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CINAHL with Full Text

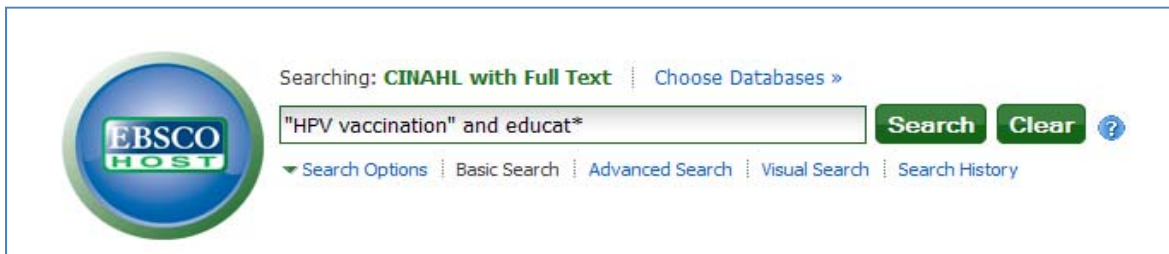
CINAHL with Full Text is the world's most comprehensive source of full text for nursing & allied health journals, providing full text for more than 600 journals indexed in *CINAHL*. This authoritative file contains full text for many of the most used journals in the *CINAHL* index - with no embargo. Full-text coverage dates back to 1981.

Accessing CINAHL with Full Text

From the WSU Libraries homepage, click **Electronic Databases**. Then choose **C** from the alphabetical subdivisions, and finally click on [CINAHL with Full Text](#).

Basic Search

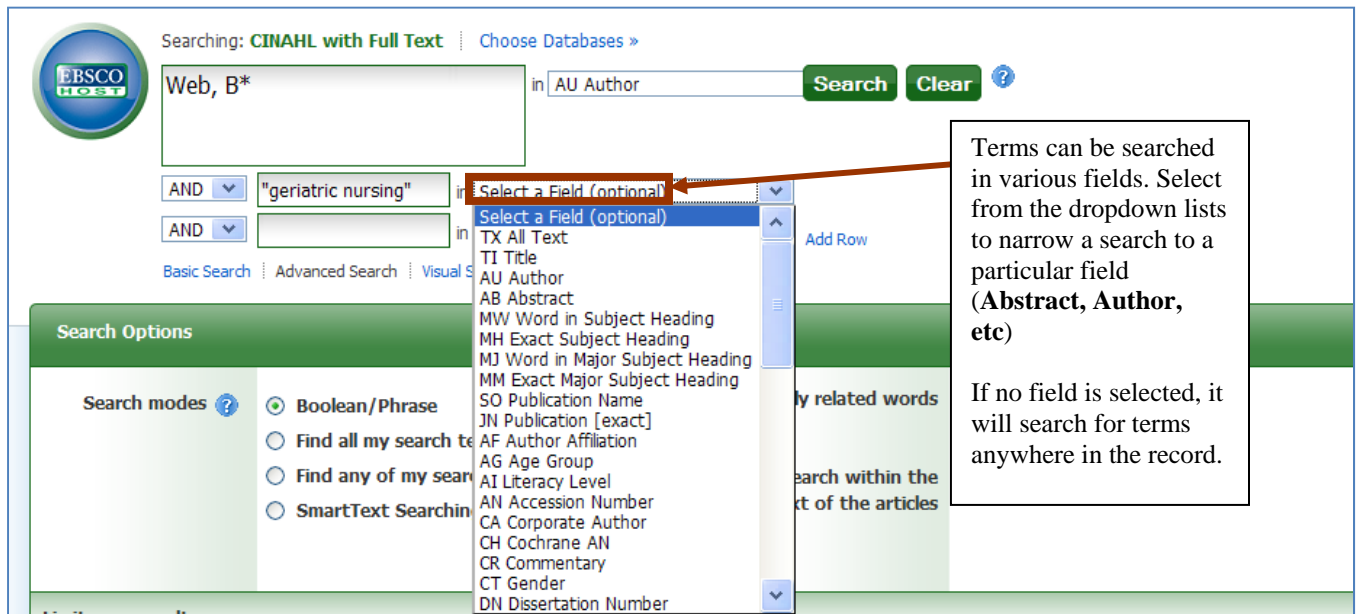
Type your keywords, or search word(s), into the box. You may use single words, phrases, or combine keywords using Boolean operators as explained below. Enclose phrases of more than one word in “quotation marks” so that the words are searched adjacent to each other.



