs, children, childrens, childhood
- genetic* = genetic, genetics, genetically

Truncation symbols may vary by database; common symbols include: * ! ?, or #

Using this trick will broaden your search, giving you more results.

Truncation will broaden your results but when combined with connecting words, AND or OR.

Example: autis* AND prevent*  This narrows your search
Example: treat* OR intervent*

This broadens your search even more than just using truncation.

Peer Review

A peer-reviewed journal is a scholarly periodical (often called "academic") which requires that each article submitted for publication be judged by an independent panel of experts (scholarly or scientific peers). Here are some other characteristics of scholarly, peer-reviewed, or refereed journals:

- sources are cited with footnotes or a bibliography at the end of the article
- authors are scholars and researchers in the field and are identified as such
- purpose of the article is to publish the results of research
- publisher may be a professional organization, research institution; usually not-for-profit
- very little advertising
- graphics are usually statistical illustrations, in black-and-white

Ovid – Advanced search: Combining and using limits.

Advanced Search searches by keyword.
- Enter “acupuncture” in search box.
- Expand the Search History bar above.
- Enter ‘pain relief’ . Notice results
- In the Search History section, select #1 & #2 and click on AND to combine the selections. Notice reduction in results in #3.
- Search for “shoulders”. Results appear in #4.
- In the Search History, Combine #3 & #4.
- Results are now 28.
- To further limit results, under Research tools/Filter by, click on "Past 5 years", and then click on “Add to Search History.”You now have only 12 articles that you can easily browse for your research paper

Nursing & Allied Health (ProQuest) Advanced search

Think of each search box as a concept.

You can add extra rows below the search boxes. Use quotation marks for phrases longer than 2 words.

Examples: election reform - no quotation marks needed
- "white house staff" - must have quotation marks to form a phrase

Cinahl –Advanced search: using Cinahl headings

CINAHL Headings is the controlled vocabulary thesaurus which allows you to check whether you are using the correct terms in your search. Click on Cinahl headings and search for “boils”

Results show the term “Furunculosis” is the correct heading.
Click on “Furunculosis” to see the Tree View screen which shows the relationships for the specific term for which you are searching.

Check desired terms on the Tree View screen and select more terms on the Subheading menu. Now that you have refined your search, click on the Search database button.