Using OVID Nursing Full Text Plus

Anyone may come to the library in person and use OVID Nursing Full Text Plus.

To use the OVID database from outside of the library building, you will need to be an “authorized user”. An **authorized user** is a **current New Jersey State employee** or a **Thomas Edison State College staff member, student or mentor** with a New Jersey State Library card. You will need the **barcode number** on the library card to gain access to the database.

Authorized users may request a card online here:  [http://www.njstatelib.org/research_library/get_a_library_card/](http://www.njstatelib.org/research_library/get_a_library_card/)

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**To locate OVID Nursing Full Text Plus:**

Go to the **New Jersey State Library** main page:  [http://www.njstatelib.org/](http://www.njstatelib.org/)

Select the **Research Tools** tab and then select **Databases**.

Choose the **By Title** alphabetical drop down box and select the letter “O.”

Scroll down and select the link for **OVID Nursing Full Text Plus** (authorized users: you will need your barcode number to get in remotely at this point).

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**Basic Searching**

To begin, make sure the **Basic Search** option is selected. This option allows you to perform a search using **natural language** so you can enter your search any way you want - as a question, a statement, or a group of search terms.

**Search Tip:**
Make sure the **“Include Related Terms”** box is checked so the search will also look for synonyms.
Search Results:
Your search terms, and any synonyms used in the search, will be highlighted.

If full text is available, you will see a link for PDF or for Ovid Full Text.
Using the Multi-Field Search

The Multi-Field Search screen is another way to conduct a keyword search, and provides more than one search box in which to enter terms. Having multiple fields enables you to easily separate your search concepts. You can use Boolean Operators for your search. Boolean operators are the words, AND, OR and NOT.

Search Tip: Group terms you want to “OR” together into its own search box.
Search Tip: Add an asterisk at the end of a word, or word root, to search for all forms of the word. Example: vaccin* will find vaccine, vaccines, vaccinate, vaccination, etc.

You can also select a field in which to search. Fields include title, author, institution, and many others. Use the drop-down box to explore field options.

Search Tip: If you are retrieving too many results, you may want to try searching for your term in a specific field or using limits.
Limits

Select Limits (optional): In OVID there are several choices for limiting your search.

Limits that are commonly used include:

- **English Language**
  
- **Full Text** - make sure your results will include the entire article, not just the citation and abstract.
- **Publication Year** - set the date range you want your results to be from.
- **Point of Care** – choose from categories such as Care Plans, Guidelines, or Patient Education.

For additional limits click on the “Edit Limits” button. Options include:

- **Clinical Queries** - a way to find evidence based articles on more specific clinical questions.
- **Age Groups** – useful for finding research focused on pediatrics or geriatrics.
- **Publication Types** – many to choose from including case reports, clinical trials, guidelines, reviews, etc.
- **Journal Subsets** – includes consumer health, health administration, dentistry, bioethics, and foreign journals.

For free online tutorials see: http://www.youtube.com/user/OvidWoltersKluwer

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