ESSENTIAL Nursing Resources
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THE 25TH EDITION OF THE ICIRN Essential Nursing Resources list (formerly Essential Nursing References) is presented as a resource for locating nursing information and for collection development. The list includes print and electronic sources to support nursing practice, education, administration, and research activities. The most recent editions or websites are included. The list was compiled to point to pathways for exploration, rather than be an end point, and to expand to other formats beyond traditional references. A new section in this edition is Cultural Competencies. Databases and citations marked $$$$ indicate availability via subscription or through a library.

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META-SITES FOR NURSING INFORMATION
American Nurses Association’s Nursing World Links to state nurses associations and allied nursing organizations globally. www.nursingworld.org

Canadian Nursing Index Comprehensive links to education, employment, and other resources focused on needs of Canadian nurses. www.nursingindex.com

INTUTE: Nursing, Midwifery, and Allied Health UK gateway to high quality biomedical resources. www.intute.ac.uk/healthandlifesciences/nursing/

National Institute of Nursing Research www.ninr.nih.gov/ninr/

National League for Nursing www.nln.org

Nursing and Allied Health Resources Section (NAHRS), Medical Library Association Section activities, newsletter, current research, nursing resources wiki. www.nahrs.mlanet.org

Nursing Theory Page University of San Diego Hahn School of Nursing and Health Science. www.sandiego.edu/academics/nursing/theory/


NursingCenter Lippincott Williams & Wilkins. Includes CE articles in full text with immediate test results and certificates; 50 nursing journals with table of contents and abstracts; databases of certification, licensure, and nursing organizations. www.nursingcenter.com

Online Journal of Issues in Nursing American Nurses Association. Example of free, peer-reviewed, international, online publication. www.nursingworld.org/ajin/

PDA/Mobile Devices Resources & Information Yale University School of Medicine. Guide to free and licensed PDA and mobile devices applications for health care. www.med.yale.edu/library/technology/PDA/

Sigma Theta Tau International/Honor Society of Nursing www.nursingsociety.org

ALERTING SERVICES/BLOGS/RSS FEEDS
RSS (Really Simple Syndication) feeds deliver headlines, journal tables of content, updates, and summaries to desktop or Web browser. Subscribe via individual publishers and aggregators.

BMJ What is RSS? How do I get a News Reader? http://resources.bmj.com/bmj/interactive/rss


Lippincott’s Nursing Center.com Lippincott Williams & Wilkins. RSS feeds for nursing CE, reading articles, journal tables of content, and more, www.nursingcenter.com/rss/rssfeed.asp

MDLinx Nursing RSS feeds for nursing subspecialties. www.mdlinx.com/NurseLinx/feeds.cfm

Medscape Nurses Blogs, experts, and viewspoints; free newsletters in nursing (or other editions) and daily alerts on clinical advances in specialty areas. CE, patient education, and news. www.medscape.com/nurses/resoure/

NIH Clinical Alerts and Advisories RSS feeds for clinical alerts and advisories from NIH-funded clinical trials. www.nlm.nih.gov/databases/alerts/clinical_alerts.html#alerts/


FORUMS AND ELECTRONIC DISCUSSION LISTS
CCNL Deals with critical care nursing issues. http://health.groups.yahoo.com/group/ccnl-

GLOBALRN Worldwide Internet email discussion list on culture and health care issues. www.nurseweb.ucsf.edu/www/globalrn.htm


Nurses In Recovery List began for recovering nurses, but now all recovering health care professionals are welcome to join. www.brucieune.com/nir/

Nursing Discussion Forums University of Buffalo School of Nursing. www.nursing.buffalo.edu/mccartny/nursing_discussion_forums.html

BIBLIOGRAPHIES/BOOK LISTS
In addition to sources listed below, information on new nursing books can be found in publishers’ catalogs, library catalogs including locatorplus.gov, CINAHL, and print and online catalogs of professional nursing organizations.

AJN Book of the Year Awards Annual. Annotated list as chosen by and published in January issue of American Journal of Nursing.


