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.

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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.
- **Dorland’s Illustrated Medical Dictionary, 31st ed.** [R121 .D73 2007 Ref] – A comprehensive biomedical dictionary. Includes more than 100,00 entries, many with full-color illustrations.
- **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 2012 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 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.


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.


Handbook of First Aid and Emergency Care [RC86.8 .A426 2009 Ref - Full of practical, clear, and easy-to-understand advice, this resource ensures that every household is prepared for any type of medical situation


Intravenous Medications: A Handbook for Nurses and Health Professionals [RM170 .G33 2013 Ref] – A concise, accessible tool to safely administer more than 350 intravenous drugs. Provides alphabetical organization, a detailed appendix of generic and trade names, pharmacologic actions, hundreds of new drug facts, and entries for new IV drugs recently approved by the FDA.


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.


Nursing Research

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.
Selected Databases

Medical, Nursing & Allied Health

- 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://mclibrary.duke.edu/tutorials-tip sheets/cinahl]
      - 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.
Psychology

- **Mental Measurements Yearbook** (1989-present) [EBSCOhost] – provides information and reviews of over 2,000 educational, psychological, aptitude, and intelligence tests.
- **Psychology and Behavioral Sciences Collection** [EBSCOhost] – provides the full-text of over 550 journal titles that are indexed in PsycINFO.
- **PsycINFO** (1887-present) [EBSCOhost] — provides indexing and abstracts for over two million articles in 1,500 journals from over 50 countries. This database, provided by the American Psychological Association, also includes abstracts for dissertations, books and book chapters ranging in date from 1887 to the present.

Selected Web Sites

**General Information**

- **CDC Health Topics** [http://www.cdc.gov/az/]: An 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.
- **National Institute of Nursing Research** [http://www.ninr.nih.gov/]: 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** [http://phpartners.org]: 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.


- 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 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

- 2010-2013 Mississippi 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 website 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.

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