

Subject Guide to Health and Nursing

Browsing the Nursing Collection

The call number heading for nursing is RT. Health-related topics are found throughout the classification system, but mostly reside in RA. Related subjects may be found throughout the R class. In the event that you do not find what you are looking for by simply browsing, please consult the library's catalog. Below is a table of the Library of Congress Classification scheme for nursing and related topics.

R	5-920	Medicine (General)	RT	1-120	Nursing
RA	1-1270	Public Aspects of Medicine (Health)	RT	21	Dictionaries and Encyclopedias
RB	1-214	Pathology	RT	22	Terminology
RC	31-1245	Internal Medicine, Practice of ...	RT	29-31	Statistics and Surveys
RD	1-811	Surgery	RT	48-49	Nursing Assessment, Care Plans
RG	1-911	Gynecology and Obstetrics	RT	65	Medicine and Surgery
RJ	1-570	Pediatrics	RT	81.5	Research
RM	1-931	Pharmacology	RT	85	Nursing Ethics
RS	1-441	Pharmacy	RT	90.5-116	Specialties in Nursing

Selected Reference Books

Dictionaries

- 📖 **Dictionary of Epidemiology** [RA651 .D553 2008 Ref] – Defines both core epidemiologic terms and on other scientific terms relevant to all professionals in clinical medicine and public health.
- 📖 **Dictionary of Public Health** [RA423 .L37 2007 Ref] – Provides a compilation of definitions and discussion of terms that are commonly encountered in the field of public health.
- 📖 **Dictionary of Nursing Theory and Research, 3rd ed.** [RT81.5 .P69 2006 Ref] – Provides a compilation of definitions and discussion of terms that are commonly encountered in nursing literature.
- 📖 **Jablonski's Dictionary of Medical Acronyms & Abbreviations, 6th ed.** [R123 .J24 2009 Ref. – Defines commonly used abbreviations, acronyms, and symbols commonly used in medical and nursing notation.
- 📖 **Spanish-English / English-Spanish Medical Dictionary, 3rd ed.** [R121 .M488 2005 Ref] – Fast and easy access to over 20,000 comprehensive medical and technology-related words including definitions and translations, tips on pronunciation, signs and symptoms of common disorders and phrases to use when communicating with Spanish-speaking patients.
- 📖 **Stedman's Medical Dictionary for the Health Professions and Nursing** [R121 .S8 2008 Ref]
- 📖 **Taber's Cyclopedic Medical Dictionary** [R121 .T18 Year Ref] – In addition to the main content, this dictionary provides appendices on terminologies, symbols, units of measurements, and designations and titles in the health professions.

Encyclopedias

- 📖 **Encyclopedia and Dictionary of Medicine, Nursing, and Allied Health** [R 121 .M65 2005 Ref] – A comprehensive and interdisciplinary dictionary of medical and health terms. Several entries are supplemented by charts, graphs and illustrations.
- 📖 **Encyclopedia of Nursing Research** [RT81.5 .E53 2006 Ref] – Intended for nursing graduate students and researchers, this work provides a “comprehensive, yet concise and authoritative guide to the study of nursing.” A listing of acronyms and references is provided.
- 📖 **Encyclopedia of Public Health** [RA 423 .E53 2002 4 vols. Ref] – Covering all aspects of public health, this set provides general knowledge at the college level. Most entries provide excellent bibliographies.
- 📖 **Encyclopedia of Women's Health, 6th ed.** [RA778 .A494 2009 Ref] – Includes 1000 alphabetical entries with cross-references. The volume is lightly illustrated and contains useful summary tables, e.g., on dietary goals, the

estimated effectiveness of common contraceptives. Resources on general and specific health care issues are appended.