**BIOETHICS**

**American Nurses Association** Center for Ethics and Human Rights. Activities, bibliographies. [www.nursingworld.org/MainMenuCategories/EthicsStandards.aspx](http://www.nursingworld.org/MainMenuCategories/EthicsStandards.aspx)


**Center for Bioethics, University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine** News, resource links, events, special features, streaming video, funding sources. [www.bioethics.upenn.edu](http://www.bioethics.upenn.edu)

**International Council of Nurses (ICN) Code of Ethics for Nurses** Adopted in 1953 and revised and reaffirmed at various times since; also in French, Spanish, German. [www.icn.ch/icncode.pdf](http://www.icn.ch/icncode.pdf)

**National Reference Center for Bioethics Literature (NRCBL) Kennedy Institute of Ethics, Georgetown University** Books, journals, newspaper articles, legal materials, regulations, codes, government publications, and documents concerned with issues in biomedical and professional ethics. Includes the ETHXWeb (bioethics) and GenETHX (genetics ethics) bibliographic databases. [http://bioethics.georgetown.edu/NRC/](http://bioethics.georgetown.edu/NRC/)

**Nursing Ethics at Boston College School of Nursing** Resources, database, abstracts, reviews, collections, links, and education. [www.bc.edu/bc_org/avp/son/ethics/](http://www.bc.edu/bc_org/avp/son/ethics/)


**Walters, L.** (2009). *Bibliography of bioethics*. Washington, DC: Kennedy Institute of Ethics, Georgetown University. Annual index containing >7,000 citations to documents in bioethics, derived from citations added to the NLM databases. Comprehensive access to literature on ethical, legal, and public policy aspects of health care and biomedical research.

**COMPLEMENTARY/ALTERNATIVE MEDICINE**

CAM is defined as diverse medical and health care systems, practices, and products that are not presently considered part of conventional medicine.

**Alt HealthWatch** EBSCO. Complementary, holistic, and integrated approaches to health care and wellness. Consists of periodicals, peer-reviewed journals, academic and professional publications, magazines, consumer newsletters, pamphlets, and research reports. [www.elsevierhost.com/titleslist/](http://www.elsevierhost.com/titleslist/)


**AMED** Allied and complementary medicine. Produced by the British Library. Bibliographic database covering 510 journals in alternative medicine, palliative care, and several professions allied to medicine. [www.ovid.com/site/catalog/Catalog-Data-Base.jsp](http://www.ovid.com/site/catalog/Catalog-Data-Base.jsp)


**Cochrane CAM Reviews** Links to abstracts and summaries. [www.cochrane.org/reviews/](http://www.cochrane.org/reviews/)


**HerbMed** Database providing access to the scientific data underlying the use of herbs for health. [www.hbmed.org](http://www.hbmed.org)


**National Center for Complementary and Alternative Medicine (NCCAM)** Explores CAM healing practices and disseminates authoritative information to the public and professionals. [www.nccam.nih.gov](http://www.nccam.nih.gov)

**Natural Medicines Comprehensive Database** Evidence-based, individual monographs on >1,000 natural medicines, including interactions with drugs and foods, safety and effectiveness ratings, and mechanism of action. [www.naturaldatabase.com](http://www.naturaldatabase.com)

**Natural Standard** Provides evidence-based information about CAM therapies. Includes herbs/dietary supplements, alternative practices (modalities), exercises, and medical conditions. Validated rating scales are used to evaluate the quality of available evidence. Subset of Natural Standard available free through MedlinePlus. [www.naturalstandard.com](http://www.naturalstandard.com)


**CONSUMER HEALTH/PATIENT EDUCATION**


**ClinicalTrials.gov** Explains benefits and risks of clinical trials and how to become a participant. Locates federally and privately supported clinical trials on diseases and conditions. [www.clinicaltrials.gov](http://www.clinicaltrials.gov)

**Cochrane Consumer Network** (CCNET) Free summaries and systematic reviews from the Cochrane Collaboration. [www.cochrane.org/consumers/](http://www.cochrane.org/consumers/)


**FamilyDoctor.org** Patient guide on conditions, healthy living, seniors, over-the-counter medicines, and videos from American Academy of Family Physicians. [www.familydoctor.org](http://www.familydoctor.org)


**Health Reference Center and Health & Wellness Resource Center** Gale. Indexes peer-reviewed journals in medicine, health, nursing and allied health, and other health-related areas. Back files to 1990; these databases often found in public libraries. [www.galegroup.com](http://www.galegroup.com)
CULTURAL COMPETENCY

A key ingredient in reducing or eliminating disparities in access to and quality of health care, cultural competency involves appreciation of, respect for, and responsiveness to the diverse needs of patients from different cultural or ethnic backgrounds.


