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Resources

Library Home Page

Everything you need to know about the library can be found on the Library Home Page. Click on the home page customized view that applies to you (students, faculty, or alumni.) Do a quick search in the online catalog; find books, journal articles and more; find out about library services and policies; find research guides and help; find library contacts and directories; and much more.

**ALICAT**

Alicat is the Adelphi Libraries online catalog and lists all resources owned by the library. Each individual resource (e.g., book, journal, video, etc.) has it's own unique record in Alicat. Guides to the location of library materials are posted throughout the library. Additionally, a Swirbul library map can be found on the Alicat main menu.

The circulating collection contains books and videos that can be checked out. Nursing and other health and medical books in Swirbul Library will be found on Level S. Nursing resources are
shelved by call number in the R classification.

Oversize books are shelved in the "Folio" stacks on the 2nd floor and have the location "Folio" in Alicat.

Videos are shelved in Access Services on the first floor of Swirbul Library.

Some new books are temporarily shelved in the Lovely Lounge on the first floor.

You may place a hold on items in Alicat that show a due date. If the book or other item you want is checked out, you may place a hold electronically. (This is only for materials owned by the Adelphi libraries). With the full record displayed in Alicat, click Request Hold and follow the instructions.

Many borrowed items can be renewed online in Alicat by going to "My Library Record."

WorldCat

You can search in WorldCat for books, journals, nonprint, and other materials owned by libraries worldwide. (Click on the WorldCat link on the Alicat main menu screen or in the databases by name list.

Connect NY

Connect NY is a consortium of libraries in New York State with reciprocal borrowing privileges. If the Adelphi Libraries do not own the book you need or if the book is checked out, you may borrow it from another Connect NY library that owns it. With the Alicat search results displayed, click on the Connect NY icon.

Books and Articles on Reserve

To find out what materials are on Reserve for your course, go to the Library Home Page, click on Alicat and then Course Reserves. Search by your Professor's name or the course discipline or number. Swirbul Reserve materials are shelved in Access Services (1st Floor) and may only be used in the library. Some articles on reserve are available electronically. Heavily used books such as some NCLEX-RN titles may also be kept on Reserve.

Reference Collection

The reference collection on the 2nd floor and Level C in Swirbul Library consists of books that may only be used in the library. The libraries also provide online access to selected reference resources. The Manhattan Center also houses reference books. Some examples of reference resources are:

Diagnoses and Treatments:

Merck manual of diagnosis and therapy
Ref. RC55 .M4
Government publications are invaluable sources of information for nursing research. Some examples are:
Policy

Healthy people 2010.

United States. Dept. of Health and Human Services

Demographic data

Measuring America: the decennial censuses from 1790 to 2000
Sudoc # - C 3.2:M 46/2

U.S. Census Bureau. American FactFinder

NCLEX

Students preparing for the NCLEX RN exam will find over 65 books and other materials to help them in the university libraries. Most are housed in Swirbul and some are in the Manhattan Center. To find these items, search by KEYWORD "nclex" in Alicat. Some examples are:

Mosby's comprehensive review of nursing for the NCLEX-RN examination
Swirbul Reserve RT55 .M64 2009

Lippincott's content review for NCLEX-RN
Swirbul Reserve RT55 .B548 2009

NCLEX-RN for dummies
Swirbul RT55 .C66 2006
Manhattan Reserve RT55 .C66 2006

NCLEX review: strategies and skills
Swirbul RT55 .D53 2009

NCLEX-RN: strategies for the registered nursing licensing exam
Swirbul Reserve RT55 .I78 2009

Complete review CD-ROM for NCLEX-RN

Registered nurse adult medical-surgical review module
Manhattan Reserve RT55 .C657 2007 pt.1
Manhattan DVD RT55 .C657 2007 pt.1

Nursing Video Collection

The libraries have an extensive nursing video collection that includes nursing skills videos as well as many other aspects of nursing and health. You can view the entire collection in Alicat by searching for the subject: nursing videos

Videos are shelved in Access Services on the first floor of Swirbul Library.
Databases

Nursing Databases:
The following are the primary nursing databases that you can access through the Adelphi Libraries:

- **CINAHL** (Cumulative Index to Nursing and Allied Health Literature) indexes virtually all English-language nursing journals, with full text for more than 560 journals and 220 books, and searchable cited references from 1994- and full-text articles dating back to 1937. The libraries subscribe to the Ebscohost version of CINAHL Plus with Full Text.

