Nursing & Allied Health Source (ProQuest)

ACCESSING THE DATABASE

1. Go to the ECU Libraries Database List: http://www.lib.ecu.edu/databases/
2. Click on the letter ‘N’ to browse databases by name.
3. Scroll through the alphabetical list to find Nursing & Allied Health Source (ProQuest)

NOTE: If you are off-campus, you will be prompted to enter your PIRATE ID and password

BASIC SEARCHING

1. Enter one or more search terms into the search box

2. If you enter more than one word, ProQuest will search for documents using all terms entered
   a. As an example, if you enter more than one word pressure ulcer, ProQuest will search for documents containing both pressure and ulcer
3. Surround your words with quotation marks (“pressure ulcer”) to force ProQuest to search for your words as a phrase

ADVANCED SEARCHING

1. Click on the Link for Advanced Search

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2. Enter search term(s) into the box and use the drop-down menu to the right to select the field in which you want to search for your term.
   a. Using the default selection (Anywhere) will often return the best results
   b. You can also search within the subject headings, document text, author, etc

3. Connect additional terms using the extra search boxes and the AND/OR/NOT options available in the dropdown box (located to the left of each search box)
   a. **AND** – Find documents that contain *all* of your search terms (default)
   b. **OR** – Find documents that contain *any* of your search terms
   c. **NOT** – Find documents that *exclude* search terms

**SUBJECT SEARCHING**

1. In Advanced Search you can click on either the Thesaurus or the Look up Subjects links to display a controlled vocabulary of subject terms which may help you find the most relevant results.
1. Also in *Advanced Search* you can limit your search by:
   a. Peer-Reviewed: useful if you are only looking for articles published in scholarly journals that have gone through the peer-review process
   b. Publication date: useful if you are only looking for articles published in the past 5 or 10 years
   c. Age Group: useful if you are only interested in articles that focus on a certain age group, such as children
   d. And additional limiting options
1. If full text is available, you will see a link to either a PDF or HTML version. If you do not see either of those links, click on the

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