Ethnomed Includes information about various issues related to health care of diverse populations. Each cultural profile includes a description of the group's country of origin, language, interpersonal relations, and health/death issues. www.ethnomed.org


University of Washington Medical Center Patient and Family Education Services. Culture clues. Tip sheets regarding diverse cultures (e.g., Korean, Russian, Chinese, Somali). http://depts.washington.edu/pies/CultureClues.htm

US Health Resources and Services Administration. (2009). Cultural competence resources for health care providers. Includes assessment tools, websites specific to different cultures, languages, special populations, and diseases in specific populations. www.hrsa.gov/culturalcompetence/

US Office of Minority Health. Culturally competent nursing care: A cornerstone of caring. Presents Culturally Competent Nursing Modules (CCNM) developed to educate nurses to provide care to diverse populations. CE credit offered. https://ccnm.thinkculturalhealth.org

DATABASES AND INDEXES

Access to specialized databases is available from academic, hospital, and other libraries, including members of the National Network of Libraries of Medicine (NNLM), nlm.gov. Access these databases via library website or directly from vendor. Also, consult local health sciences library or closest Regional Medical Library for access to National Library of Medicine (NLM) databases, check the NLM website at www.nlm.nih.gov/databases/. Full-text journal collections and bundles of resources of databases/scholarly journals/magazines/multimedia evidence syntheses are marketed as point-of-care resources to libraries, not nurses; representative collections are listed here. Obtain the full text of articles — both print and online — via institutional libraries, professional memberships, personal subscriptions, and some websites.

CORE NURSING AND HEALTH CARE DATABASES

$$$ CINAHL Plus Database EBSCO. Covers nursing, biomedicine, health sciences librarianship, alternative/complementary medicine, consumer health, and 17 allied health disciplines. Provides indexing for >4,180 journals; contains >2.3 million records dating back to 1937, with complete coverage of English-language journals and publications from National League for Nursing and American Nurses Association. Also offers access to health care books, book chapters, pamphlets, nursing dissertations, selected conference proceedings, standards of practice, education software, and audiovisuals. Full-text material includes >77 journals plus clinical innovations, critical paths, research instruments, evidence-based care sheets, quick lessons, and clinical trials. More than 1,404 indexed journals in CINAHL Plus have searchable cited references; subject access available via VIAHL. Subject Head List. The CINAHL database covers 2,960 journals. Full-text versions available for both CINAHL Plus and CINAHL databases. www.ebscohost.com

MEDLINE/PubMed National Library of Medicine, Contains >18 million references to articles published in >5,200 current biomedical journals from the United States and 80 other countries. Covers virtually every area in the broad field of biomedicine, including bioethics, health administration, toxicology, nursing, nutrition, pharmacology, medicine, psychiatry, medical engineering, and pathology, from late 1940s to the present, with some older material. Available via many online vendors, each with its own search interface, most with access to online full text of selected journals. Searching is free using NLM PubMed at: http://pubmed.gov


RELATED / SPECIALIZED DATABASES

Nursing research and publications may be found in a variety of databases; consult with your local librarian about your topic.

AgeLine American Association of Retired Persons (AARP). Social gerontology and the study of aging in social, psychological, health-related, and economic contexts, covering 1973 to present. Includes journal citations as well as citations from books, book chapters, and reports. www.aarp.org/research/agenline/

$$ BNIPlus (British Nursing Index) Bournemouth University, Poole Hospital NHS Trust, Salisbury NHS Foundation Trust, and the Royal College of Nursing. Includes >220 nursing/midwifery and health-related journals with strong UK coverage, 1967 to present. Online and on CD-ROM. www.bniplus.co.uk

Cancer Topics National Cancer Institute. Up-to-date information about various cancers, treatments, and research for the public and health professionals. Includes PDQ Cancer Information Summaries. www.cancer.gov/cancertopics/

CDC Wonder Wide-ranging online data for epidemiologic research. Single point of access to a variety of public health reports and data systems, both local and external, categorized by topic. http://wonder.cdc.gov

Education Resources Information Center (ERIC) Sponsored by Institute of Education Sciences of the US Department of Education. Bibliographic database includes >1.1 million citations going back to 1966. Free access to >107,000 full-text, nonjournal documents. www.eric.ed.gov

$$ EMBASE Elsevier. Includes citations and abstracts of biomedical and pharmaceutical literature from >19 million indexed records from 7,000+ peer-reviewed journals, covering 1947 to date, many not covered in MEDLINE. EMBASE.com adds citations from MEDLINE journals not in EMBASE, including nursing titles. www.embase.com
Google Scholar
Useful adjunct to specialized databases. Searches scholarly sources such as academic publishers, government-supported research databases (e.g., PubMed), university websites, and professional association websites. Another useful feature is the citation count for articles retrieved, ranking results by number of times cited. http://scholar.google.com


$$ Mental Measurements Yearbook (MMY)$$ Buros Institute. Includes timely, consumer-oriented test reviews, providing evaluative information to promote and encourage informed test selection. www.unl.edu/uros/ Test Reviews Online is a database of reviews of commercial educational and psychological tests published in the MMY. http://uros.unl.edu

