

NURS 360, Spring 2016: Literature Search History Grading Rubric

Category	20 Points	16 Points	12 Points	8 Points	4 Points
Acquiring the literature	Uses five search techniques to find articles on the assigned topic. Search techniques are listed below.	Uses four search techniques to find articles on the assigned topic. Search techniques are listed below.	Uses three search techniques to find articles on the assigned topic. Search techniques are listed below.	Uses two search techniques to find articles on the assigned topic. Search techniques are listed below.	Uses one search technique to find articles on the assigned topic. Search techniques are listed below.

Search Techniques

- Uses keywords and synonyms to represent concepts for the assigned topic
- Combines search terms with AND/OR (see http://bit.ly/uhm_boolean).
- Enters multiple search statements to refine results by narrowing or broadening based on the results of the previous searches
- Uses limits appropriately: publication dates, language, publication type, etc. (see <http://bit.ly/19kDkRu>)
- Uses subject headings (i.e., CINAHL Headings) (see <http://bit.ly/19kDkRu>)

Sample CINAHL Search: 20 Points

#	Query	Limiters/Expanders	Results	Note
S9	S5 AND S6 AND S7	Limiters - Published Date: 20100101-20151231; English Language; Peer Reviewed Expanders - Apply related words Search modes - Boolean/Phrase	62	<i>Applies limits to filter the results of the previous set (S8) to those articles published in English-language, peer-reviewed journals, over the last 5 years.</i>
S8	S5 AND S6 AND S7	Expanders - Apply related words Search modes - Boolean/Phrase	195	<i>Combines the sets representing the three subject headings for the concepts of this topic.</i>
S7	(MH "Exercise")	Expanders - Apply related words Search modes - Boolean/Phrase	24,490	<i>S5-S7 are three separate searches for subject headings related to the three concepts of this sample search.</i>
S6	(MH "Obesity")	Expanders - Apply related words Search modes - Boolean/Phrase	33,551	

S5	(MH "Diabetes Mellitus, Type 2")	Expanders - Apply related words Search modes - Boolean/Phrase	26,576	
S4	type 2 diabetes AND obesity AND exercise	Limiters - Published Date: 20100101-20151231; English Language; Peer Reviewed Expanders - Apply related words Search modes - Boolean/Phrase	183	<i>Applies limits to filter the results of the previous set (S4) to those articles published in English-language, peer-reviewed journals, over the last 5 years.</i>
S3	type 2 diabetes AND obesity AND exercise	Expanders - Apply related words Search modes - Boolean/Phrase	576	<i>Adds a third concept to the search to get fewer results.</i>
S2	type 2 diabetes AND obesity	Expanders - Apply related words Search modes - Boolean/Phrase	4,556	<i>Uses a more specific synonym term in place of the more general keyword "diabetes."</i>
S1	diabetes AND obesity	Expanders - Apply related words Search modes - Boolean/Phrase	9,363	

Sample CINAHL Search: 16 Points

#	Query	Limiters/Expanders	Results	Note
S4	type 2 diabetes AND obesity AND exercise	Limiters - Published Date: 20100101-20151231; English Language; Peer Reviewed Expanders - Apply related words Search modes - Boolean/Phrase	183	<i>Applies limits to filter the results of the previous set (S4) to those articles published in English-language, peer-reviewed journals, over the last 5 years.</i>
S3	type 2 diabetes AND obesity AND exercise	Expanders - Apply related words Search modes - Boolean/Phrase	576	<i>Adds a third concept to the search to get fewer results.</i>
S2	type 2 diabetes AND obesity	Expanders - Apply related words Search modes - Boolean/Phrase	4,556	<i>Uses a more specific synonym term in place of the more general keyword "diabetes."</i>
S1	diabetes AND obesity	Expanders - Apply related words Search modes - Boolean/Phrase	9,363	

Sample CINAHL Search: 8 Points

#	Query	Limiters/Expanders	Results	Note
S1	diabetes AND obesity	Expanders - Apply related words Search modes - Boolean/Phrase	9,363	<i>A single search combining keywords with AND.</i>