- **Cochrane Library** is a collection of evidence-based health care resources

- **Nursing and Allied Health** contains over 4 million articles from over 1,000 journals with a heavy emphasis on full text articles from Cinahl.

- **Health Source: Nursing Academic Edition** provides scholarly full text journals focusing on many medical disciplines with a strong concentration in nursing.

- **Medline** indexes nursing and biomedical journals and is the largest component of PubMed. The library has several different versions in the list of databases. Medline with Full Text has articles dating back to 1965.

- **PubMed** is the database of the National Library of Medicine and, in addition to Medline, includes both older and more current citations and abstracts from nursing and biomedical journals.

Other Databases:
As nursing topics may be interdisciplinary, you may want to search additional databases for your research. The libraries subscribe to both general and subject specific databases. Some examples are:

- **Academic Search Premier** (General)

- **ERIC** (Education)

- **Proquest Research Library Collection** (General)

- **Psychinfo** (Psychology)

- **Sociological Abstracts** (Social Sciences)

Evidence Based Practice
Evidence based practice (EBP) uses the evidence from clinical research as the basis for clinical decision-making. The steps involved in EBP include:

1. Identifying a clinical problem.
2. Searching the literature for research that provides evidence regarding the clinical problem.
3. Evaluating the scientific merit of the research based on established criteria.
4. Implementing clinical decisions based on the evidence found.

**Qualitative and Quantitative Research:**
You can find evidence for clinical decision making in quantitative and qualitative research studies. The findings in quantitative studies are measurable and based on statistical analysis. The findings in qualitative studies are not based on measurable statistics but rather on data such as that gathered from participants through interviews and observation. The analysis of qualitative research is "interpretative, subjective, impressionistic and diagnostic" (http://www.mrs.org.uk/mrindustry/glossary.htm). Try this tutorial for help in Searching for Qualitative & Quantitative Research Articles Using the CINAHL Database.

Information about research methodology can be found in Alicat by searching for the Subject Nursing Research Methodology.

**PICO Questions:**
To find evidence based research articles and to answer clinical questions in the PICO format (Population, Intervention, Comparison, Outcome) you can use the following limiters:

**In CINAHL (Advanced Search):**
- Limit to Evidence-Based Practice
- Limit to Publication Type - Systematic Review
- Limit to Special Interest - EBP
- Limit to Clinical Queries
- Search CINAHL Headings for the terms Meta Analysis and Systematic Review

**In Medline Full Text in Ebscohost (Advanced Search)**
- Limit to Clinical Queries
- Limit to Publication Type - Meta-Analysis

**In PubMed (Advanced Search)**
- Limit to Type of Article - Meta-Analysis
- Limit to Subsets - Topics - Systematic Reviews
- Limit to Queries - Clinical then Search by Clinical Study category and or Find Systematic Reviews

**Journals**
Journals are an important part of the collection. In addition to the many print issues available in the libraries, there is online access to hundreds of nursing, health and medical journals. In Swirbul Library, some journal issues are available only on microfilm or microfiche. These are reels or sheets of film on which print publications are reduced for storage. Articles can be read and photocopies made on reader/printer machines. You can search for specific journals by entering the journal title or ISSN in the Find a Journal search box on the Library Home Page. Alternatively, click on Browse eJournals by title or subject to find journals available online.

