

# Finding Nursing Journal Literature in

## CINAHL

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Clicking this button will open a new screen that will search other North Park Databases for the article in question, and also allow you to request a copy of the article if no such online version exists.

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### Getting started:

1. Go to North Park University Library’s homepage (<http://www.northpark.edu/library>)
2. At the library’s homepage, click on “Databases/Articles.”
3. Select **Cinahl**.  
If you are accessing CINAHL from off-campus, you will need to enter your North Park login name and password.
4. Enter search term in the **Find** boxes, such as Diabetes and medication. The results will tell you if the library has the journal that is being cited. If you are uncertain about the best word to use when searching, try using the **Suggest Subject Headings** option at the top of the initial search screen.
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  - *Linked Full Text*
  - *North Park holdings* (journals you can find at North Park’s library)
  - *Year of publication* (you may want to restrict to a range of years, 2000-2006)
  - *Peer Reviewed journals*
  - *Many other options– scroll down the page to explore!*
6. When you see your results list, click on the highlighted title of the article in order to read an abstract (summary) of the article.
7. Clicking on “Full Text” or “Linked Full Text” allows you to read the full-text article. Click on the link to get the article. You can print or e-mail your results by using the options in the top right corner of the screen.