HOP: Databases

Databases

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What is a database?

- A database is a huge online library of journal articles. Databases can be subject specific (e.g. provide articles only from nursing journals) or they can be more general and search many different types of journals.

  Some journal databases also include conference papers, book chapters, reports, books, dissertations and other types of information.

Databases vs. Primosearch

- Databases

- Can be specific to your discipline (nursing articles only)

- Relevant- as many of our databases are discipline specific, you will only find information about your subject area

- Reliable (many articles are peer reviewed and scholarly…the type of articles your lecturer wants you to reference!)

- Accessible- online and often full text, you can access content almost immediately.

- Primosearch (library catalogue)

- Allows you to search everything that the library owns (physical and electronic items)

- General catalogue- you will need to make sure you have an appropriate search strategy to filter out unwanted content

- Does not search ALL databases

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Formulating a search strategy

NURS11300.1/Health of Australian Society Assessment Task 1

Assessment Task 1   Primary Healthcare Case Study

Weighting: 30%

Date Due: Semester 1, Week 5, Friday 31st March, 2017, 0900 hours

Word limit: **Essay Format** 1500 words (not including reference list)

The purpose of this paper is to gain a deeper understanding of primary healthcare and the social determinants of health and how these factors impact people living in the rural setting of Australia.

You are required to write a 1500 word *essay* related to the case study below.

Please base your responses on this case study.

Mr Robert Hopkins is a 53 year old man who has lived in remote rural Australia all his life. He was born and now lives on a small farm that has recently been affected by drought conditions which has had a negative impact on his income making living day to day difficult. He lives 8 hours from town that consists of a post office, petrol station and grocery store. Mr Hopkins has suffered ill health recently and has experienced deteriorating vision, pain in his remaining teeth and has multiple moles that have an irregular appearance.

Using evidence-based literature, discuss the concept of primary healthcare and the various social determinants of health that relate to Mr Hopkins and his multiple health issues and briefly describe the challenges faced by residents living in rural and remote areas of Australia.

This should include the following:
- clear introduction of the topic explaining what will be covered in the essay;
- use of evidence based literature;
- conclusion that highlights the main points covered in the assignment.
- correct referencing technique

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- Two parts to the question:

- -**discuss** the concept of primary healthcare and the various social determinants of health that relate to Mr Hopkins and his multiple health issues

- -briefly **describe** the challenges faced by residents living in rural and remote areas of Australia

- Two task words: **discuss & describe** (they mean different things, check the handout to see how you approach each)

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Task word	Content word	Content word	Limiting word	Limiting word	Limiting word
Discuss	Primary health care	Social determinants of health	Vision issues	Teeth/gum issues	Irregular moles (possible melanoma?)
			Eyesight	Oral	Blemish
			Power of sight		Freckle
			Visual perception		Melanoma
					Skin cancer

Consider the possibility of using ageing (or other synonyms) as a search term as well

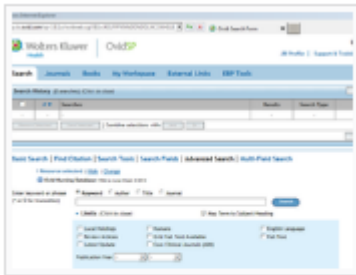Limit to last 4 years, and if using journal articles, choose only peer-reviewed journals…

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Task word	Content word	Limiting word	Limiting word	Limiting word
Describe	Challenges	Rural	Remote	Australia
	Problem	Country	Faraway	
	Task	Countryside	Distant	
	Trial	Pastoral	Isolated	
	Obstacle	Rustic	Cut-off	
	Bother		Inaccessible	

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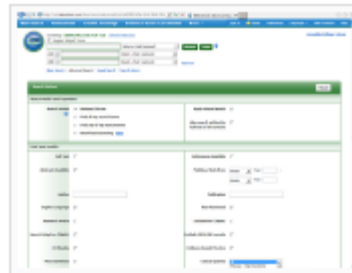
Nursing databases

These are your specific nursing/medical databases:

Ovid Nursing
Nursing Journal Articles

Cinahl Database
Nursing and Allied Health
Journals

Nursing Reference Centre
Provides clinical evidence and knowledge on conditions and
diseases plus information on procedures, legal cases and
drugs, patient education and nursing news.

Joanna Briggs
Evidence-Based
Nursing

Cochrane
Evidence-Based Medicine

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Searching databases

- http://unitguides.weebly.com/books---hr.html (look at the quick online tutorials)

- http://unitguides.weebly.com/primosearch-faqs.html

- *To search for a phrase use quotation marks   e.g. to search for global warming as one term, type in **"global warming"***

- *Type OR to use alternative terms and broaden your search e.g. **irish OR celtic***

- *Exclude terms by using NOT e.g. **irish NOT celtic***

- *Use ? to replace a single character e.g. **wom?n** to search for **women** and **woman***

- *Use * for multiple endings e.g. **cultur*** will search for **culture, cultural, culturally** etc.*

- *To bring up only books that are not on loan click **Show only < Available in the library***

- *To read books online select **eBooks** from the left under Resource Type*

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