- 📖 **Gale Encyclopedia of Nursing and Allied Health** [RT 21 .G353 2006 5 vols. Ref] – “Over 850 entries [that provide] in-depth coverage of specific diseases and disorders, tests and procedures, equipment and tools, body systems, nursing and allied health professions, and current health issues.”
- 📖 **Historical Encyclopedia of Nursing** [RT31 .S66 1999 Ref] – Presents the backgrounds and careers of noted healers along with eras of conflict and social change, particular healing methods of ethnic groups, innovations in treatment and the fight against disease.
- 📖 **International Encyclopedia of Public Health** [RA423 .I68 2008, 6 vols. Ref] - An authoritative and comprehensive guide to the major issues, challenges, methods, and approaches of global public health. Also includes overviews of the health care systems of several countries and regions, and attention to health concerns of both the developed and developing world.

Handbooks, Manuals & Desk References

- 📖 **Diagnostic and Laboratory Test Reference** [RB38.2 .P337 2009 Ref] – An essential reference for information about clinical laboratory and diagnostic tests.
- 📖 **Drug Interaction Facts** [RM302 .D78 2008 Ref] – An authoritative source providing current drug interaction information in a concise, practical manner. Emphasis is placed on the representation of data to enhance therapeutic decision-making.
- 📖 **Healthy People 2010** [RA 445 .U486 2001 Ref] – The U.S. Government’s initiative for a healthier citizenry. Provides statistics as well as tips and guidelines for improving the health status of Americans.
- 📖 **The Medical Library Association Guide to Cancer Information** [RC262 .V65 2007 Ref] – An authoritative, patient-friendly guide to print and electronic resources for patients, families and caregivers.
- 📖 **Mental Measurements Yearbook** [Z5814 .P8 B91 2007 Ref] – A comprehensive guide to over 2,000 contemporary testing instruments. Also contains information essential for a complete evaluation of test products within such diverse areas as psychology, education, business, and leadership. An online version of MMY is available online through EBSCOhost and provides coverage from Volume 9 to the present.
- 📖 **The Merck Manual** [RC55 .M4 Year Ready Ref] – A standard in the medical field, this volume contains information on over 2,500 diseases. Each entry includes the etiology, symptoms, diagnosis, prognosis, and treatment for the disease in question.
- 📖 **Mosby’s Handbook of Diseases** [RT65 .L37 2005 Ref] – Contains information highlights in an A to Z format for more than 350 diseases and conditions relevant to children and adults.
- 📖 **Mosby’s Medical, Nursing, and Allied Health Dictionary** [R 121. M89 2006 Ref] – This new edition provides over 3,000 new entries, 70 new tables, and several hundred color illustrations and pictures.
- 📖 **Physician’s Desk Reference (PDR)** [RS75 .P5 Year Ready Ref] – A necessity in any medical reference collection, the PDR provides descriptions for over 3,200 pharmaceuticals. Entries are arranged alphabetically by manufacturer. Also included are indices for manufacturers, brand and generic names, and product categories.
- 📖 **PDR for Nonprescription Drugs, Dietary Supplements, and Herbs** [RM 671 .A1 P48 2010 Ref] – Presents detailed information for OTC drugs, plus a section on dietary and herbal supplements.
- 📖 **Professional Guide to Diseases, 9th ed.** [RT65 .P69 2009 Ref] – Provides a clear, concise overview of hundreds of diseases and conditions

Nursing Research

- 📖 **Nursing Research: Methods and Critical Appraisal for Evidence-Based Practice** [RT81.5 .N8665 2006 Ref] – An introduction to evidence-based practice and research methods.
- 📖 **Sage Encyclopedia of Qualitative Research Methods** [H61 .S234 2008 2 vols. Ref] - Defines and explains core concepts of qualitative research, describes the techniques of qualitative methods, and presents an overview of qualitative approaches to research.
- 📖 **Understanding Nursing Research: Building an Evidence-Based Practice** [RT81.5 .B863 2007 Ref] – A guide for students and practitioners to develop skills in reading and using research to develop an evidence-based practice. Provides research examples and critiques; covers quantitative and qualitative approaches, identifying problems and developing hypotheses, reviewing the literature, applying nursing theory and research frameworks, etc.
- 📖 **Using and Interpreting Statistics: A Practical Text for the Health, Behavioral, and Social Sciences** [QA276.12 .C675 2007 c.2 Ref] – An introduction to statistics, statistical methods and terminology.

