Most of the links on this handout appear on the Nursing Subject page: 
http://bulldogs.tlu.edu/library/dbNursing.html

A handy work sheet to guide your research process is the PICO Worksheet and Search Strategy

If you work through the Evidence Based Practice Tutorial: Nursing (University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee Libraries), you will gain an understanding of the hierarchy of information resources as depicted in the following pyramid:


**Systems**

The library does not subscribe to any computerized decision support systems for nursing. Examples include computerized systems used in the U.S. military's medical system, hospitals, or doctors' offices.
Summaries of the Evidence: clinical practice guidelines, evidence-based texts

- **Ovid Evidence Based Medicine Reviews** (1 simultaneous user)
  - Includes The Cochrane Library plus the ACP Journal Club
  - Includes Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews
  - Includes DARE (Database of Abstracts of Reviews of Effects)

- **Joanna Briggs Institute EBP Database** 6-min. intro
  - Provides full-text access to health care evidence from evidence-based recommended practices, evidence summaries, best practice information sheets, systematic reviews, consumer information sheets, systematic review protocols, and technical reports.

- **AHRO (Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality)** (free Web Resource)
  - See especially “Clinical Guidelines and Recommendations” under the “For Professionals” tab, located at [http://www.ahrq.gov/professionals/clinicians-providers/guidelines-recommendations/index.html](http://www.ahrq.gov/professionals/clinicians-providers/guidelines-recommendations/index.html)

- Evidence-based Care Sheets (within **CINAHL Complete (Cumulative Index to Nursing and Allied Health Literature)**), in the top toolbar, click Evidence-Based Care Sheets
  - Provides summaries of what is known about a disease or condition and the best treatment options.

- **R2 Digital Library (Rittenhouse nursing pilot program)**
  - Provides full-text access to evidence-based nursing ebooks that contain best practices, clinical practice guidelines, etc. (recommended peer-reviewed titles)

**Synopses of Syntheses**

- Evidence-based journals such as *Evidence-Based Nursing* or *Evidence-Based Midwifery*
- Conduct an advanced search in **CINAHL**, limited to Publication Type of “Evidence-Based Care Sheet,” or Special Interest of “Evidence-Based Practice.”
- **ACP Journal Club** (is within **Ovid Evidence Based Medicine Reviews**)
- **HealthEvidence.org**

**Syntheses**

- **Cochrane Library** (included in **Ovid Evidence Based Medicine Reviews**)
  The Cochrane Library (ISSN 1465-1858) is a collection of databases that contain different types of high-quality, independent evidence to inform healthcare decision-making.

**Synopses of Single Studies**

- Use a database that includes abstracts or summaries of single studies
- **ACP Journal Club** (is within **Ovid Evidence Based Medicine Reviews**)
- **Evidence-based nursing** (is an example of a full-text journal containing single studies within **CINAHL Complete (Cumulative Index to Nursing and Allied Health Literature)**)
• Other evidence-based journals can be identified within CINAHL Complete (Cumulative Index to Nursing and Allied Health Literature)
  o Use the Advanced Search and checkmark the “Evidence based practice” button and/or under “Special Interest” box, highlight “Evidence-based practice”

Single Research Studies or Individual Research Studies

• Use article databases such as
  o CINAHL Complete (Cumulative Index to Nursing and Allied Health Literature)
  o MEDLINE (EBSCO)
  o PubMed (U.S. National Library of Medicine & the National Institutes of Health)
  o Ovid Journals: Full Text Only
  o Gale Nursing and Allied Health Collection
  o ProQuest Nursing & Allied Health Database

• Use clinical query databases or databases that filter for clinical queries
  o PubMed Clinical Queries
  o In CINAHL or in MEDLINE go to Advanced Search screen and before entering your search terms, choose a filter under “Clinical Queries”:

  ![Clinical Queries Table]

Meta-Searches

Meta-searches search for evidence across multiple resources. These tools return information from all levels of the pyramid:

• QuickSearch for Nursing & Allied Health. This is a link to TLU’s Discovery database but it is limited to the nursing and allied health discipline.
• Trip database (Turning Research Into Practice). Conduct an advanced search with the word “nursing” as one of the key terms.
Textbooks and E-Books

- Ovid Books@Ovid: Lippincott Nursing Book Collection (List of titles)
  - Includes Lippincott Manual of Nursing Practice and Lippincott’s Nursing Procedures
    - Lippincott Manual of Nursing Practice provides:
      - Clinically focused guide covering all disorders and patient problems in Medical-Surgical, Maternal-Neonatal, Pediatric, and Psychiatric nursing
      - Patient assessment and official treatment guidelines incorporated into each chapter
      - Includes step-by-step guides to procedures
    - Ebook Nursing Collection (EBSCO)
      - Provides full-text access to approximately 320 nursing books designed for use in hospitals, medical institutions, and academic institutions with nursing or allied health programs. This subscription collection features hand-selected, quality titles that focus on the needs of nursing professionals, including clinical guides, evidence-based practice manuals, practical handbooks, and professional growth titles.
      - R2 Digital Library (Rittenhouse nursing pilot program)

Tutorials

- Evidence-Based Practice Resources (UNC-HSL tutorial)
- Evidence Based Practice Tutorial: Nursing (University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee Libraries)