A Research Guide for HCA 301: The Nation’s Health

- Access from the Research Guides link on the library homepage or directly at: http://libguides.cu-portland.edu/HCA301Amick
- When prompted to log in, use your network username (e.g. mherandez) and password

How do I conduct a literature search (Find Articles)?

- Search the Catalog to find articles contained in library’s databases

Getting irrelevant results in the catalog? Try the following individual databases:

- Health Management (ProQuest)
- Health & Medical Complete (ProQuest)
- Public Health (ProQuest)
- CINAHL Complete - for journal articles from the nursing and allied health fields
- Sage Journals Online – for trends and topics in healthcare
- PubMed - free online access for after graduation

Recommended databases for finding business & government information

- Business Collection
- ABI/Inform
- Business Insights
- Homeland Security Digital Library

Google Scholar (scholar.google.com)

- Search box also on Find Articles page (at bottom)
- Link to full text articles in databases: Settings, Library links, search for Concordia University
  - Allows you to connect to full text of articles when available in CU databases

I am not finding articles on my topic! How can I improve my search?

Search Tips:

- Choose only major concepts from your research question and connect with AND
  - e.g. payment policy AND Medicare
  - e.g. pandemic AND policy
  - e.g. strategic planning AND healthcare

- Use synonyms in your search - connect them with OR
  - e.g. HIPAA OR “Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act”

- Search by Subject
  - Find one on-topic article and use the Subjects assigned to it to find others like it
  - e.g. quality improvement AND nursing home

- Click the “Similar Articles” button in the Catalog (below a relevant article)
Use **Truncation** (use *) – increase the number of search results
  - e.g. manag* = manage OR manager OR managers OR management (etc.)

Use **Phrase Searching** (quotation marks) – creates a more precise search
  - e.g. “Affordable Care Act”

Use the date limit and other limits to hone in on what you need

**Hint:** If you need statistics, type *data* as part of your search instead of *statistics*

**APA Help**

- Use the APA tab on the guide for information on citing sources in APA style

- **Citation makers (link on APA guide)**
  - Two types:
    - Found within Catalog, databases, online encyclopedias/dictionaries
      - Double check against the APA style guide!
    - Standalone (KnightCite)
      - Must type in parts of citation (e.g. title, authors, etc.)

**Video Tutorials – in 2 Minutes!**

- Not sure how to find a DOI? Not sure what the Get Article button does?
  - Check out the video tutorials on the Research Guide tab

**Assignment:** Are Lifestyle Illnesses Epidemics or Not?

1) **Dictionaries/Reference Tab:** find definitions and descriptions of epidemics