- **Truncation:** Use the asterisk (*) as the truncation symbol to search for all words starting with the same root. For example, **educat*** will retrieve educate, educated, educating, educators, education and “**heart rate***” will find heart rate or heart rates.
- **Boolean Operators (and, or, not):** Use to link or combine keywords. **And** finds records that have both your first and second keywords (leadership and “clinical management”), and will narrow your search results. **Or** finds records that contain either your first keyword or your second keyword, or both (adolescents or teenagers), and will broaden your search. **Not** excludes the second keyword from your search (violence not gang). Operators are not case sensitive.

Advanced Search

This search mode provides a template into which to type your keywords. Notice that the boxes are connected by the Boolean operator **and** (by clicking on the drop-down arrow, you can change the operator to **or** or **not**). To help focus your search, you may also choose specific **fields** of information to search – author, title, source (journal title), etc. Clicking on the **Search History** will let you view all of the searches typed in during your current search session, and will allow you to **save** searches for future use. You can also create **alerts** here so that each time the database is updated, your search will automatically be rerun, and any new citations that match your search strategy will be e-mailed to you.



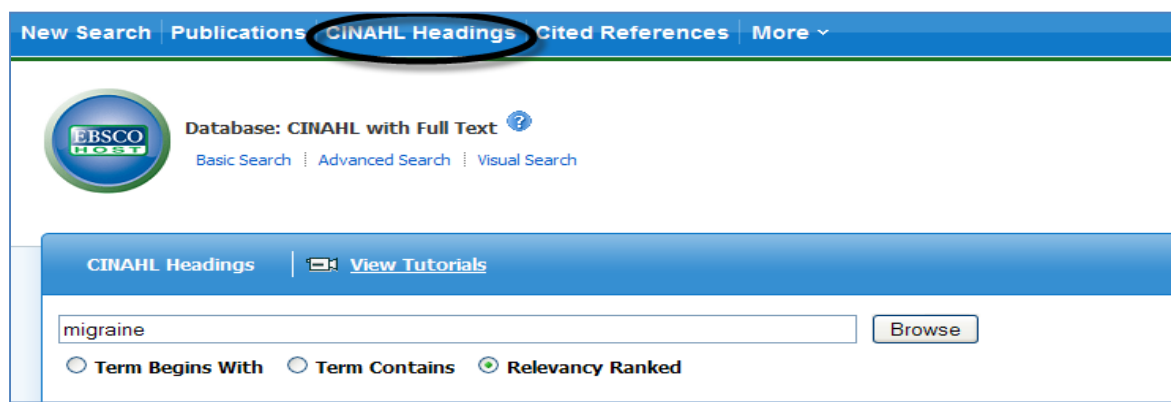
Limit Your Search

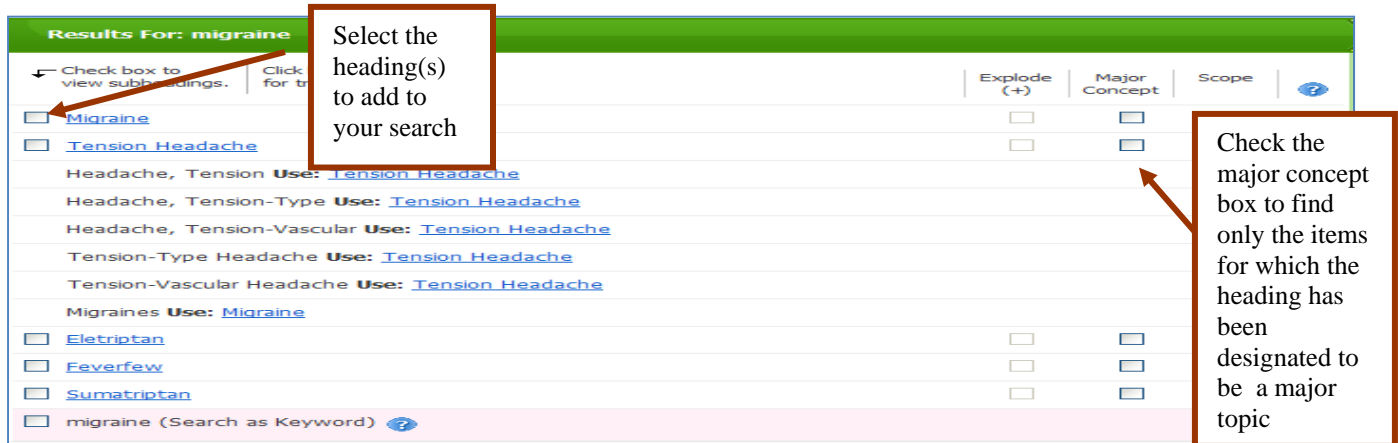
In both the **Basic** and **Advanced** search modes, the lower portion of the initial search screen provides a variety of ways to use **Limiters** to narrow your search. Two **Limiters** that might be particularly useful are: **Peer Reviewed** (also known as **Refereed publications**) and **Publication Type** (for example, you can limit your search to Journal Articles). More Limiters are available for the Advanced search mode than for the Basic search mode.

CINAHL Headings

Searching for subject terms (controlled vocabulary or thesaurus) can also be useful. You can click on the CINAHL Headings link along the top toolbar to browse for appropriate subject terms.

Example: Click on **CINAHL Heading**, then enter **Migraine** in the search box and click on the **Browse** button. A list of appropriate CINAHL headings, or subject terms appears, defaulted to Relevancy Ranked. Note that your search term appears at the bottom of the list with the option to search it as a keyword instead of a subject term.

