This list was developed to assist nurses and librarians evaluating nursing and interdisciplinary journal titles for library collection development and publishing opportunities. For collection development, it compares database coverage and full text options for each title. Nursing and a small number of interdisciplinary journals were selected for this list based on Selection Criteria established by the project team.

- Published as a scholarly, peer-reviewed professional journal – newsletters and trade publications are excluded
- English language or bilingual English/other
- Currently published, with an ISSN and/or electronic ISSN
- To qualify for inclusion, journals must be in the nursing subset of MEDLINE or CINAHL, or a highly cited interdisciplinary journal with many nurse authors

Titles were selected from one or more of these sources:
- Highly cited journals from the NAHRS Task Force on Mapping the Nursing Literature studies, referenced at Mapping the Literature of Nursing
- Journals responding to the NAHRS/INANE Survey of Nursing Editors that met selection criteria
- Recommendations of committee members

The NAHRS 2012 Selected List of Nursing Journals is based on expert librarian opinion informed by metrics, including the NAHRS mapping studies and statistics on evidence-based content. The editors reviewed data compiled by the project team and journal websites to eliminate non-scholarly titles. The 212 titles on this list represent scholarly journals for the nursing profession. However, this is not a prescriptive “core” list for nursing libraries, nor are the selections the only journals where nurse authors should publish. Libraries need to consider the needs of nurses and specialty departments in their organization. Authors need to consider the target audience for their message. How can they best reach others positioned to implement their recommendations?

Journals are listed under the current title, with data merged from the previous title. Discontinued titles are not included unless still available online as part of a current title – this information is included in the title field. Data is based on the most current information available, verified in early 2012. Data sources for each column are noted below. Errors will be corrected if reported to the List editors. Journal editors and database producers are encouraged to contact the List editors as listed at the end of this introduction to report any changes or request consideration for inclusion in the next list.

### 2012 NAHRS Selected List of Nursing Journals [http://tinyurl.com/85oa5o6](http://tinyurl.com/85oa5o6)

The chart is arranged in the following categories and columns, noting primary sources for data. While listed under current title, all known titles are included for each journal, with start for earliest title, and coverage dates based on all titles.

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**NAHRS/INANE Survey of Nursing Editors, 2009 – 2011 (selected data)** See NAHRS Journal Project for additional reports.

**Survey question**

- Peer review methods: Please select the type(s) of peer review used by the journal. If more than one, please explain in other. Choices: Double Blind; Author Blinded; Open; Editorial board; Expert; Post publication; Other
- Average number of reviewers: For peer reviewed articles, how many reviewers, on average, are assigned to review each submission?
- Electronic Process: Does your journal use a computerized manuscript submission system?
- Annual submissions: How many manuscripts have been submitted to the journal in the last 12 months?
- Annual articles accepted: How many manuscripts have been accepted for publication in the last 12 months?
- Acceptance rate: Calculated from editor responses to two questions above
- Average time to review, from submission to initial response: What is the average time that it takes to review a manuscript on first submission? Please answer with time from submission to your initial response, disregarding author response.
- Average time from submission to acceptance: What is the total average time from submission to acceptance by the editor for a single manuscript (including author revisions and any subsequent re-reviews)?
- Average time from acceptance to publication: Acceptance to publication time: Range in weeks; Average time to print; Average time to online; Range reported on chart, in weeks.

**Background:** In 2008 at the NAHRS/MLA annual business meeting in Chicago, Ms. Allen announced that she would not continue producing the Key and Electronic Nursing Journals: Characteristics and Database Coverage list (2007), because the copyright had been assigned to Cinalh Information Systems in 2003 and they chose not to continue the list. NAHRS Members approved the formation of a Journal Project to produce a “core” nursing journals list. Progress on the list was first presented at the 2009 MLA Annual meeting as part of the NAHRS Section programming. Connecting Librarians & Editors to Describe Core Nursing Journals (Sherwill-Navarro, P. et al, 2009). In addition to compiling data available on the web, the project team worked with INANE, the...
International Academy of Nurse Editors, to survey nurse editors regarding their editorial practices. Survey data is included on this selected list if journal editors responded to the 2009 – 2011 survey and the journal was in scope. If editors or publishers would like to add editorial information, please contact Peg Allen (pegallen67@gmail.com).

Original inspiration for Allen’s key nursing journals project came from a series of articles reporting on the publishing practices of nursing journals. The authors wanted to help nurse authors choose appropriate journals and to improve the quality of manuscripts submitted for publication. The first in their series reported the results of a survey of 65 U.S. and foreign nursing journals (McCloskey, 1977). The second survey of 100 publications included U.S. nursing and health care journals but only two foreign nursing journals (McCloskey & Swanson, 1982). The third survey of 139 journals included U.S. and foreign nursing journals and U.S. health care journals (Swanson & McCloskey, 1986). The last survey (1991) was limited to U.S. nursing journals because of the increasing numbers and the difficulty in obtaining information on health care and foreign journals. The first key nursing journals list was prepared in 1986 as a supplement to Allen’s Medical Library Association approved CE classes related to nursing information resources. In 2001 it was expanded to include a points system based on 1) Research % and evidence based practice content; 2) Reputation based on lists no longer published; and 3) ranking in the mapping studies. This work was part of a contract with the Ontario Learning Resources for Nursing (OLRN) project to propose an electronic collection to support baccalaureate nursing education in Ontario Canada. Librarians and nursing faculty from Ontario nursing schools attended a meeting where the list was presented. The consensus was that the list was a helpful tool for evaluating which electronic collections and individual titles should be included in a group contract. Other changes since 1986 were based on feedback from nursing librarians and faculty.

References:
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– Links to presentations and publications available at http://nahrs.mlanet.org/home/activities/mapnur

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