Mosby’s Index
Indexing of >2,500 international nursing and allied health journal titles, including peer-reviewed journals, trade publications, and electronic-only titles. Based on EMTREE thesaurus, enhanced for nursing. www.mosbyindex.com


Nursing@Ovid
Based on the nursing and allied health subset of MEDLINE, enriched with further bibliographical data from Ovid and indexed against the Ovid Nursing Subject Thesaurus. Options include access to point-of-care resources from the Clin-guide Nursing Advisor and other cross-platform searching. www.ovid.com

POPLINE® (POPulation Information onLINE) World’s largest database on reproductive health, containing citations with abstracts to scientific articles, reports, books, and unpublished reports in the field of population, family planning, and related health issues. Maintained by the INFO Project at Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health/Center for Communication Programs and funded by US Agency for International Development. http://lib.jhu cus.p 0p popw e/ p

$$ ProQuest Dissertations & Theses (PQDT)$$ Subject, title, and author guide to virtually every American dissertation accepted at an accredited institution since 1891. Selected master’s theses have been included since 1962, as well as selected citations for dissertations from 50 British universities and from Worldwide Dissertations (formerly European Dissertations). Offers full text for many dissertations, 1997-. www.proquest.com/en-US/

PsychINFO American Psychological Association. International literature in psychology and related behavioral and social sciences, including psychiatry, sociology, anthropology, education, pharmacology, and linguistics. Records include citations to journal articles, dissertations, reports, book chapters, books, and other scholarly documents. Most include abstracts. www.apa.org/psychinfo/

Science.gov Searches over 35 databases and 1950 websites, offering 200 million pages of authoritative US government science information, including research and development results. www.science.gov

Virginia Henderson International Nursing Library Searchable abstracts in the Registry of Nursing Research database. Primary investigators can be contacted for information about how to obtain full-text versions of their studies. www.nursinglibrary.org

$$ Web of Science$$ Institute for Scientific Information (ISI). Includes Social Sciences Citation Index (SSCI), an international, multidisciplinary index to the literature of the social, behavioral, and related sciences, including nursing. Also includes Science Citation Index and Arts and Humanities Citation Index. www.isiw ols.knowledgew/products_tools/multidisciplinary/web ofscience/

www.health.gov Portal to the websites of a number of multiagency health initiatives and activities of the US Department of Health and Human Services and other federal departments and agencies.

EVIDENCE-BASED PRACTICE DATABASES/INDEXES/RESOURCES
In addition to research published in journals, dissertations, and other scholarly sources, the following resources provide support for evidence-based practice by aggregating selected clinical studies and providing reviews, commentaries, or critical abstracts. Many of these resources are indexed in CINAHL, Medline/PubMed, PsycINFO, and other databases.

Commentaries and Evidence Syntheses
$$ ACP Journal Club (1991-$$ Bimonthly journal from American College of Physicians, with commentaries. Subscription comes with online access, including additional features. www.acpc.org

Bandoilier (1994-) Independent, evidence-based health care commentaries written by Oxford UK scientists. The print Bandolier journal has been discontinued but back issues are available full text at: www.medicine.ox.ac.uk/bandoilier/

$$ DynaMed$$ Evidence-based summaries for >5,000 topics that answer clinical questions occurring during practice. Updated daily; monitors the content of >500 medical journals and systematic evidence review databases. www.dynamed.com

$$ Evidence-Based Mental Health (1996-)$$ Quarterly journal with commentaries. Website includes current contents and selected free articles. http://ebmh.bmj.com

$$ Evidence-Based Nursing (1998-)$$ Quarterly journal with commentaries. Website includes current contents and selected free articles. http://ebmn.bmj.com


RAPid and the RAP Library (Rapid Appraisal Protocol Internet Database) Database of peer-reviewed critical appraisals from the Joanna Briggs Institute. www.joannabriggs.edu.au/services/rapid.php

UpToDate A clinical information resource that offers up-to-date, referenced expert answers to patient-care, diagnosis, and treatment questions. Topic reviews are written by recognized authorities who review the topic, synthesize the evidence, summarize key findings, and provide specific recommendations. www.uptodate.com


Best Practices/Practice Guidelines
Best practices are available from many sources, including journals and other resources indexed in CINAHL and PubMed/MEDLINE. CINAHL publication types to consider include Care Plan, Clinical Innovations, Critical Path, Practice Guidelines, Protocol and Standards. “Practice Guideline” is also available as a PubMed/MEDLINE publication type. See also nursing specialty organizations.

