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Searching for Citing References in CINAHL

1. Click on the More button in the CINAHL tool bar and select Cited References.
2. Type in identifying information for your reference of interest in the search screen. NOTE: because of the variability in how an item may be cited in different articles, do not be too restrictive by inputting all data. Try by entering cited author’s last name first initial and cited year only.

3. The Cited References sub-tab presents a list of citation records for the search terms you entered. Check off those articles for which you wish to identify the citing articles—your article may have several listings due to variations in how it has been cited. Then click on Find Citing Articles to retrieve the listing of articles.

4. The next page will display all of the articles which have cited your original article.

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1. Connect to the Citation Indexes. You will see ISI Web of Knowledge at the top of the screen.


3. On the next screen choose the Citation Databases needed (choose both Science Citation Index Expanded and Social Sciences Citation Index – the primary coverage for nursing is in the social sciences section) and years of interest. For example, if your article of interest was originally published in 2001, you would choose 2001 to the current year to identify all possible citations.

4. Provide identifying information for the article of interest. Due to variations in citing, provide only key information such as cited author’s last name first initial* (important: use the * symbol following the first initial. This will truncate and retrieve any citings that use only first initial or both first and second initials) and cited year. Then click on Search.

5. On the Cited Reference Index page, select the “cited work” that is a match for your original article—because of variations in how articles are cited, you may need to choose multiple items that suggest a match with your article of interest. Check these and then click on Finish Search.