

Welcome to this ECU Library video clip on **CINAHL: Features & Functions**.

In this video clip you will learn about the basic functions available in the CINAHL database – how to enter keywords, ways to limit your search, how to link to the full text of the articles and how to print, save, email and export your references.

Click on the link ***CINAHL Plus with full text***. If you don't know how to get to this page, you will find detailed instructions in the related video ***Library databases: An introduction***.

This is the search screen for *CINAHL*. Keywords or phrases are entered in the text boxes. The search can be limited by **publication type** such as case study or by **gender, age or special interest**.

For this demonstration, we will enter the keyword **obesity**. Once terms are entered, click on **Search**.

The next screen is divided into three sections. The references to journal articles that resulted from our search are listed in the middle. We can use the options on the left to narrow our search to journal or periodical articles, or articles where "obesity" is the main concept. To see the options listed by age and gender click on the arrow that is on the left of the words Age and Gender.

You can hide this panel by clicking on the arrow. On the right hand side there is the opportunity to restrict to full text. This is not recommended. To select this option is to restrict the search to only the full text articles that are available in *CINAHL* and would mean that you miss out on the articles that are available as full text in other databases.

Listed in the middle of the screen are the references to journal articles on obesity. The most recent articles are listed first. Some articles are available as full text within *CINAHL*. Click on the PDF link to display the full journal article.

When there is no full text article available, you can check to see if it is available from another source. To do this click on **Find IT**. A new window will open up showing the availability of full text. In this example the full text of the article is available via a database called *Journals @t Ovid*. Click on the **GO** button to access the full article. To see if we hold the journal as a print copy, click on the **GO** button next to the link **Edith Cowan University**.

To see if an article is relevant to your topic you can find an **abstract** or summary of the article by moving your mouse over the icon.

You can **save** relevant references to the folder and then email, print, save or export your references. To do this click on the link **Add to folder**.

To save your search strategy, or to keep the references in the folder for a future session, you need to **register** with *EBSCOhost* so that you have an individual login for *CINAHL*. Within the folder there are icons to print, email, save and export references to Endnote.

Thank you for watching this ECU video clip. To learn about how to access the databases or for more detailed information on how to do a keyword search, have a look at these video clips:

Library Databases: An Introduction

How to do a keyword search

A full list of our video clips can be viewed at www.ecu.edu.au/library