AHRQ Evidence Based Practice Links to Evidence-based Practice Center (EPC) Evidence Reports. www.ahrq.gov/clinic/epcpts.htm

Evidence-Based Medicine Resource Center New York Academy of Medicine links to clinical practice guidelines. www.embry.org/epc.html


ESSENTIAL NURSING RESOURCES


Systematic Reviews

Berkeley Systematic Reviews Group Website dedicated to summarizing and conducting methodological research in the fields of systematic review and meta-analyses. Provides training and extensive links. www.meddept.net/mtra/

Cochrane Library Free access to abstracts and, where available, plain language summaries of all Cochrane Systematic Reviews; Database of Abstracts of Reviews of Effects (DARE); Central Register of Controlled Trials (CENTRAL), Cochrane Methodology Register (CMR), Health Technology Assessment Database (HTA), NHS Economic Evaluation Database (NHSEED), and individual review groups. www.cochrane.org/index.htm Full text available via subscription or pay-per-view: www.3.interscience.wiley.com/customersupport.html

Joanna Briggs Institute Free access to Evidence Summaries, Best Practice Series, Best Practice Information Sheet Technical Reports, and protocols for Reviews in progress. www.joannabriggs.edu.au/about/home.php JBI Systematic Reviews are available with membership. Evidence Summaries may be indexed and available in some libraries via ProQuest.

Systematic Reviews also searchable in CINAHL and other databases as follows:

CINAHL Plus. Use Search Options to limit your results; select “Systematic Review” under Publication Type.

MEDLINE via Ovid. Enter your search query. Click on the “Limits” icon; select “Systematic Reviews” under “Subject Subsets.”

MEDLINE via PubMed. Click on “Clinical Queries” on the left side of the screen; select “Find Systematic Reviews” and enter your search query. OR, use LIMITS to restrict search to “Subset: Systematic Reviews.”

Evidence-Based Practice Meta-Search Tools

These tools search multiple sources and organize results according to the evidence-based practice categories noted above.

SUMSearch University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio. Simultaneously searches PubMed/MEDLINE, DARE, and National Guideline Clearinghouse. Includes search filters for clinical queries and extending systematic review searches to MEDLINE when DARE does not provide sufficient results. https://sumsearch.uthscsa.edu

TRIP database (Turning Research Into Practice) Based in UK. Searches >75 websites for high quality evidence-based medical information. www.tripdatabase.com

Nursing Point-of-Care Resources

Your institution may subscribe to a “point of care” resource for nurses that provides access to journal articles, drug and disease information, care plans, diagnostic tests, procedures, sheet evidences, summary references, tools, education, and patient education information. Following are some representative examples; nurses should assess contents when using as “one-stop shopping.”

Clini-guide Nursing Advisor “Synoptic reference content” for nurses in the areas of drugs, diseases, diagnostic tests, treatments, and signs and symptoms; includes evidence-based nursing monographs; separate subscription also accesses portal to Nursing@Ovid (article citations based on the nursing and allied health subset of Ovid MEDLINE). www.cliniguide.com/index.aspx

Lippincott’s Nursing Procedures & Skills More than 900 evidence-based procedures and skills, with references that show the evidence on which the procedure is based; includes skills checklist, competency tools, and color visuals www.lwwnursingsolutions.com/content/lippincotts-nursing-procedures-and-skills/


Nursing Reference Center EBSCO. Provides access to nearly 2,500 Evidence-Based Care Sheets and Quick Lessons plus patient education materials in English and Spanish, practice guidelines, drug information, legal cases, full-text reference books, research instrument records, free continuing education modules, and the latest medical news; separate subscription also accesses CINAHL databases. www.ebscohost.com

Meta-sites for Evidence-Based Nursing Practice

Numerous websites are devoted to evidence-based medicine and the overarching concept of evidence-based practice. These sites are a sampling of those focused on nursing and interdisciplinary EBP.

Academic Center for Evidence-Based Nursing (ACE) University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio. Includes model for ACE Star Model of Knowledge Transformation, which demonstrates diffusion of innovation from research to practice. www.acestaruthscsa.edu/About.htm

Joanna Briggs Institute Site for Evidence-Based Nursing www.joannabriggs.edu.au/about/eh_nursing.php

McMaster University Resources for Evidence-Based Nursing http://bsl McMaster.ca/education/nursing/ebn/index.htm

Sigma Theta Tau International/Nursing Knowledge International STTI subsidiary offers access to free and fee-based evidence-based nursing resources developed by leading organizations around the globe. www.nursingknowledge.org/Portal/main.aspx

DICTIONARIES


Med-Lexicon International More than 200,000 medical, pharmaceutical, biomedical, and health care acronyms and abbreviations, plus medical news and searches for medical, pharmaceutical, and health care professionals. A UK-based website with US information. www.medilexicon.com


Snodgrass’s medical dictionary for the health professions and nursing (6th ed.). Philadelphia: Lippincott Williams & Wilkins.


