Library lab: Finding articles in CINAHL on nursing values and ethical issues

CNA Code of Ethics for RNs: Primary Nursing Values
1. Providing safe, compassionate, competent and ethical care
2. Promoting health and well-being
3. Promoting and respecting informed decision-making
4. Preserving dignity
5. Maintaining privacy and confidentiality
6. Promoting justice
7. Being accountable

BCCNP RN Professional Standards
1. Professional Responsibility and Accountability
2. Knowledge-Based Practice
3. Client-Focused Provision of Service
4. Ethical Practice

Start by choosing a healthcare topic and searching in CINAHL. The CINAHL results can then help you to confirm which of the CNA nursing values and ethical responsibilities to choose. Choose your own healthcare topic, or one from this practice topic list:

vaccinations ~ sexually transmitted infections ~ caregiver stress ~ multiple sclerosis restraint of patients ~ medication errors ~ physician-assisted death ~ opioid crisis

Next identify main ideas / search terms to use in CINAHL:

healthcare topic AND ethic* AND nurs*

Go to CINAHL (Library home page -> Articles in Journals -> CINAHL), enter your search terms, limit to Peer Reviewed & Published Date 2014 to present, and click on Search. Here’s an example:

Now improve your search. After scanning the results, add additional terms that make sense for your topic or that you’ve seen in your search so far. For example:
Expand, focus and tweak your results by changing where your search words are found:

- in a detailed description of the article
- in a CINAHL subject heading
- anywhere in the article

Drop ethic* as a search term if your topic is already “loaded” in terms of ethical issues, e.g.:

Note that “words in quotations” will be searched as phrases. Sometimes this is useful.

Save your work in a temporary EBSCOhost folder to email to yourself (and your group).

Your temporary EBSCOhost folder will look something like this: