Basic searching allows searching by keywords, publications or CINAHL headings. Keyword options include:

Standard Search searches words as a phrase unless boolean operators are used (AND, OR, NOT). Nesting with parentheses is allowed for multiple Booleans.

All Words assumes boolean AND between all terms.

Any Words looks for any terms used. Relevance ranking places retrieval with most terms toward the top.

Exact phrase includes all words as you entered them. Stop words (in, the, at) are dropped unless quotations are used.

Use * for truncation. Ex. home* would retrieve both home and homes.

CINAHL headings can be browsed and exploded to create comprehensive searches. Add subheadings for specificity.

Advanced search features allow limiting to particular search fields (title, author, source, etc.) and more options for combining search terms.

Find: nursing home* in TI Article_Title
And dementia in TI Article_Title
And moss ms in AU Author

Searches for nursing home(s) and dementia in the title of an article with MS Moss as the author.

Refining search allows results to be limited using various options including:

Language - limit to English publications.

Full text - only documents with full text retrieved.

Publication type - limit to book chapter, care plan, etc.

Journal subset - 27 including geographical and Core Nursing.

Results can be viewed on screen and selected by checking the Add folder to the right. Results in the folder can then be printed, e-mailed or saved to disk.

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**CINAHL headings** can be browsed and selected to include in your search. Terms can be exploded to be as comprehensive as possible. Search terms can have subheadings applied for further specificity.

**Advanced Search** options allow you to limit search terms to specific fields. This is useful for searching for specific authors or sources. Search authors by last name and first, middle initial. Search sources using the CINAHL abbreviations.

Retrieval can be **limited or expanded** with the options shown here. Journal subsets ranging from Core Nursing to geographic regions are available. Retrieval can be limited to full text sources only.

Retrieval is viewed in the **Results tab**. Click on the title for more detail. To save for printing or downloading, click the Add button to the right to add it to your folder. You can click on the folder icon to print or download anytime.