DRUGS, TOXICOLOGY, ENVIRONMENTAL, OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH


Cleveland Clinic. Pharmacotherapy Update. www.clevelandclinicmeded.com/medicalpubs/pharmacy/

DailyMed Current Medication Information NLM-produced site with information about marketed drugs. Up-to-date, look-up, and download resource of medication content and FDA-approved labeling as found in medication package inserts. www.dailymed.nlm.nih.gov/dailymed/about.cfm
Exhibit 5.A.XV-Lib, Essential Nursing Resources


RegLink® System Thomson Reuters. Provides state and federal regulatory information on the Internet. Includes information from Federal Register, Code of Federal Regulations, OSHA, EPA, and information from the 50 states.

www.micromedex.com/products/reglink/

EDUCATION/CAREERS


All Nursing Schools Directory searchable by location, degree, and/or program area. www.allnursingschools.com

American Association of Colleges of Nursing Baccalaureate and higher degree nursing education programs as well as a career center link. www.aacn.nche.edu

Associate Degree Nursing Schools By State www.associatedegreeprograms.com

Become an RN Includes comprehensive listing of second-degree accelerated BSN programs, and “direct entry” MSN programs. www.becomeRN.com

Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE) Accreditation Officially recognized by US Secretary of Education as a national accreditation agency for nursing programs at the baccalaureate level and above. www.aacn.nche.edu/Accreditation/

GradSchools.com Nursing graduate school directory. www.gradschools.com/listingsmenus/nursing_menu.html


National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission (NLNAC) Officially recognized by US Secretary of Education as a national accreditation agency for nursing programs at all levels. www.nlnac.org

Nurses News CE Index Medscape. Free email alerts for professional education activities. www.medscape.com/index/list_904_0?src=nursecenl/


RN to BSN Contains nationally accredited RN to BSN programs (both CCNE and NLNAC) and online RN to BSN programs as well. www.rntobsndegree.com

RN to MSN / Masters in Nursing Programs www.mtnmsn.com

US Bureau of Labor Statistics National occupational employment and wage estimates for RNs; LPNs; LVNs; nursing instructors and teachers, postsecondary; nursing aides, orderlies, attendants, and more. www.bls.gov/oco/oco.htm

earnings, expected job prospects; biennial. Online version:
www.blis.gov/oco/home.htm

US Health Resources and Services Administration, Division of Nursing
Education and practice grant programs, scholarship/loan programs, data, and reports. http://bhpr.hrsa.gov/nursing/

US Health Resources and Services Administration Nursing Workforce

**GRANTS RESOURCES**

Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) Grants Online Database (GOLD). Searchable database of grants funded by AHRQ.

www.gold.ahrq.gov


Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance www.cfda.gov


**COS Funding News** Weekly sampling of new and updated award information from the $ Community of Science Funding Opportunities, a database of federal programs available to state and local governments; federally recognized Indian tribal governments; territories (and possessions) of the US; domestic public, quasi-public, and private profit/nonprofit organizations and institutions; specialized groups; and individuals. http://fundingsopp2.cos.com/news/

Council on Foundations Membership organization of >2,000 grant-making foundations and giving programs worldwide. www.cf.org


Federal Register Government’s “daily newspaper” with grant information from federal agencies. www.gpoaccess.gov/fr/

Foundation Center Lists private, corporate, public, nonprofit, and community foundations. www.foundationcenter.org

**$ Foundation Directory Online** With >96,000 listings:
wwwfoundationonlinefoundationcenter.org For individual grantseeker access, see: www.foundationcenter.org/getstarted/individuals/ For training courses in the classroom and online, including webinars, see: www.foundationcenter.org/getstarted/


**$ GrantsSelect** Online grants database with >12,000 funding opportunities provided by over 5,000 federal and nonfederal organizations. http://72.3.247.11/gs/cgi-bin/welcome.pl/

GrantsNet Links to grant programs offered by 26 federal grant-making agencies: www.hhs.gov/grantsnet. Funding opportunities, including roadmap to the grant-seeking process and other resources: www.grants.gov


Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), Bureau of Health Professions: Nursing Nurse education, training, and practice grant programs, including scholarships. www.bhpr.hrsa.gov/nursing/

Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA). TeleHealth Grants Directory Guide to currently funded Office of the Advancement of TeleHealth projects on telehealth/telemedicine.

