NURS 3340 – Nursing Research & Evidence Based Practice

SEARCHING FOR A META ANALYSIS

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Below is a screenshot of the CINAHL search page.

Enter search terms (keywords) in the boxes at the top of the page and on a separate line, type meta analysis.

Leave the “Select a Field (optional)” boxes alone.

**DO NOT SELECT “SEARCH” AFTER YOU ENTER YOUR SEARCH TERMS – continue reading these instructions**
Toward the bottom of the search page, under the section marked *Limit your results*, do the following:

- Check these boxes:
  - Full Text
  - English Language
  - Peer Reviewed
  - Research Article

Enter years for articles (articles in last five years). Leave month blank.

Check these boxes:
- English Language
- Peer Reviewed

Do NOT check the *Evidence-Based Practice* box. You will miss good articles.

After you have entered your search terms AND chosen your limiters under *Limit Your Results*, select “Search” at the bottom of the page.
This is the search results page.

Select the link for an article that interests you.

   Subjects: Pain; Pain; Infant: 1-23 months; Child, Preschool: 2-5 years; Child: 6-12 years; Adolescent: 13-18 years
   Database: CINAHL with Full Text

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   Subjects: Fractures; Leg; Pain Measurement; Postoperative Pain; Adolescent: 13-18 years; Child: 6-12 years; Child, Preschool: 2-5 years
After you select the link for the article, you are taken to another page that has additional information about the article.

The **Source** information includes the journal title, publication date, volume, issue, and page numbers.

In this example, the journal title is *Nursing Ethics*, published in 2010, volume 17, issue 6, page numbers 695-704.

There may be an abstract, which is a short summary of the article. Read this to decide if you want the entire article.
If you would like to read the article, use the PDF Full Text or Get Full Text links.

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