Scholarly journals publish articles written by scholars in the field. The articles always include footnotes and or a reference list (bibliography) and are reviewed by experts prior to publication.

Trade and professional journals publish articles written by professionals in the field or by journalists with knowledge of the subject. Some articles include sources of information and some of these journals are peer reviewed.
Identifying Peer Reviewed Journals

The articles in scholarly journals go through a rigorous review process before they are accepted for publication. Typically, an author submits a manuscript to the editor of the journal. The editor reads the manuscript and decides if it meets the criteria for publication in the journal. The editor then sends copies of the manuscript to several scholar reviewers (or peer reviewers) for their opinion. Generally, the reviewers do not know who authored the manuscript. If they give a positive review, the manuscript is published as an article in the journal.

Many databases allow you to limit your search to articles in peer reviewed or refereed journals. You can also find out if a journal is peer reviewed by searching for the journal title in the Ulrich’s Web database. This database uses the term “refereed” to denote peer reviewed journals. You can also look in v.5 of Ulrich’s Periodicals Directory, which contains a section on Refereed Serials. You will find the latest edition at the Reference Desk shelved under Ref Z6941.U5

Some peer reviewed nursing journals in the Adelphi Libraries are:

- Applied Nursing Research
- Computers, Informatics, Nursing: CIN
- Journal of Nursing Administration
- Journal of Professional Nursing
- Nursing Forum
- Nursing Administration Quarterly
- Research in Nursing and Health
- Western Journal of Nursing Research

Journal Articles:

Search for journal articles in the electronic research databases. Databases can be accessed on campus and most can be accessed from home or other remote site. You will need to enter your name and 7 digit Adelphi ID at the prompt. On the Library Home Page, you can:

1. Search for a specific database by selecting Browse Databases by Name
2. Search by subject by selecting Databases by Subject
3. Simultaneously search multiple databases by selecting Multi-Search

Use Citation Linker to search for an article when you already have the citation from elsewhere. Click on Citation Linker on the Library Home Page and enter the citation information.

Finding Full Text Articles in the Research Databases

Many brief and detailed database search results will display the Article Linker icon. Clicking on and/or "Locate Full Text" will open a screen that provides links to assist you in retrieving the article. If the journal issue is available electronically, there will be links to the database(s) where the article can be found. If it is not available electronically, but the library owns the journal, there will be a link to the Alicat record for the journal. There may be more than one record for the same title. Records for print journals will display the word “Serials” in the right column. Check the "Lib. Has" field to determine if the library has the journal issue that you need. The journal issue can then be found either in the Periodical stacks (1st floor) or on microfilm or microfiche. Ask for assistance at the Reference Desk. If the article is not available, you may request it through Interlibrary Loan.
APA Style/ Citations
You will be asked to use APA style for your writing assignments. This dictates the format of both in text citations and the citations in your reference list. The 6th edition of the Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association and the APA Style Guide to Electronic References provide the information needed. Some other helpful resources for citing articles in APA style can be found at Citing Sources: Documentaion Guidelines for Citing Sources and Avoiding Plagiarism and APA Formatting and Style Guide. It is important to note that all entries in the Reference List must have corresponding in text citations.

Citations consist of facts about a book, article, or other type of information resource that identifies the resource and is needed to locate it, fill out an Interlibrary loan form, and prepare an entry for a reference list or bibliography. Each database entry includes the elements that make up a citation.

Example of a citation in the CINAHL database:
Medication error reduction and the use of PDA technology. Preview (includes abstract); Greenfield S; Journal of Nursing Education, 2007 Mar; 46 (3): 127-31 (journal article - case study, research, tables/charts) ISSN: 0148-4834 PMID: 17396552 CINAHL AN: 2009527704

An APA citation for an article in print with the journal in hand consists of the following elements:

Author’s name
Date (in parentheses)
Title of article
Title of journal (in italics)
Volume and issue numbers (in italics)
Pages

Example of an APA citation for an article in print with the journal in hand:

An APA citation for an article retrieved from an electronic database consists of the following elements:

Author’s name
Date (in parentheses)
Title of article
Title of journal (in italics)
Volume and issue numbers (in italics)
Pages
DOI or URL of journal home page

Example of APA citation for an article retrieved from an electronic database:

In-Text Citations:
APA style requires that writers provide citations within the text of their writing when they are
quoting or referring to someone else’s work. This is in addition to the Reference list they must provide at the end of their paper, essay, or article.

Example of an in-text citation:
In her research on PDA technology, Greenfield (2007) found that some medication errors can be reduced if nurses have PDAs to consult for information on medication administration.

Interlibrary Loan, etc.
If you can't find the book, dissertation, or article that you need, we can get it for you from another library. Simply fill out the Interlibrary Loan request form online and you will be notified when to come and pick up the item(s) you have requested. In special cases, you may be permitted to go in person to another library and borrow books that the Adelphi Libraries do not have. These libraries are members of Long Island Libraries Resources Council's Research Loan Program that allows for reciprocal borrowing. You must ask a Reference Librarian for a referral. For books, also see Connect NY.

Health Statistics
See How to Find Health Statistics on the Library Home Page.

Internet Resources by Topic
Links to Nursing Internet Resources on the following topics are available under Research by Subject: Nursing

- Advocacy
- Aging
- Aids/HIV
- Alternative Healing
- Cancer
- Careers/Employment/Licensing
- CINAHL
- Collection Development
- Consumer Health/Patient Education
- Diseases
- Drugs-Formulary, etc.
- Eating Disorders
- Evidence Based Medicine/Nursing
- Healing Arts
- Health: Miscellaneous
- Hospitals
- Informatics
- Information Literacy
- Journals
- Men's Health
- Nursing: Clinical
- Nursing: Miscellaneous
- Nursing Theory
- Nutrition
- Research
- State Nursing Boards
Capstone and Master's Projects / Theses and Dissertations
The Library receives two copies of all master's and capstone projects and doctoral dissertations authored by students in the School of Nursing. They are cataloged and a record for each can be found in Alicat. One copy is designated as archival and is shelved in the University Archives located in New Dorm. Archival copies are not available for circulation. The second copy is shelved in the Theses stacks on C Level in Swirbul Library and is available to be checked out. (Some older master's projects shelved on C Level and stamped "archival copy" may only be used in the library. Dissertations from other institutions are shelved by call number in the circulating stacks.

To find all Adelphi nursing theses and dissertations in Alicat, search by the subject Nursing Dissertations. You can also search for Adelphi theses and dissertations in the Current Research @ database, in which you can find abstracts from 1980 to the present, and view 24 page previews and download the full text of theses and dissertations published after 1996.

Search the Dissertations & Theses: Full Text database to find citations and abstracts for dissertations from other universities.

Search for Dissertations in the CINAHL database by limiting your search to Publication Type: Doctoral Dissertation

Plagiarism/ Academic Dishonesty
Plagiarism is one form of academic dishonesty. It is a violation of the Adelphi University Code of Academic Honesty and is an academic crime with serious consequences. Using someone else's words, expressions, ideas, or findings as your own is one form of plagiarism. Many professors include a statement about plagiarism in their syllabi. Make sure to read each syllabus so that you fully understand your professor's requirements and restrictions regarding writing assignments. Questions about understanding and preventing plagiarism can be directed to your professor, the Reference Librarians, and the Writing Center. The following are two of the many internet resources that can help you to avoid plagiarism: Plagiarism: Its Nature and Consequences and Writing a Research Paper: Plagiarism.

Tests and Measures and Nursing/ Research Instruments
This section was adapted from Johns Hopkins University Library Guides - Psychology - Psych Tests
"The following shows you how to find information about tests and how to find the tests themselves. Generally, the majority of commercially available instruments must be purchased from publishers. Tests that are not commercially available may be found in books, journal articles, printed reports, or available from the author. Finding scales and measures often requires thorough searching of print and electronic library resources. Use the links below to help you perform those searches."

Finding Background Information: Note: call numbers refer to Swirbul Library (Garden City Campus)
Mental Measurements Yearbook
Z5814.P8 B932 (covers yearbooks 1-15)
Ref Desk Z5814.P8 B932 (current volume 16)
"Contains reviews of tests covering educational skills, personality, vocational aptitude, psychology, and related areas. For each test, you can find the author, publisher, scoring information, and at least one review of the test."

Mental Measurements Yearbook Index (covers yearbooks 9 - 15)
A comprehensive index of tests reviewed in the Mental Measurements Yearbook series, from the 9th MMY (1985) to the present.

Index (1975-1987) at Ref Desk Microfiche Z5814 E9 E4

Tests in Print
Ref Desk Z58114.E9 T47
"Covers published and commercially available tests in psychology. Each entry consists of the test title, intended population, publication date, author, publisher, foreign adaptations, and references."

Tests
Ref Desk BF176.T43
"Contains information on thousands of testing instruments in psychology, education, and business. For evaluative techniques or data on reliability, validity, or norms, please refer to Test Critiques (see below)."

Test Critiques
Ref Desk LB3051.T419
"Designed as a companion to Tests (BF176.T43). Test Critiques includes supplemental information such as psychometric information on reliability, validity, and norm development."

Ref BF431.D624
These volumes supplement the Mental Measurements Yearbook.

Educational Testing Service Test Link
The Educational Testing Service provides information on more than 25,000 research instruments and standardized tests. Some foreign tests are included.

Tests and Measures and Nursing/ Research Instruments cont.

Finding Instruments in Scholarly Literature Using Library Databases:
"While many scholarly articles describe studies conducted with psychological tests, they do not usually include the test itself. But you can still find a lot of information about the tests in this literature. Enter the name of the test to locate research articles in which the instrument was used. You can also use the databases to locate instruments as well. Use the advance search screen and enter your keyword term or concept: Example 'empathy' , 'coping' , 'domestic violence' on the first search box provided. In the second line after the 'AND' connector add several variations of the term to retrieve measurements using 'OR' in between each term on the same line: Example 'test' or 'survey' or 'questionnaire' or 'scale' or 'instrument'."
Health and Psychosocial Instruments (HAPI)
"Covers 1985-present. Contains articles describing questionnaires, rating scales, index measures, scenarios, vignettes, observations, checklists, manuals, etc. Under 'Limit to,' select Primary Source or Secondary Source. Primary Source means the citation is the original source for the instrument. Secondary Source means the instrument was originally developed by another author or for another study. Use reliability and validity as keywords to locate instruments with tested psychometric properties."

Psyclinfo
"Covers 1887-present. This database covers mainly journal articles (includes some books and other material) relevant to psychology, education, medicine, business, sociology, and psychiatry. Start with a keyword search to find articles relating to a type of inventory and then combine it with a keyword search using the word appended. This will find instruments relating to a specific subject that are included in the article appendix."

PubMed
"Covers 1966-present. Contains citations from a broad array of biomedical journals. Useful MeSH (medical subject headings) include questionnaires, psychological tests, health status rating scales, psychiatric status rating scales, and personality inventory. In PubMed, not all instruments fall under MeSH headings, so try a keyword search such as pregnancy AND questionnaire. Other keywords to consider include inventories, scale measure, measurements, survey, and psychometrics."

CINAHL
Covers 1937-present. CINAHL covers nursing, allied health, biomedicine, and consumer health journals. Any article reporting a research study that uses an instrument has the name of the instrument recorded in the Instrumentation field. In the search box, enter the instrument name and select IN Instrumentation from the drop-down box. You can also limit your search to Publication Type: Research Instrument..

ERIC
"Covers 1976-present. ERIC focuses on the U.S. education literature. Phrases to use in your search include: screening tests, diagnostic tests, disability identification, ability identification, and talent identification."