www.hrsrc.gov/telehealth/grantedirectory/overview.htm


Michigan State University Libraries, Grants for Individuals: Nursing Meta-site listing nursing organizations that offer scholarships and grants to individuals, including MinorityNurse.Com scholarship listings.

www.lib.msu.edu/harris23/grants/3nursing.htm


National Institute of Nursing Research Lists grants and training opportunities from NINR, as well as funded activities. www.ninr.nih.gov

National Science Foundation Funding www.nsf.gov/funding/


RePORTER: RePORT Expenditures and Results Replacement for CRISP. Database of federally funded biomedical research projects conducted at universities, hospitals, and other research institutions. Updated weekly to include addition of newly funded projects and revisions to prior awards.

http://projectreporter.nih.gov/reporter.cfm


Sigma Theta Tau International / Honor Society of Nursing Research Grants Lists STTI and co-sponsored grants.

www.nursingsociety.org/RESEARCH/SMALLGRANTS/Pages/grants_small.aspx

**HISTORY OF NURSING/ARCHIVES**


www.nahrs.mlanet.org/resource/reports/weeding.html

American Association for the History of Nursing (AAHN) Nonprofit, education, and government resources relevant to nursing history. Includes a nursing history primer, selected nursing history books, and a bibliography for historical methodology. www.ahnn.org/resource.html


www.nlm.nih.gov/hmd/manuscript/ead/crmh.html


Howard Goettlib Archival Research Center at Boston University History of nursing archives. Personal and professional papers of nursing leaders, schools of nursing records, public health and professional organizations, and early textbooks. www.bu.edu/archives/holdings/historical/nursing.html


International Medical Informatics Association (IMIA) Special Interest Group Nursing Informatics. International nonprofit organization serving the needs of nurses in the field of nursing informatics. www.imia.org


Nursing Education Research, Technology, and Information Management Advisory Council (NERTIMAC) National League for Nursing Advisory Council. Promotes nursing education research, evidence-based learning and teaching, the integration of technology into teaching and learning, and the integration of information management into nursing education. www.nlm.nih.gov/about/nertimac.html

Nursing Information & Data Set Evaluation Center (NIDSEC) Established by the American Nurses Association. www.nursingworld.org/nidsec/

Online Journal of Nursing Informatics www.ojni.org


Tiger Initiative (Technology Informatics Guiding Education Reform) Identifies information/knowledge management, best practices, and effective technology capabilities for nurses. www.tigersummit.com


PATIENT SAFETY


Association of periOperative Registered Nurses (AORN) Patient Safety First initiative. www.aorn.org/AboutAORN/WhoWeAre/PatientSafetyFirst/


Institute for Safe Medication Practices (ISMP) The nation’s only 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization devoted entirely to medication error prevention and safe medication use. www.ismp.org

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National Center for Patient Safety (2009). Established to develop a culture of safety throughout the Veterans Health Administration. www.patientsafety.va.gov

National Coordinating Council for Medication Error Reporting and Prevention (NCC MERP) Independent body comprised of 26 national organizations. www.nccmerp.org

National Patient Safety Agency Coordinates efforts aimed at preventing patient safety incidents occurring in the National Health Service, UK. www.npsa.nhs.uk

National Quality Forum Nursing care quality at NQF. Links to 15 consensus standards for “nursing sensitive care.” www.qualityforum.org/nursing


PUBLIC HEALTH/DISASTER PREPAREDNESS


Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Emergency preparedness and response. www.emergency.cdc.gov


National Center for Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (NCPTSD) Advances clinical care and social welfare of US veterans and the general public through research, education, and training on PTSD and stress-related disorders. www.ncptsd.va.gov


Nursing Emergency Preparedness Education Coalition www.nursing.vanderbilt.edu/nescrs/


PILOTS (Published International Literature On Traumatic Stress) Produced by National Center for Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder and freely available via CSA Illumina. Includes citations to all literature on PTSD and other mental-health sequelae of traumatic events, without disciplinary, linguistic, or geographical limitations. Coverage 1871-present. www.ptsd.va.gov

Public Health Nursing Section, American Public Health Association. www.apha.org/membergroups/sections/aphasections/phn/


STATISTICS


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Interagency Collaborative on Nursing Statistics (ICONS) Promotes the generation and utilization of data, information, and research about nurses, nursing education, and the nursing workforce. Website provides list of national studies related to the nursing workforce. www.iconsdata.org

National Center for Health Workforce Analysis Reports www.bhopr.hrsa.gov/healthworkforce/reports/

National Council of State Boards of Nursing (NCSBN) Disseminates data related to the licensure of nurses. www.ncsbn.org