Selected Databases

- 📖 **Alt Health Watch** [EBSCOhost] ^{Off-Campus Full-Text} – Covers literature dealing with alternative paths to health and well being. Journal articles, pamphlets, booklets, and various other documents and reports are included
- 📖 **Consumer Health Complete** [EBSCOhost] ^{Off-Campus Full-Text} – Provides full-text access to 176 health reference books and encyclopedias, more than 4,000 full-text evidence-based health reports, over 5,000 reports from

Clinical Pharmacology, hundreds of medical images and diagrams and more than 1,200 physician-generated videos.

- 🖨 **CINAHL - Cumulative Index to Nursing & Allied Health Literature with Full Text** (1982-present) [EBSCOhost]^{Off-Campus} – provides access to virtually all English-language nursing journals, publications from the American Nurses' Association and the National League for Nursing, and journals from 17 allied health disciplines. The database also covers consumer health, health sciences librarianship, chiropractic, and health services administration literature. CINAHL is designed specifically to meet the needs of nurses and allied health professionals.
 - **Online DSU Guide** [<http://www.deltastate.edu/docs/library/CINAHL.pdf>]
 - **Online Tutorials**
 - CINAHL Help – located in the upper right hand corner of every page. Indexed in a linked topic menu on the left-hand side of the page.
 - Duke Medical Center Library <http://www.mclibrary.duke.edu/training/cinahlebsco>
 - Printable handouts and tip sheets plus online tutorials & videos
 - University of Illinois <http://researchguides.uic.edu/content.php?pid=74619&sid=559960>
 - In addition to searching tutorials, also provides tutorials on using folders, and setting up search alerts.
- 🖨 **Health Source: Nursing/Academic Edition** [EBSCOhost]^{Off-Campus Full-Text} – provides nearly 540 scholarly full text journals focusing on many medical disciplines. Also featured are abstracts and indexing for over 570 journals. This product offering also includes USP Pharmacopoeia DI: Volume II Advice for the Lay Patient and Stedman's Medical Dictionary - providing users with access to terminology of genetics, oncology, pediatrics, pulmonology, emergency medicine, bacteriology, and laboratory medicine.
- 🖨 **MEDLINE** [EBSCOhost]^{Off-Campus} – National Library of Medicine's bibliographic database. Included are such topics as microbiology, delivery of health care, nutrition, pharmacology, and environmental health. The categories covered in the database include anatomy, organisms, diseases, chemicals and drugs, techniques and equipment, psychiatry and psychology, biological sciences, physical sciences, social sciences and education, technology, agriculture, food, industry, humanities, information science and communications, and health care.
- 🖨 **Micromedex**^{Password Off-Campus} – Provides health professionals and students with the resources and tools that will find every-day use. Areas covered in Micromedex's two resources (Healthcare Series and CareNotes System) are drugs, toxicology, diseases, and patient education. Please contact a librarian or a Nursing faculty member for the Username and password.
- 🖨 **Natural & Alternative Treatments** [EBSCOhost]^{Off-Campus} – provides over 550 articles on subjects such as herbs and supplements, health conditions, drug interactions, alternative therapies and homeopathy. Articles are based on double-blind, placebo-controlled studies and other forms of meaningful scientific evidence.