Tests and Measures and Nursing/ Research Instruments cont.

Finding Instruments in Books: (In Alicat, search for the subject, "nursing research methodology.")

Assessing and measuring caring in nursing and health science.
RT42 .W38 2009

Communication Research Measures: A Sourcebook
P91.3 .C62 1994
"Part one gives an overview of the areas in the communication discipline which use quantitative measures. Part two contains descriptive summaries of 62 measures, including validity and reliability information. Most of the measures are also provided."
Handbook of Family Measurement Techniques, 3 vols.
Ref Desk HQ728.H267 2001
"Volume one contains abstracts describing 976 measures developed between 1929-1986. Volume two covers the period 1987-1996. Descriptions in these two volumes include reliability/validity information, references, sample items, and available from information. Areas covered include dimensions of family/marital interaction, intimacy and family values, parenthood, and roles and power. Volume three includes 168 selected examples of actual instruments described in the two volumes of abstracts. A subject index is also included in volume three."

Handbook of Research Design and Social Measurement
See Part 6. "Selected Sociometric Scales and Indexes." Scales cover areas such as social status, group

Holistic nursing
RT42 .B53

Instruments for clinical health-care research
RT81.5 .I57 2004

Instruments for measuring nursing practice and other health care variables
Ref. RT73 .U56

Instruments for use in nursing education research
RT73 .C53 1989

The measurement of attitudes toward people with disabilities: methods, psychometrics, and scales.
HV 1553 A62 1988

Measurement in Nursing and Health Research. 3rd ed. (Appendix A lists resources)
RT 81.5 .W36 2005

The measurement of health: concepts and indicators.
RA 407 L37 1991

Measurement of Nursing Outcomes
RT85.5 .M434 2001
A collection of tools that measure client outcomes, nursing performance, clinical skills, and client self-care and coping skills.

Measures of personality and social psychological attitudes.
BF 698.4 M38 1991

Measuring Health: A Guide to Rating Scales and Questionnaires
RA408.5 .M47 1996
"Includes reviews, descriptions, test properties, etc., for rating scales and questionnaires that cover topics such as physical disability, pain, psychological well-being, and quality of life".

Scales for the measurement of attitudes.
BF 378 A75 S45

Self efficacy in nursing : research and measurement perspectives
RT42 .S435 2002
Tests and Measures and Nursing/ Research Instruments cont.

Finding Instruments on Internet Sites:

Guide to tests and measurements from University of Michigan, Taubman Medical Library

Instruments for measuring nursing practice and other health care variables

Locating psychological and educational tests and measurements from University of Michigan Social Work Library

Nursing instruments and measurement from Mayo Clinic College of Medicine, Resources For Nurses

Nursing research guide from Rutgers University Library

Research Instruments Developed, Adapted or Used by the Stanford Patient Education Research Center. Instruments are in English and Spanish for research subjects with chronic diseases. They are free and do not require permission to use.

Research instruments in CINAHL from Mayo Clinic College of Medicine, Resources For Nurses

Sources for Nursing Research Instruments from San Diego State University Library

Super Sleuthing: Learning to Track Those Elusive Tests & Measurement Instruments from University of Michigan School of Public Health Library

How to find tests and Measures from University of Michigan School of Public Health Library

Tutorials:

Information Literacy Tutorial (TILT) a basic tutorial for beginning students

Searching for Qualitative & Quantitative Research Articles Using the CINAHL Database a step by step interactive tutorial
Conducting a Literature Review in Education & Behavioral Sciences a multi module tutorial

CINAHL Plus with Full Text: A Crib Sheet a guide from Humboldt State University Library

PubMed Tutorial "Web-based learning program that will show you how to search PubMed®, the National Library of Medicine’s (NLM®) journal literature search system."

The Cochrane Library Help a series of guides and tutorials on the Cochrane Library web site.