

Covenant Medical Library Refresher

IM5

Welcome back to the Covenant Medical Library! You probably have not used, or even thought about, the Library since your orientation in IM1. I am here to help you learn to use Medical Library resources not only for doing research for your nursing school projects, but anytime you are looking for nursing evidence. Below are several links to library tutorials which you can also find on the Library website. Please review these and use the information to answer the questions on the “Library Scavenger Hunt” hands-on exercise at the bottom of the page. This will give you a good review of using the library/CINAHL and a starting point if you want to meet for more assistance. This is not a graded exercise; learning how to efficiently use your library databases will improve your nursing experience.

Library website:

www.providence.org/library

Anyone can access the library website on or off-site, including all of Covenant’s nursing students. When using the library website from offsite, you will be asked to log in when you try to access anything that we subscribe to, including CINAHL, the database we will be using. You will use your AD login with @providence.org after it. The following slides will give you more information on this.

Tutorials:

[Library Introduction \(slides\)](#)

Read through these slides to learn more about what is available through the library. There is a slide that goes into more detail about using the library remotely which we will review on Thursday. The Introduction mentions things like Azure which are only available to Covenant employees; I have left these in for those of you who are employees as well as students at Covenant.

CINAHL (Cumulative Index for Nursing and Allied Health Literature)

Two short tutorials from the company that created CINAHL and can be found on the library site:

[Basic Searching](#)

[Advanced Searching](#)

An excellent introduction to advanced searching in CINAHL from Purdue University Northwest Library (NOTE: while this tutorial offers great information in using CINAHL, be aware that some of it will be specific to Purdue's resources):

[Advanced CINAHL Searching from PNW](#)

Here is a basic introduction to using library databases in general from a school/public library perspective. Just remember that you will be using databases in this way for scholarly articles rather than images and magazines.

[Using Library Databases](#)

Review and use the above resources to complete the [Library Scavenger Hunt](#) hands-on exercise.

If you have any questions or would like to meet to learn more, please submit that with the exercise.

I am looking forward to meeting and working with you all.

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