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*Monroe F. Swilley Jr. Library*

*Nursing Pathfinder*



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## Scope

The purpose of this pathfinder is to introduce some of the resources available in Monroe F. Swilley Jr. Library in the field of **Nursing**. The various types of library materials useful in research are described along with some examples of each type. This guide is not a comprehensive listing of sources, but is intended to be a starting point from which students can begin their research according to their specific needs.

### Basic Overview

*A Basic Introduction or Overview of Material may be found in:*

Hood, Lucy J. and Leddy, Susan K. (2006). *Leddy and Pepper's Conceptual Bases of Professional Nursing*, (6<sup>th</sup> ed.).

**RT 41.H66 2006**

Perry, A. and Potter, P. (2006). *Clinical Nursing Skills and Techniques*. (6<sup>th</sup> ed.)

**RT51.P365 2006.** (Reserve and Reference Desk)

Smith, Sandra Fucci (2008). *Clinical Nursing Skills: Basic to Advanced Skills*, (7<sup>th</sup> ed.).

**Ref RT 41 .S5826 2008.**

Polit, D. F. and Beck, C. T. (2006).

*Essentials of Nursing Research: Methods, Appraisal, and Utilization*. (6<sup>th</sup> ed.)

**Ref RT81.5.P63 2006.**

Zerwekh, JoAnn and Claborn, Jo Carol (2006). *Nursing Today: Transitions and Trends*, (5<sup>th</sup> ed.).

**RT82.N874 2006.**

Burns, Nancy and Grove, Susan K. (2007).

*Understanding Nursing Research*, (4<sup>th</sup> ed.).

**Ref RT 81.5 B863 2007.**

## Books

Books on Nursing can be located by using some of the following SUBJECT HEADINGS which appear in The Library's Catalog.

Nurses	Cancer
Nursing	Leukemia
Diseases	Polio
Communicable diseases	

BROWSING the following CALL NUMBERS may produce helpful titles:

R	RC	RM
RA	RJ	RT

## Reference Tools

### *Literature Guides*

These provide an evaluative discussion of the methods and materials for doing research in a selected area.

Tucker, D. and Craig, P. *Pathways to Nursing: a guide to library and online research in nursing and allied health*, (2004).

**Ref RT81.5.T833 2004**

*Introduction to Reference Sources in the Health Sciences*,  
5<sup>th</sup> ed. 2008.

**Ref R118.6 .I54 2008**

Strauch, Katina P. *Guide to library resources for nursing*,  
1980.

**Ref RT 41 .N7 S7 1980**

Peretz, Annette. *Core Collection in Nursing and the Allied Health Sciences: Books, Journals, Media*. 1990.

**Z 675 .N8 C797 1990**

### *Encyclopedias and Dictionaries*

These provide brief definitions or concise overviews of the topic, often followed by lists of further references.

Stedman, Thomas Lathrop. *Stedman's Medical Dictionary for the Health Professions and Nursing*, 6<sup>th</sup> ed., 2008.

**Ref R 121 .S8 2008**

*Gale Encyclopedia of Nursing and Allied Health*, 2002.

**Ref RT 21 .G353 2002**

Miller-Keane (2005). *Encyclopedia and Dictionary of Medicine, Nursing and Allied Health*, 7<sup>th</sup> ed. reprint

**Ref R121.M65 2005**

*Mosby's Medical, Nursing, & Allied Health Dictionary*. 6<sup>th</sup> ed. 2002.

**Ref R 121 .M89 2002**

*Encyclopedia of Human Nutrition*, 2<sup>nd</sup> ed., 2005.

**Ref QP 141 .E526 2005**

*Encyclopedia of Nursing Research*, 2<sup>nd</sup> ed.; 2006.

**Ref RT 81.5 .E53 2006 & Electronic Format**

### *Directories*

These contain names, addresses, and telephone numbers of persons, organizations, and institutions.

*Health Professions Career and Education Directory*. 35<sup>th</sup> ed.; 2007/08

**Ref R 847 .A1 .D57 2007-08**

American Hospital Association. *The AHA Guide to the Health Care Field*. (Annual)

**Ref RA 977 .A1 A46**

*Annual Guide to Graduate Nursing Education Programs*. (Annual)

**Ref RT 75 .A55**

*NLN Guide to Undergraduate RN Education*. (Annual).

**Ref RT 79 .N3715**

*Healthy People 2010: Understanding and Improving Health.*

**RA445 .H4 2001** (Reserve / Circulation Desk)

*Healthy People 2010: Tracking Healthy People 2010.*

**Ref RA 395.A3 2000**

#### *Almanacs or Statistical Sources*

These provide miscellaneous bits of facts and data.