NLN DataView™ Graphs and tables derived from National League for Nursing national nursing educations surveys, Open access and downloadable in a variety of formats. www.nln.org/research/slides/index.htm

GENERAL – UNITED STATES

Demographic Data

Community Health Status Indicators Report www.communityhealth.lhs.gov

Health Data Interactive National health statistics for infants, children, adolescents, adults, and older adults; can be customized by age, gender, race/ethnicity, and geographic location. www.cdc.gov/nchs/bdi.htm

State and Community Health Profiles www.cdc.gov/hrp/profilecommunity.htm

State Health Facts Kaiser Family Foundation. www.statehealthfacts.kff.org

US Census Bureau Includes plans for Census 2010. www.census.gov


Data Aggregators

DataPlace Statistics aggregator that gathers commonly sought demographic, economic, business, and housing statistical series from a variety of federal data-gathering organizations; provides several powerful, easy-to-use analytical tools for comparing and ranking data according to specifications. www.dataplace.org

FEDERAL AGENCIES AS KEY SOURCES FOR US HEALTH STATISTICS

National Center for Health Statistics www.cdc.gov/nchs/ Principal vital and health statistics agency of the federal government.

Birth Data www.cdc.gov/nchs/births.htm
Data Warehouse www.cdc.gov/nchs/datalist.htm
FASTATS A to Z Quick access to statistics on topics of public health importance. www.cdc.gov/nchs/fastats/Default.htm
Mortality Data www.cdc.gov/nchs/deaths.htm
National Health Care Surveys www.cdc.gov/nchs/nhes.htm
National Vital Statistics System Official national vital statistics provided by each state. www.cdc.gov/nchs/nvss.htm

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention www.cdc.gov

Data & Statistics Links by topic. www.cdc.gov/DataStatistics/
Health E-Stats Web-only release of selected statistics. www.cdc.gov/nchs/products/hestats.htm
MMWR/Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report www.cdc.gov/mmwr/
MMWR Summary of Notifiable Diseases, United States Last issue of each volume of MMWR.

National Program of Cancer Registries www.cdc.gov/cancer/npcr/
Youth Risk Behavior Surveillance System www.cdc.gov/nccdphp/dash/yb/


Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) Provides statistics on the health workforce and the medically underserved. www.hrsa.gov

GENERAL HEALTH COMPILATIONS

Commonwealth Fund Surveys track trends in health coverage, access, and quality and general policy/practice issues in the US and internationally. www.commonwealthfund.org

Health, United States NCHS annual report on trends in health statistics. www.cdc.gov/nchs/hus.htm

Healthy People 2010 National health objectives. www.healthypeople.gov

Kaiser Family Foundation Focuses on major health care issues in the US. www.kff.org

INTERNATIONAL

Kaiser Family Foundation Global health facts. www.globalhealthfacts.org/


US Census Bureau International Data Base/IDB Includes statistical tables with demographic, vital statistics, and socioeconomic data for 227 countries and areas of the world. www.census.gov/geo/www/idb/

WHO/WHO Statistical Information System Statistics for >100 core indicators on mortality, morbidity, risk factors, service coverage, and health systems of WHO member nations. www.who.int/whosis/

World Health Organization (WHO) Data and statistics. www.who.int/research/en/

TOOLS FOR FINDING STATISTICS

CDC Wonder Provides access to public health reports and data systems categorized by topic. http://wonder.cdc.gov

DataFERRT Federal Electronic Research and Review Extraction Tool Provides access to large NHIS datasets. www.cdc.gov/nchs/datash/ferrt/ferret.htm

Epi Info Public domain software packages to produce epidemiological statistics, tables, graphs and maps. www.cdc.gov/epiinfo/

FedStats Gateway to statistics from over 100 US federal agencies. www.fedstats.gov

$ International Statistical Database containing detailed abstracts, indexing, and locator information for all statistical reports of general research value issued by the federal government since the early 1960s. Also indexes publications of state and private agencies, and statistical publications of such intergovernmental organizations as the IMF, UN, OECD, and World Bank. Direct links to key statistical data available on federal agency websites and to hundreds of reports stored within the Universe service itself. http://academic.lexisnexis.com-online-services/statistical-overview.aspx


WRITERS’ MANUALS AND GUIDES


Nurse Author & Editor Free quarterly online newsletter from Wiley-Blackwell; articles offer advice on writing, avoiding rejection, finding publishing opportunities, editing, and reviewing. www.nurseauthoreditor.com


Raymond H. Mulford Library, Medical College of Ohio. (2009). Instructions to authors in the health sciences. Links to websites for ~3,500 journals in the health and life sciences. www.mulford.med.ohio.edu/instr/