ProQuest Nursing & Allied Health Source

Basic Search

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This is the basic search screen you will see when you enter the database. Here you can enter search terms and limit results to full-text, peer-reviewed or scholarly journals. You also have a number of other search options available at the top. You can choose to go to an Advanced search, search for Publications, or Browse ProQuest featured content which includes video training programs.
When you enter search terms in the search box, ProQuest will assist with auto-completed suggested words or phrases. You can turn off auto-complete if desired. In this case, the search terms match one of the suggested searches. However there are other suggestions some narrower, some broader. For now, let’s continue with the terms entered by hitting enter or clicking the green search icon.
Refining searches

This is a very large result list. However, you can refine this search by using the “limiters” available in the left column. The next slide will look at this in more detail.
Sort & Limit

From the search result page, you can **sort** by relevance, oldest or most recent publication.

You can also **limit results by** full text or peer reviewed and by **source types**. You may want to specify a particular **date range** or limit to specific publications, document types, subjects or MeSH subjects, or language.

(Click on **more options** to include or exclude more than one source type from your search results. When the **Source Type** box appears, simply click on the boxes to include or exclude sources from the list. Then, click the **Apply** button to see the narrowed search result.)
Notice the revised number of results and how the results have been narrowed by using the limiters. The number of results (195) is now somewhat more manageable; and, in this example, offer some excellent sources for clinical trials involving gestational diabetes.
Other ways of controlling results

Another effective way of refining or controlling your search results is to choose the **Advanced Search** feature where you can control fields searched, combine search terms, and choose pre-search limiters. To learn more about this, see the **Advanced Search** presentation.
This ends the ProQuest and the Nursing & Allied Health Source Basic Search presentation.

If you have questions about ProQuest Basic Searching and/or Limiters, you might also visit the online help available at the ProQuest website. Simply click on the HELP icon located on the upper right of every page.

To continue learning about ProQuest searching, please see the presentation on Advanced Searching available in this Nursing Research Guide.

Additional help is available through MU Libraries’ Ask-a-Librarian at: http://www.marshall.edu/library/services/ask.asp