Objectives

1. Plan a literature search
2. Search PubMed and CINAHL
3. Scholarly journals
4. Access the A-to-Z Journal List

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Plan a Literature Search

• Pick a research topic that interests you
• Clearly define your research topic
• Divide your topic into concepts and choose appropriate search terms
• Determine the best resources for your search topic

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Research Topic:
Find articles about healing touch for depression
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- **Determine** the concept(s)

  **Concept A**: healing touch
  **Concept B**: depression

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Boolean Operator: **AND**

-含盖两个词

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Boolean Operator: **OR**

- 包含两个词中的任何一个

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Boolean Operator: **NOT**

- 从记录中删除你不想要的

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- **Truncation**
  - 多分词符号用于搜索具有后缀变化的词语。例如，therap*检索therapy, therapies, therapist and therapists.

- **Quotation marks**
  - 搜索确切短语“healing touch”

- **Search strings**
  - (“healing touch OR ‘therapeutic touch’) AND depression

Searching Databases

- PubMed
- CINAHL with Full Text
Introduction to PubMed

• PubMed, developed by the National Library of Medicine (NLM), is one of the largest and most heavily used medical databases in the world.

Introduction to PubMed

• **Scope:** Medicine, allied health, and more...
• **Coverage:** 19 million citations back to 1948
• **Source:** Over 5,000 biomedical journals from more than 70 countries

Introduction to CINAHL

• CINAHL, Cumulative Index to Nursing and Allied Health Literature, is an authoritative resource for nursing and allied health.
• It provides indexing for more than 2,737 journals and full text for more than 600 journals, dating back to 1981.
• Be aware that CINAHL with Full Text does not include all the full text articles.

Introduction to CINAHL

• CINAHL includes several massage journals that PubMed does not cover.
• It also provides access to dissertations, selected conference proceedings, standards of practice, educational software, and book chapters.
To login to the Library online resources off-campus, you need to enter your Bengal Card Number and your last name in the required box.

Type search terms in the Search box and start your search.

Scholarly and Non-Scholarly Journals

- Scholarly
  - Length
  - Language/Audience
  - Format/Structure
- Non-scholarly
  - Length
  - Language/Audience
  - Format/Structure

Scholarly
- Authors
  - Expert in a particular field: a scholar or researcher with noted credentials
- Editors
  - Articles are reviewed by members of an editorial board who are experts in the field
- References
  - Sources are cited with bibliographies documenting the research thoroughly
- Advertising
  - Limited ads, special services or products in a specific field

Non-scholarly
- Authors
  - Reporter or any writer. Name and credentials are not included
- Editors
  - Not reviewed by experts, but by magazine staff members
- References
  - Not provided
- Advertising
  - Many general consumer ads

Source: http://www.ius.edu/library/help/journalmag.htm
A-to-Z Journal List

- The A-to-Z Journal List lists all journals available through the ISU Library, including those from full-text databases.
- Searching can be done by title, subject, and index.
- How to access the A-to-Z Journal List

Hands-on Exercise

- Select a research topic that interests you
- Develop search strategies and search for your topic in PubMed and CINAHL