Information – Where do I find it?

Library Website

Find the VCC Library website at http://library.vcc.ca

Sign into your College Account – myVCC
  o Your username is your student number: e.g. 000123456
  o Your default password is your birthday (see Justin Bieber example below)
    ▪ 6 numbers, mmddyy – e.g. for JB: March 01, 1994 = 030194

Using the Library Catalogue (ALL books, DVDs; SOME online articles & video)

Go to the library website: http://library.vcc.ca

Make sure Books, DVDs & More is highlighted (green – if not, click on it)

Search the Library for resources on your topic

Using the Library Subject Guide – libguides.vcc.ca

Library Subject Guides will be the best starting point for your research for your program.

Go to the Library website > Click on Articles & Resources by Subject > In the box Select a Subject and find subject area, i.e. Health and then the guide specific to your program, Health Care Assistant.

Pronunciation Help
  • Click on the link for the Merck Audio Dictionary of Medical Terms

Free Online Information for Patients
  • Click on the link for Medline Plus

Referring a Patient to a Social Agency in the Lower Mainland
  • Click on the link for the Red Book Online

Finding Journal Articles in Individual Databases

Articles from journals that are peer-reviewed and scholarly can be found in Databases. These databases contain thousands of articles which can be searched by keywords. To find the list, look for Database on the library website:

Quick Links

sigmoid Using APA, MLA...
sigmoid Renew Library Materials
sigmoid Databases & Journals A-Z
sigmoid Get it from other Libraries
If you are looking for a particular journal publication, they can be searched by journal title using **Journals A-Z**.

When working off-campus, you will have to sign into the databases using your Student ID # and your college password. VCC Library has subscriptions to numerous health-specific databases.

### Health Databases

**CINAHL Complete**  
Cumulative index of Nursing and Allied Health Literature. It is a key database for nurses with full text, peer-reviewed and scholarly articles.

**Medline with Full Text (EBSCO)**  
One of the largest medical databases, covering medicine, nursing, dentistry and pre-clinical sciences.

**ProQuest Nursing & Allied Health Source**  
Includes evidence-based resources, information on health in different cultures and streaming videos.

**Science Direct**  
Full text of over 1000 health and life science journals.

**Academic Search Complete (EBSCO) (Multidisciplinary)**  
Contains journals on a wide variety of topics, not just health. Journals are mostly professional titles with of peer-reviewed articles.

### Evaluating Your Search Results

You should be evaluating all of the information you use in your nursing practice. Is the source of the information trustworthy, reliable and credible. Ask these questions of every source you use.

- Was your search narrow enough? Do you need to refine and retry?
- Did the results suggest other subject terms you might try?
- Do you know who wrote the information? Can you judge whether the author is reputable?
- Was the information peer reviewed or evaluated before it was published?
- How current is the information? Is it new enough?

**Scholarly, Trade, or Popular?** Check [http://libguides.vcc.ca/content.php?pid=57135](http://libguides.vcc.ca/content.php?pid=57135) for help.

### Citing Using APA Style

- Go to the library web site at **library.vcc.ca**
- Look under **Quick Links** look for **Using APA, MLA ...** to find help with APA Style