County and City Data Book

**Ref HA 202.A36 2000**

*Health, United States.* (Annual)

**Ref RA 407.3 .U57a**

*Statistical Abstract of the United States.* (Annual)

**Ref HA 202.U5 C4 2009** (Reference Desk).

Also available on the web at

[www.census.gov/compendia/statab/](http://www.census.gov/compendia/statab/)

*Vital Statistics of the United States.* (Annual)

**Gov. Doc. HE 20.6210: Tarver Library**

Also available on the web at [www.cdc.gov/nchs](http://www.cdc.gov/nchs)

*Georgia Statistical Abstract.* (Annual) (Reference Desk).

**Ref HA 321 .G41 2004-05**

#### *Handbooks and Manuals*

These cover broad subjects in a brief, concise manner and may include odd bits of information about a variety of topics. (They may also be referred to as a companion or compendium.)

*Current Medical Diagnosis & Treatment.* (Annual)

**Ref RC 71 .A14 2008**

*Handbook of Women's Health*

**Ref RA 778.H225 2001**

*Physicians Desk Reference: PDR* (Annual)

**Ref RS 250 .P58 2009**

*PDR Nurses Drug Handbook 2008*  
**Ref RM 125.P472 2008**

Carpenito, Lynda. *Handbook of Nursing Diagnosis*. 12<sup>th</sup> ed.  
2008.  
**Ref RT 48.6 .C385 2008**

Mosby's Diagnostic and Laboratory Test Reference. 8<sup>th</sup> ed.  
2007.  
**Ref RB 38.2 M67 2007**

### *Atlases*

Bound volumes of charts, plates, or tables illustrating a subject.

Netter, Frank H, M.D. *Atlas of Human Anatomy*. 2006. 4th  
ed.  
**QM 25 .N46 2006**

Gray, Henry. *Gray's Anatomy*. 36<sup>th</sup> ed. 1980.  
**QM 23.2 .G73 1980**

Herbal and Alternative Medicine  
*Nurses Handbook of Alternative and Complementary  
Therapies, 2<sup>nd</sup> ed.*  
**R733.N87 2003**

### *Biographical Sources*

Biographical Sources contain articles about the lives and works of various  
individuals.

*Who's Who in American Nursing*. 1995.  
**Ref RT 25 .U5 W482 1995.**

*American Nursing: A Biographical Dictionary*. 1988.  
**Ref RT 34 .A44 1988 v. 1-3.**

*Nursing Theorists and Their Works*. 6<sup>th</sup> ed. 2006.  
**RT 84.5 .N9 2006.** (Reserve / Circulation Desk)

## Indexes

These will help locate Periodical Articles and other papers in **Nursing**:

### *Online Indexes*

Academic Search Complete  
AccessMedicine  
Alt-HealthWatch (@ EBSCOhost)  
CINAHL: Nursing and Allied Health  
Cochrane Database  
Dynamed  
ERIC (education)  
Facts & Comparisons (Efacts) (@ EBSCOhost)  
Health Source: Nursing / Academic Edition  
Georgia Interactive Network for Medical Information (GAIN)  
LexisNexis Academic  
MasterFILE Premier (@ EBSCOhost)  
MEDLINE (@ EBSCOhost)  
MEDLINE (medical and health sciences) (@ FirstSearch)  
Micromedex  
OVID SP  
ProceedingsFirst (conference proceedings)  
PsycARTICLES (@ EBSCOhost)  
PubMed  
Research Library (@ ProQuest)  
STAT!REF  
Web of Science / ISI Web of Knowledge  
Wilson Omnifile Mega Edition

### Internet Resources

Fitzpatrick, Joyce J. and Montgomery, Kristen S, 2<sup>nd</sup> ed. (2003). *Internet Resources for Nurses*. New York: Springer Pub. Co.  
**Ref RT50.5 I57 2003**

### World Wide Web Sites

Interesting health sciences websites can be found at:

<http://www.library.gsu.edu/research>

Click on Health Sciences, then Internet Resources.

## Journals

All journals held by the Library can be identified in the Swilley Holdings List found on the Library homepage, under Journal Search. Journals specifically related to Nursing Research are:

*Advances in Nursing Science*  
*Annual Review of Nursing Research (Ref RT 81.5.A55)*  
*Applied Nursing Research*  
*Archives of Psychiatric Nursing*  
*Clinical Nurse Specialist*  
*DCCN: Dimensions in Critical Care Image*  
*Journal of Advanced Nursing*  
*Journal of Continuing Education in Nursing*  
*Journal of Nursing Education*  
*Journal of Pain and Symptom Management*  
*Nursing Research*  
*Nursing Science Quarterly*  
*Research in Nursing and Health*  
*Western Journal of Nursing Research*

All the above journals are shelved alphabetically by title, except the one with a call number. This title is shelved with the books.

## Interlibrary Loan

It is possible to borrow books or obtain copies of articles from other libraries if the material is unavailable locally. Check the library's web page at <http://swilley.mercer.edu>