Research Database Assignment – Week 3

Guidelines and Grading Rubric

# Purpose

You are to locate and document research databases that relate to a significant clinical nursing issue of your choice. The research databases may be labeled as such, or may be collections of research studies and reports. You are not looking for research or articles; you are looking for new databases.

# Course Outcomes

This assignment enables the student to meet the following course outcome:

CO 1: Examine the sources of evidence that contribute to professional nursing practice. (PO #7)

**Due Date:** You are to identify a total of five research databases (or collections of research-based evidence) that are relevant to a significant clinical nursing issue that is important to you. Submit the descriptions using the form provided in Course Resources to the Week 3 Dropbox by 11:59 p.m. Sunday (MT).

# Points

The assignment is worth a total of 175 points. Please see the grading rubric for details.

# Requirements

1. Choose a topic of interest to you that is a significant clinical nursing issue. Please note that the databases you identify could be useful sources of information for your Capstone project in NR451, so choose your topic thoughtfully.
2. Download the NR439\_Research\_Database\_Form from Course Resources and type information about each database directly onto the form. Your paper does NOT need to follow APA formatting; however, you are expected to use correct grammar, spelling, syntax, and write in complete sentences.
3. Save the file by clicking Save as and adding your last name, e.g., NR439\_Research Database\_Smith.docx.
4. Describe your topic of interest. This is worth 15 points.
5. Locate a total of five research databases related to your topic. Each research database description is worth 30 points. You may search for these in various locations, e.g., the Internet or the CCN Library. You may **NOT** choose the databases that are already familiar to you – MEDLINE, PUBMED (which also indexes MEDLINE), GOOGLE SCHOLAR, and CINAHL. Instead, you are expected to expand your knowledge of evidence-based sources. Places to help you begin include your textbook, which lists databases and websites that report research. The Chamberlain online library (<http://library.chamberlain.edu>) gives you access to several databases and provide tutorials for searching. Government sites such as those at the National Institutes of Health offer collections of research on a variety of subjects. The key to choosing the databases is that each contains research-based evidence that also pertains to your topic of interest. Again you are looking for new databases to use in the future and not articles related to your nursing clinical issue.
6. Review each database to gather information to create a description for the assignment. Each description must:
   1. identify the title of the research database;
   2. describe the location of the research database in a way that a reader could find it. This should be the URL. This URL should take you to the home page of the database.
   3. name owner or publisher of the source;
   4. describe the research database. This must be in your own words and not copied and pasted from the original source. Include the purpose of the database and the subject matter it covers. This may be two to three sentences; and
   5. explain how the research found in the database relates to your topic of interest. This may be a two or three sentences.
7. Submit to the Research Database basket in the Dropbox by 11:59 p.m. MT Sunday at the end of Week 3. Please post question about this paper in the Q & A Forum.

# Example

The following is an example of a description for JBI:

**Title of Database:** Joanna Briggs Institute for Evidence-Based Nursing and Midwifery

**Location of Database** (URL): [www.joannabriggs.edu.au](http://www.joannabriggs.edu.au)

**Owner or publisher of Database**: Joanna Briggs Institute for Evidence-Based Nursing and Midwifery (JBI)

**Describe (in your own words) the research database or collection of research including the purpose and the subject matter it covers**:

The Joanna Briggs Institute is an international not-for-profit Research and Development Organization that provides evidence-based resources for healthcare professionals in nursing, midwifery, medicine, and allied health. Those with membership are able to obtain evidence-based practice information from systematic reviews, evaluation reports, electronic journals, best-practice information, and consumer healthcare information.

**Explain how the source relates to your topic of interest**:

JBI is relevant to my topic of interest because it provides reports, systematic reviews,

and journal articles, and best-practice information on current issues in healthcare. Hospital

readmissions are a major issue in healthcare. The database had several resources

addressing the problem of hospital readmissions and identifying strategies for

improvement.

**Grading Criteria**

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| Category | Points | % | Description |
| Topic Description | 15 points | 9% | Identify a topic of interest that pertains to a significant clinical nursing issue. Provide a brief description of the topic and why it was chosen. |
| Research Database | 150 points  (30/database) | 86%  (17% each) |  |
| Title, location, and owner/ publisher | (15/database) |  | * Identify, by title, a research database, or collection of research that is relevant to nursing. * Describe the location of the research database or collection of research, i.e., a URL. * Name the owner and/or publisher of the database. |
| Description, purpose, and relevance to topic | (15/database) |  | * Describe in your own words the research database or collection of research. Include the purpose of the database and the subject matter it covers. * Explain how the database relates to your topic of interest. |
| Writing | 10 points | 5% | Properly name the file for submission. Include your name on the form. Write in complete sentences with no grammar, spelling, or syntax errors. |
| Total | 175 | 100% | A quality assignment will meet or exceed all of the above requirements |

# Grading Rubric

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| Assignment Criteria | A (100%)  Exceptional  Outstanding or highest level of performance | B (88%)  Exceeds  Very good or high level of performance | | C (80%)  Meets  Competent or satisfactory level of performance | NI (38%)  Needs Improvement  Poor or failing level of performance | | F (0%)  Developing  Unsatisfactory level of performance |
| Topic Description  15 points | Identifies a nursing issue. Describes in detail the significance of the topic and why it is of personal interest.  **15 points** | Identifies a nursing issue. Describes in general why it is important to nursing or why it is of personal interest.  **13 points** | | Identifies a nursing issue, but makes a weak case for why it is significant in general and of personal interest in particular.  **12 points** | Identifies a nursing issues but makes no case for its significance  **6 points** | | Does not identify a nursing issue, e.g., identifies a medical topic, or fails to describe why the topic was chosen.  **0 points** |
| Research Database Description:  Title, location, and owner/ publisher  15 points for each database | Selects a research database or collection that has relevance to nursing. Identifies the title of the database or collection.  Gives the correct location of the database so that the reader can find it. Names the owner or publisher of the database.  **15 points** | Selects a research database that has relevance to nursing. Gives the general location but the reader cannot necessarily find it. Correctly identifies the owner or publisher.  **13 points** | | Selects a source that reports research relevant to nursing, but is not a research database or collection, e.g., an article  Gives a location that can’t be found, or fails to properly identify the owner.  **12 points** | Selects a source that is relevant to nursing, but does not report research.  Fails to give a location that can be found easily.  **6 points** | | Fails to name a source, i.e., leaves it blank.  **0 points** |
| Research Database Description:  Purpose and relevance to topic of interest  15 points for each database | Describes in detail the research database or collection.  Includes the purpose of the subject matter of the database.  Explains how the database relates to your personal topic of interest.  **15 points** | Describes briefly the research database or collection. Includes the purpose of the database. Explains how it relates to your topic of interest.  **13 points** | | Partially identifies the database or collection and its purpose. Explains how it relates to your topic of interest.  **12 points** | Gives the name of the database, but fails to describe it. Describes article and not database. Give no purpose, or an incorrect purpose. Fails to explain how it relates to your topic of interest.  **6 points** | | Fails to name a source, i.e., leaves it blank.  **0 points** |
| Clarity and Writing  10 points | Writes with no grammar, spelling, syntax, or other errors.  **10 points** | One to two errors in grammar, spelling,  **9 points** | | Three to four errors in grammar, spelling, and syntax  **8 points** | Five errors in grammar, spelling, and syntax.  **4 points** | | Six or more errors in grammar, spelling, and syntax.  It is difficult to determine the meaning.  **0 points** |
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