

**KEY AND ELECTRONIC NURSING JOURNALS:
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Inspiration for the following chart 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 increase 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. Recent articles noted below have attempted to update some of the information in this series.

Nursing /interdisciplinary journals were selected for this chart if they qualified under one of the following conditions:

- Appeared in the Swanson/ McCloskey articles
- On the current Brandon-Hill nursing list (CINAHL Core Nursing subset)
- On the 1997 *Suggested List of Periodicals for Nurses for the Canadian Health Science Library*. Ottawa: Canadian Nursing Association.
- Noted in "Nursing Research Journals: An Annotated Guide" by Sharon C. Murphy, RN, MLS,
- Selected for inclusion in *Index Medicus*
- Available electronically, either free via the world-wide-web or for a fee via full-text databases & subscriptions (does not apply if a state or provincial nursing journal; 2001- titles will be added next year)

Journals are listed under the current title, with data merged from the previous title. Discontinued titles are not included unless they appeared on the last Brandon-Hill list. Data is based on the most current information available. Starting dates are indicated for titles starting in 1998 or later. Errors will be corrected as this chart is updated; journal editors and database producers are encouraged to contact the author as listed at the end of this introduction.

Key to interpretation:

1. **Peer review** is based on the CINAHL® database designation and other published information.
2. **Research percentages** are derived from CINAHL® database searches, for the publication years 1998 – 2000. The following CINAHL Publication Types are not included in the calculations: Brief items, Editorials, Letters, and Overall. Calculations will be updated if 2000 indexing was incomplete when calculating percentages.
3. **Lists**
 - B - Brandon List for nursing (*B = First choice)
 - C - Canadian Nursing Association (*C = Core; C = Recommended)
 - M - Nursing Research Journals reviewed by Sharon C. Murphy, RN
4. **Included in** (currently listed/indexed):
 - B – British Nursing Index
 - C - CINAHL
 - M - MEDLINE/*International Nursing Index* ; IM - *Index Medicus* title (also Medline/INI)
 - H - Selected citations from HealthSTAR in *International Nursing Index*
 - O – OCLC Articles First Database
 - P - Psychological Abstracts/PsycLIT
 - S - Social Science Citation Index
5. **Points** used for ranking

Content – Research or EBN	Reputation – maximum 4	Cites* – 2 for zone 1 titles, 1 for zone 2
3 Evidence Based Nursing content	1 B* or C*	3 8+ points
3 More than 75% research or 90+ articles	1 Brandon-Hill Nursing	2 3-7 points
2 50-74% research or 50-89 articles	1 CNA	1 1-2 points
1 25-49% research or 20-49 articles	1 Murphy selection	

* See * in bibliography

6. **Full-text:** from online lists, June 2001

EBSCO – A – Academic Elite; AP – Academic Premier; B- Biomedical Basic; BE- Biomedical Expanded; HSN– HealthSource Nursing Academic; N– Nursing & Allied Health Basic; NE – Nursing & Allied Health Expanded; NC – Nursing & Allied Health Comprehensive. The Biomedical Collections are indexed with MEDLINE, and the Nursing & Allied Health with CINAHL (Full-text database descriptions at <http://www.epnet.com/database.html>)

Gale Group A – Academic; AE – Academic Expanded; HRC - Health Reference Center – <http://www.gale.com/>
OCLC - OCLC FirstSearch Electronic Collections Online - <http://www.oclc.org/oclc/menu/eco.htm>

Ovid – NC - Ovid Nursing Collection; NC2 their Lippincott Premier collection & J: Journals@Ovid: includes all of Ovid & Ovid 2 plus others – information at <http://www.ovid.com/>

ProQuest -- HM - Health & Medical Complete; M – Medical; N – Nursing (listed separately as well as with CINAHL) information at <http://www.proquest.com/>

Other: see also *Directory of Electronic Health Sciences Journals* <http://www.med.monash.edu.au/shcnlib/dehsj/>

Cinahl– fee-based, via Cinahl website <http://www.cinahl.com> (Cinahl full-text free within database)

EOL - EBSCO EOL Gateway to electronic subscriptions (not a collection)

IDEAL Library – <http://www.idealibrary.com/> - 5 publishers, including Academic, Mosby & Saunders

Publ. – fee, from publisher – CE indicates free access to CE articles; *Publ.: free with subscription

ScienceDirect - <http://www.sciencedirect.com/> (current 12 months free with print subscriptions)

Wilson – either Wilson Education Abstracts full-text or General Science full-text

WWW – free on World Wide Web

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