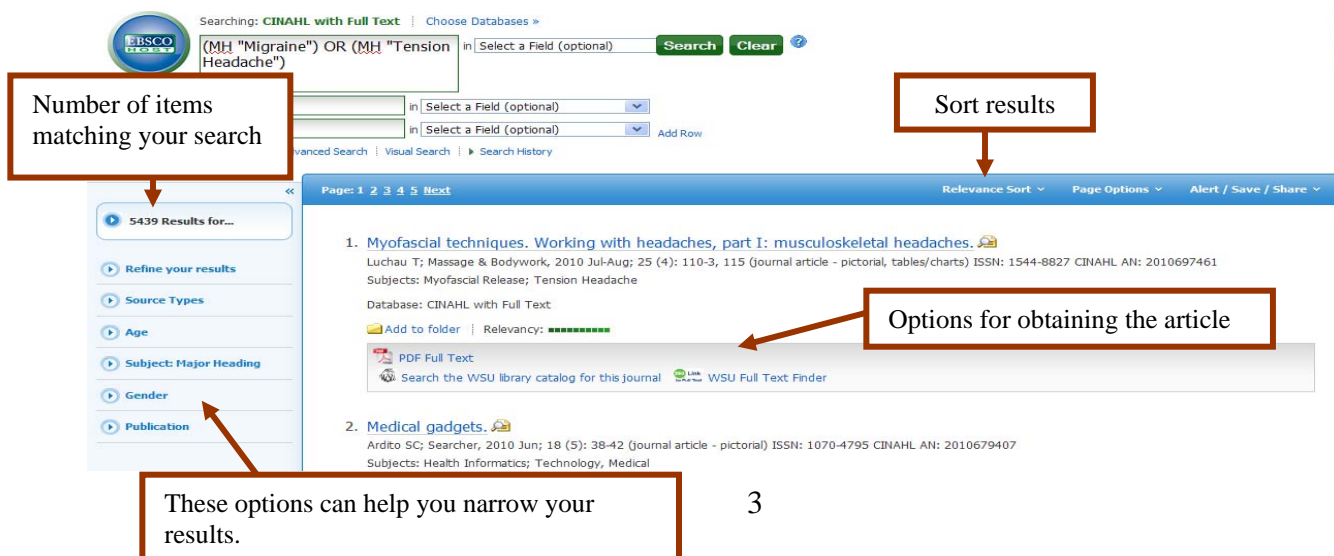




- **Major Concept:** To the right of the subject terms list is a Major Concept option which, when selected, will restrict results to those articles in which your chosen subject is a major focus. For detailed about this option, click on the Help icon (question mark) to the right.
- **Explode Terms:** Subject terms are arranged in a hierarchy, to permit searching at various levels to find the most precise terms. Check the box next to a subject term in the Explode column to retrieve all references indexed to it, as well as all references indexed to any narrower term(s). For details about this option, click on the Help icon (question mark) to the right.
- **Select Subheadings:** Clicking on a heading expands the heading so that you will be able to see where it fits in the tree view and so that you can view and select all of the relevant subheadings. Using subheadings can improve the precision of a search by finding only the results that have the specific subheading attached. Add them to your search by checking the box in front of any subheading(s) appropriate to your research, choose a Boolean operator from the drop-down list following “**Combine selections with**” and then click on the **Search Database** button.

Viewing Your Search Results

The results of your search will be displayed after you click on the **Search** button. The number of items, or records, that match your search request will be indicated on the upper left-hand side of the screen, with a complete list of results displayed below. Each record contains a description of one publication, along with options for locating the text of the article. Results are sorted by relevance, but you can also display your results by date, alphabetical order by author name or title of journal.



Options for Obtaining the Full Text:

- **PDF Full Text:** the easiest option for locating an article is when the full text is available immediately through the PDF Full Text link in the record.
- **360 link to Full Text – WSU Full Text Finder:** will bring you directly to an article if the library subscribes to the specific year and issue of that journal electronically. Where this is not the case, the 360 Link page has options to help you search the WSU catalog or request the item from Interlibrary Loan.
