Primary database for nursing and allied health literature: articles, dissertations, book chapters; some full text.

**Location:** Shimberg Health Sciences Library (http://hsc.usf.edu/library) Ovid CINAHL button. Select CINAHL from list. Need HSC e-mail account student ID and password.

**Fields:** Keyword, author, title, journal name, subject Heading. Subject Heading is default choice. Search Fields button contains page of search fields that can be selected. Use tools to search with subject headings.

**Boolean:** AND, OR, NOT

**Truncation:** $ for unlimited endings, $1 for limits of one letter, $2 for two, etc. # is the wildcard operator, to use at end or middle of word for one character. ? is a wildcard that can be used at the end of a word for 1 or no characters.

**History:** Has option to return to prior searches when you log on. History allows you to manipulate search sets, to combine, edit, refine and limit them.

**Purpose/Scope:** Scholarly articles of medical research. The database is an aggregate of hundreds of scientific, technical, and medical journals from over 50 publishers and societies.

**Best Use:** Journal articles.

**Searching Tips:** Check “Human” to avoid including animal experimentation articles. Check “Map Term to Subject Heading” for subject heading language to search. Select “Display” to see the search results, after the search has been run. Search results give several options for access, with physical location, full text, abstract, etc. Searches may be combined using AND or OR - use Combine button at top. The term “Complete Reference” does not refer to full text. See options to print, save, display, e-mail text.