

Research Guide| Health & Care



The NVIT Library is committed to supporting students reach their academic goals. This research guide is one of the tools the library provides to assist students by highlighting available resources. Listed below are examples of where to begin research; bear in mind that no list is exhaustive and many more resources are available. Please do not hesitate to ask library staff for further assistance.

STRATEGY– look for timely (recent) and appropriate (scholarly) content.

SEARCH WORDS – For retrieval purposes, books and articles in databases are labeled with terms referred to as subject headings. Using subject headings as search words when researching will help focus results by filtering out unnecessary or irrelevant items. Below are examples of subject headings that would be useful for Health Care students:

Aging / Geriatrics / Gerontology / Health services for the aged / Older people / Old Age

Delivery of Health Care / Primary Health care

Long-term care / Long-term care of the sick / Patient care team

Palliative Care / Palliative Treatment / Terminal Care / Terminally Ill

Home care / Home care services / Home nursing

Care givers / Nursing services

Community Health services / Health promotion / Health surveys / Public Health

Note: Please see a librarian or library coordinator for more headings to use during your research.

BOOKS – NVIT's Health Care programs offers students the opportunity to become trusted and knowledgeable members of a health care team. The NVIT Library has a large collection of books pertaining to Health Care and related concepts; below is a list that highlights what is available.

Active reading skills : reading and critical thinking in college (2012)

Administrative medical assisting : a workforce readiness approach (2012)

[Beyond the basics the importance of patient-provider interactions in chronic illness care](#) (ebook)

Brunner & Suddarth's textbook of Canadian medical-surgical nursing. (2009)

[Canadians' experiences with chronic illness care in 2007](#) (ebook)

[CBT for chronic illness and palliative care a workbook and toolkit](#) (ebook)

Critical thinking, reading, and writing : a brief guide to argument (2008)

Critical thinking and clinical judgment : a practical approach to outcome-focused thinking (2009)

Essential geriatrics (2007)

Essentials of medical language (2010)

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- [Guided care a new nurse-physician partnership in chronic care](#) (2009) (ebook)
Health in rural Canada (2012)
Health management for older adults : developing an interdisciplinary approach (2009)
Journey across the life span : human development and health promotion (2011)
Leading and managing in nursing (2007)
[Leadership and management skills for long-term care](#) (2008)
Medical language for modern health care (2011)
Medical office procedures (2012)
[Nurse's toolbox for promoting wellness](#) (2008)
Nursing leadership, management, and professional practice for the LPN/LVN : in nursing school and beyond (2009)
[Palliative care nursing principles and evidence for practice](#) (2008)
[Palliative care, social work and service users making life possible](#) (2007)
[Raising sensitive issues in a team](#) (2008) (ebook)
Therapeutic communication: developing professional skills (2007)
[Thinking your way to freedom a guide to owning your own practical reasoning](#) (2009) (ebook)

Tip: Books often provide a broad overview a subject and provide researchers with a solid background on a particular topic. Consulting one or two books for research is a good way to begin a project.

Tip: The NVIT Library collection is shelved according to the Library of Congress Classification scheme. Nursing is classed in the RT section. It can be helpful to browse this section when initiating research in order to find books in the field.

DATABASES – NVIT Library has access to many databases that contain articles and reports for use in academic research. Articles and reports provide detailed information on a particular topic and will help widen the scope research. It is considered best practice to select articles that were recently written and peer-reviewed.

Tip: *If an article says it is not available at NVIT, please ask a librarian for assistance. With a few days advance notice, we may be able to bring the article in for you from another institution.*

Academic Search Premier – provides access to a majority of the databases that NVIT has access to.

Note: Academic Search Premier is an excellent starting point for research; however, searching specific databases will retrieve refined results and avoid the need to sift through articles.

Databases that may be particularly useful to Health career training students are:

- *Alternate Health Watch*
- *Biomedical Reference Collection*
- *CINAHL Full Text*
- *Clinical Pharmacology*
- *Consumer Health Complete*
- *EBMR*

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- *Health Source: Nursing/Academic Edition*
- *Medline with Full Text*
- *PsycARTICLES*

JOURNALS - It can be helpful to browse recent academic journals when attempting to decide upon a research topic. The following list provides examples of journals available to NVIT students that may be particularly useful for those enrolled in the Health Care Assistant or Practical Nursing programs are:

Health & Social Care in the Community

International Journal of Nursing Knowledge

International Journal of Nursing Studies

International Journal of Palliative Nursing

Journal of Aging & Social Policy

Journal of Healthcare Management

Journal of Nursing Scholarship

Nursing Philosophy

WEBSITES - websites can provide timely coverage of current trends in the field of Health Care.

[Alzheimer Society of British Columbia](#) Resources for Health Care Providers contains useful resources for health-care providers who are supporting people with dementia and their families.

[BC Centre for Elder Advocacy and Support](#) BC CEAS advocates to prevent elder abuse and provides resources, educational and training materials for those who work with seniors.

[Canadian Nursing Index](#) Your source for Canadian nursing information on the net.

[Canadian Women's Health Network](#) Celebrating 20 years of service to women. Check out the host of features this site offers – from breast cancer prevention to new resources relating to alcohol's worrisome health effects on girls and women. The site offers an online magazine, webinars and even has an Ebrary

[United Way Lower Mainland](#) Expand on the Reports and Resources on Seniors link to access up to date reports and figures on factors that affect the quality of live for seniors.

[WorkSafeBC](#) A series of short videos has been created for health care workers that demonstrate best practices when working in the field.

Tip: Before citing a website, be sure to **evaluate** the site in order to check its authority. At this time, Wikipedia is not considered a source of academic papers.