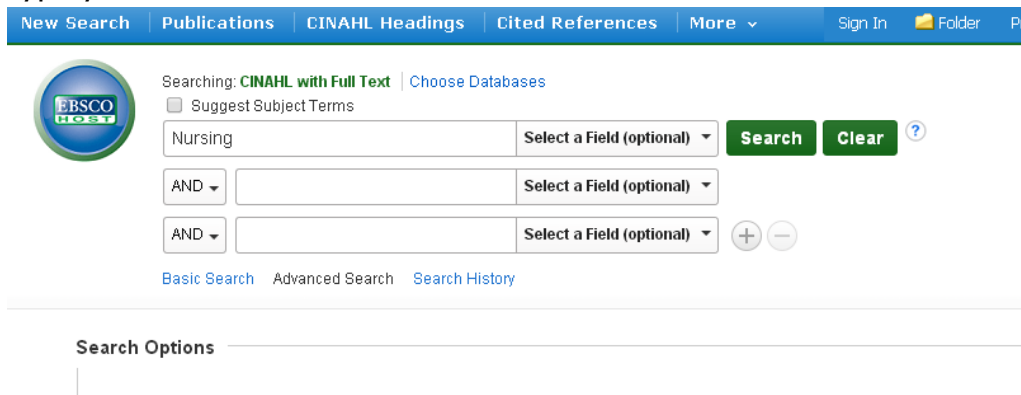


Narrowing down search results in CINAHL

Searching for results in CINAHL can be overwhelming. Fortunately, there are two places where you can narrow down your results. This is the reason we use paid subscription databases and not Google scholar for general research. It is very difficult to narrow down your results list in Google scholar and therefore costs you more time.....the one thing none of us has enough of!

1. Go to the Library home page (<http://www.kcu.edu/library>)
2. Click on the word "Research" in the column on the left
3. In the left hand column, click on "Databases"
4. Click on "CINAHL" under the heading **Nursing**
5. Type your term into the search box.



The screenshot shows the EBSCOhost search interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links: New Search, Publications, CINAHL Headings, Cited References, More, Sign In, Folder, and Print. Below this, the EBSCOhost logo is on the left. The main search area has a text input field containing "Nursing" and a dropdown menu labeled "Select a Field (optional)". To the right of the input field are "Search" and "Clear" buttons, and a help icon. Below the first input field are two more input fields, each preceded by an "AND" dropdown and followed by a "Select a Field (optional)" dropdown. To the right of these fields are plus and minus icons. At the bottom, there are links for "Basic Search", "Advanced Search", and "Search History". Below the search area, there is a section titled "Search Options" with a vertical line indicating where options can be set.

Searching: **CINAHL with Full Text** | [Choose Databases](#)

☐ Suggest Subject Terms

Nursing Select a Field (optional) Search Clear ?

AND Select a Field (optional)

AND Select a Field (optional) + -

[Basic Search](#) [Advanced Search](#) [Search History](#)

Search Options

6. You can continue to scroll down this screen and click on other parameters in order to narrow your results. Here you will see that we set:
- The **date** range (2009 – 2014) on the right hand side.
 - The **language** – English (checkmark in the box)
 - Research articles only**
 - “First Author is Nurse”** (because I want articles that have the research team led by a nurse)
 - Journal subset** – Nursing (Scroll down the list until you find the type of journals you want to look in.

You can then click on “Search” at the top or bottom right of the screen.

Search Modes and Expanders

Search modes [?](#)

- ☒ Boolean/Phrase
- ☐ Find all my search terms
- ☐ Find any of my search terms
- ☐ SmartText Searching [Hint](#)

