NURS 5135 Library Lab: Finding Journal Articles in CINAHL
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Your term paper assignment: Your paper will explore an issue or dilemma, either in the current health care system or from your nursing work experience. For your literature review, you need to find at least 6 high quality information sources, including a minimum of 3 relevant articles published in peer reviewed journals. Your sources should be no more than 5 years old.

Practice search topic: the use of medical marijuana for chronic pain relief

1. Break down the topic into separate concepts. Add alternate terms for each concept as you go along. A research topic may have 2, 3 or even 4 concepts:

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medic* will search for medic, medical, medicinal, medicine, etc.

* is the truncation symbol used in Google and most library databases

2. Go to CINAHL
Start from the library’s home page at http://www.langara.ca/library/
Click on Articles in Journals → click on link to CINAHL

3. Enter your search terms from Step 1 as shown below.
4. Scan the results, then examine an article record
   a) Click on the link for the 3rd article: European Pain Federation (EFIC) position paper on...

   The Detailed Record will give you a good description of the article, including Major/Minor Subjects and an Abstract.

   b) Under Tools, Click on Add to folder. Note other Tools available (Email, Cite, etc.).
   c) Name the Major/Minor Subjects and/or a word in the Abstract related to the concept of:
      marijuana: ____________________
      medical: ____________________

5. Find more articles: Add Subject terms to your search
   a) Go to the top of the Detailed Record page. You’ll see your 3 search boxes there.
   b) Add the Abstract and Subject terms to your search using OR, as below:

   OR means that ANY term inside the box can be in the search results.

   c) Click on Search.
   d) Choose 2 more articles on the first page of results and add them to your folder.

6. Your saved articles are in the temporary folder. Send an email to save your work:
   → Click on the folder link
   → Select the articles & email them to yourself, choosing APA citation
      You can use any email address (it doesn’t have to be @myLangara).

   You can also save a search and email it to yourself:
   → Click on Share
   → Click on the link under “Add search to folder”

   → The search is now saved in your folder and can be emailed from there
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