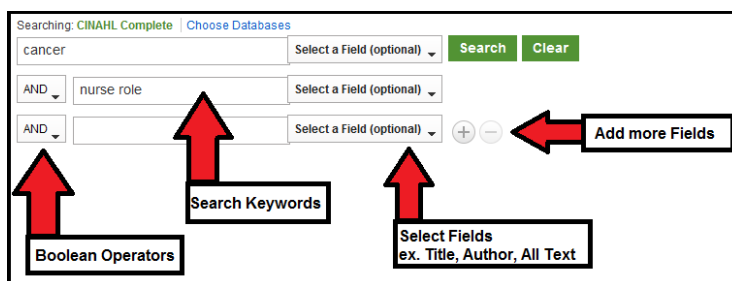


Objective: This guide will show you how to do conduct a basic search in CINAHL. For further information please view the list of additional guides on our website (link).

Directions:

Basic Searching

1. Enter your keywords
2. Select Your Boolean Operators (**AND, OR, NOT**)
3. Fields determine where in the citations the database searches for your Keywords (ex. **Title, Author, All Text**).
4. The plus symbol will "add more fields" if needed.



Searching: CINAHL Complete | Choose Databases

cancer Select a Field (optional) Search Clear

AND nurse role Select a Field (optional)

AND Select a Field (optional) + - Add more Fields

Boolean Operators Search Keywords Select Fields ex. Title, Author, All Text

Search Strategies:

1. Phrase Searching

- a. "find these words in this order"
- b. **For Example:** "breast cancer" will retrieve only items wherein "breast" and "cancer" appear together.

2. Truncation searching

- a. Truncation or wildcard symbols can broaden your search and allow you to look for variations of words.
- b. **For Example:** Pregnan* will retrieve the following words:
 - i. pregnant, pregnancy and pregnancies.

Using Filters & Limits

1. Use filters to refine your search.
2. The most used Nursing Filters are:
 - a. Peer Reviewed Journal
 - b. Any Author is a Nurse
 - c. Evidence Based Medicine
 - d. Randomized Control Trials
 - e. Clinical Queries

The Limit Menu	
Refining Your Search	Most Used Nursing Limits
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Adding or Removing Limits• Selecting Different Source Types• Subject: Major Headings• Type of Publication• Age• Date of Publication• Gender and many more	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Peer Reviewed Journal• Any Author is a Nurse• Evidence Based Medicine• Randomized Control Trials• Clinical Queries• Special Interest

Additional Resources:

Additional information can be found on this topic at the following outside resources (ctrl+click to open):

- [EBSCO CINAHL Database – Frequently Asked Questions](#)
- [CINAHL Plus with Full Text Help Sheet](#)