Apply related words
☐

Also search within the full text of the articles
☐

Limit your results

Full Text
☐

Abstract Available
☐

Peer Reviewed
☒

Publication

Exclude Pre-CINAHL
☐

Exclude MEDLINE records
☐

Meta-Synthesis
☐

Human
☐

Any Author is Nurse
☐

Journal Subset

Expert Peer Reviewed

Health Promotion/Education

Health Services Administration

Nursing

References Available
☐

Published Date

Month Year: 2009 – Month Year: 2014

Author

English Language
☒

Research Article
☒

Search Only Pre-CINAHL
☐

Evidence-Based Practice
☐

Clinical Queries

Qualitative - Best Balance

Causation (Etiology) - High Sensitivity

Causation (Etiology) - High Specificity

Causation (Etiology) - Best Balance

First Author is Nurse
☒**Randomized Controlled Trials**
☐**Geographic Subset**

All

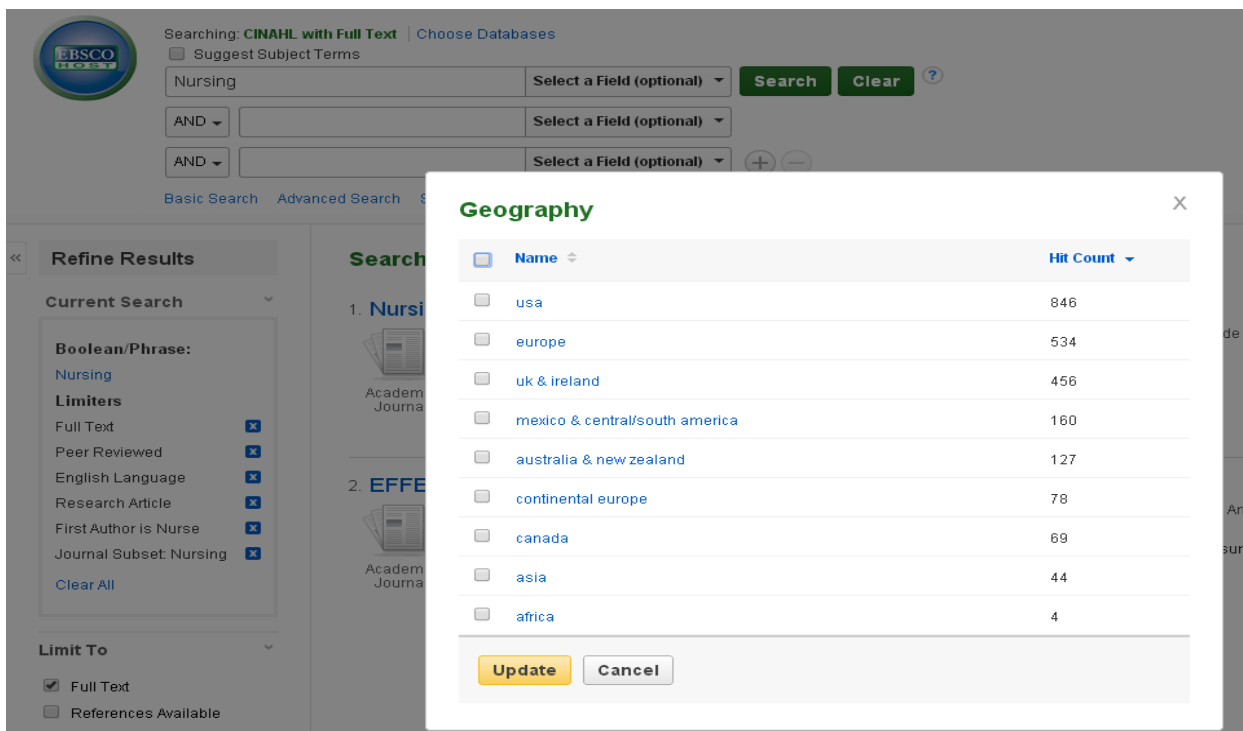
Africa

Asia

Australia & New Zealand

Once you have clicked on Search you will go directly to your Results screen

7. On your results screen you will see that right above the first article the screen will say "Search Results:...." Followed by a number. We now have the opportunity again to narrow the results.
8. Look in the left hand column.
9. Scroll down to "**Limit To**" which will be in bold
10. Click on the box in front of "Full Text". The system will immediately update your results list. You should not always do full text only, but if you are nearing your due date for an assignment, this is often the fastest way to retrieve articles
11. You can continue to narrow down your articles even further. Continue to scroll down in the left hand column to "Geography" and click on it.
12. At the bottom of the list you will see the phrase "Show more". Click on this. It will bring up a complete list in the center of your page. Select the geography you want, in this case "USA", by clicking on the box in front of the item on the list.
13. Click on "Update"



The screenshot shows a database search interface with a search bar at the top containing the text "Nursing". Below the search bar, there are options to "Suggest Subject Terms" and "Choose Databases". The left sidebar contains a "Refine Results" section with a "Current Search" dropdown set to "Nursing". Under "Limiters", several options are checked: "Full Text", "Peer Reviewed", "English Language", "Research Article", "First Author is Nurse", and "Journal Subset: Nursing". The "Limit To" section at the bottom of the sidebar has "Full Text" checked and "References Available" unchecked.

A modal window titled "Geography" is open in the center of the screen. It displays a table with two columns: "Name" and "Hit Count". The table lists various geographical regions with their corresponding hit counts. At the bottom of the modal, there are "Update" and "Cancel" buttons.

Name	Hit Count
<input type="checkbox"/> usa	846
<input type="checkbox"/> europe	534
<input type="checkbox"/> uk & ireland	456
<input type="checkbox"/> mexico & central/south america	160
<input type="checkbox"/> australia & new zealand	127
<input type="checkbox"/> continental europe	78
<input type="checkbox"/> canada	69
<input type="checkbox"/> asia	44
<input type="checkbox"/> africa	4

14. You can continue to use the left hand column to refine your results.