- **Search the WSU library catalog for the journal:** To find out if the library subscribes to a journal you need, click on this link. If the journal you need is available at the WSU Library, make sure you verify the date/volume number you need is available.
- **Request this item through interlibrary loan:** When the WSU Library does not subscribe to a journal you need, you can request that the [Interlibrary Loan office](#) obtain a copy of an article for you. Explore the options above before making a request—only articles not otherwise available through the WSU Library may be requested.

Printing, E-mailing, Saving or Exporting Your Search Results

Click on the **Add to Folder** icon to collect results in the (temporary) session folder. To save results beyond the current session, click the **Sign In** link in the top right-hand corner to create a **My EBSCOhost** account or sign in to an existing account.

Once you have added the records you want to the folder, click on the link in the top right-hand corner of the screen that says **Folder**. This will bring your marked items together into one list, as shown below. Review your list, and mark all of the items you want to keep by clicking in the box to the left of the citation. In the Folder View, you can decide whether you want to **print, e-mail, save, or export these citations**. Click on the appropriate link, and follow the instructions on the screen.

The screenshot shows a search results page with a yellow header bar. The header contains 'Articles', '1-3 of 3 Page: 1', 'Name Sort', and 'Page Options'. Below the header, there is a 'Select / deselect all' checkbox and a 'Delete Items' button. The main content area displays a list of articles. The first article is 'Butterbur: an alternative therapy for migraine prevention.' with a checkbox to its left. A red box with an arrow points to this checkbox, containing the text 'Mark the item here'. To the right of the article list, there is a sidebar with four action options: 'Print', 'E-mail', 'Save as File', and 'Export', each with a corresponding icon. A red box highlights this sidebar.

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