Selected Web Sites

General Information

- 🔗 **CDC Health Topics** [<http://www.cdc.gov/az.do>] – A-Z list from the CDC. Although the quantity of information varies, basic factual information is provided for each topic.
- 🔗 **CDC Wonder** [<http://wonder.cdc.gov/>] – Find a plethora of stats and other information on topics such as chronic diseases, health practice and prevention, communicable diseases, injury prevention, environmental and occupational health, and other reference data.
- 🔗 **Drugs@FDA** [<http://www.accessdata.fda.gov/scripts/cder/drugsatfda/>] – Search or browse for FDA-approved drug products.
- 🔗 **MedlinePlus** [<http://medlineplus.gov>]- Medical information aimed at consumers provided in both English and Spanish . The Spanish version of MedlinePlus can be accessed via a link from the MedlinePlus.gov site or directly at <http://medlineplus.gov/spanish/>
Both sites provide interactive tutorials on numerous medical subjects with accommodations for low vision and low literacy. Additionally this site provides links to online information from government and non-profit organizations on a wide variety of illnesses and diseases. Both sites include a medical encyclopedia and medical dictionary.
- 🔗 **Merck Publications** [<http://www.merck.com/pubs/>] – Find online versions of the *Merck Manual*, *Merck Manual of Diagnosis and Therapy*, *Merck Manual of Health and Aging*, and the *Merck Manual of Geriatrics*.
- 🔗 **National Institute of Nursing Research** [<http://www.nih.gov/ninr/>] – Access news, research programs, links to other nursing organizations, and publications of the institute. Additionally, visit the National Institute of Health's page. NIH's site includes numerous helpful resources for anyone in a medical-related field.

🔗 Nursing History

- **American Nursing Association's Hall of Fame**
<http://www.nursingworld.org/FunctionalMenuCategories/AboutANA/Honoring-Nurses/HallofFame/InducteesListedAlphabetically.aspx>

ANA Hall of Fame honors nurses whose dedication and achievements have significantly affected the nursing profession. Names are listed in alphabetical order and link to brief biographies.
- **American Association for the History of Nursing** <http://www.aahn.org/resources/internet.html> -
A list of Internet sites recommended by the American Association for the History of Nursing (AAHN), a professional organization that publishes the annual *Nursing History Review* journal. Provides several sources for African-American nursing history.
- **History of Nursing Resource Guide** <http://guides.library.vcu.edu/history-of-nursing>
Created by Jodi Kosti, a librarian at Virginia Commonwealth University in 2009. Lists many general online resources, including bibliographies and guides for the study of African-American nursing.

🔗 Public Health Nursing:

- **Partners in Information Access for the Public Health Network** – a collaboration of U.S. government agencies, public health organizations and health sciences libraries which provide timely, convenient access to selected public health resources on the Internet.
[<http://phpartners.org>]
- **National Connection for Local Public Health – NACCHO** – National organization supporting local city and county health departments in the United States. [<http://naccho.org>]

🔗 **PubMed** [<http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/sites/entrez?db=pubmed>] – Free version of MEDLINE, the National Library of Medicine's bibliographic database covering all medical-related topics. PubMed also gives you access to seven other databases for information on taxonomy, proteins, and genetics.

🔗 **TOXNET** [<http://toxnet.nlm.nih.gov/>] – Collection of databases focusing on toxicology and hazardous chemicals. Information is gathered from a variety of peer-reviewed or government-sponsored sources: tests, reports, journal literature, etc.

- **Tox Mystery** [<http://toxmystery.nlm.nih.gov/>] – an interactive game for children about finding chemical hazards in their home.
- **Tox Town** [<http://toxtown.nlm.nih.gov/>] – an interactive game for children to learn more about the connections between chemicals, the environment and the public health.

Health Statistics

🔗 **2010 County Health Statistics** [<http://www.countyhealthrankings.org/mississippi>] - Lists aggregated data on select health outcomes, health behavior, clinical care, and socioeconomic factors for each Mississippi county. This web site was developed by Forum One Communications, in collaboration with the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation and the University of Wisconsin's Mobilizing Action Toward Community Health (MATCH) project.

🔗 **Health-Related Government Documents Sites** [<http://www.deltastate.edu/pages/815.asp#health>] – directory of informative and statistics rich health and medical-related sites for Mississippi, the United States, and international data.

🔗 **Health Statistics** [<http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/>] – Web site for the National Center for Health Statistics, the federal agency responsible for the collection, analysis, and dissemination of health statistics. Offers a wide variety of statistical information on vital events as well as information on health status, lifestyle and exposure to unhealthy influences, the onset and diagnosis of illness and disability, and the use of health care. Marriage and divorce statistics are found here as well.