

Nursing Community College Basic Journal Collection

Ovid

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Ovid's Nursing Community College Basic Journal Collection provides access to five key journals in the nursing field. For libraries that support nursing programs, it is a cost effective solution for full-text access to these core titles.

What is it?

The Nursing Community College Basic Journal Collection includes full-text access to five practitioner journals published by Ovid including: *AJN: American Journal of Nursing*, *Home Healthcare Now*, *Nursing Made Incredibly Easy!*, *Nursing201x*, and *Nursing201x Critical Care*. This collection is specifically marketed as “cost-effective access” to “meet the curriculum needs of 2-year nursing programs”.

Quick Evaluation

The Basic Journal Collection fills a unique and affordable niche for online full-text access to key practitioner journals applicable to community college nursing students. There are no similar products that offer current, non-embargoed access to the above journals. *AJN* is one such example. Access to *AJN* full-text is available through JSTOR Life Sciences but the moving wall is six years and this title is abstract-only in CINAHL.

The search interface is clean and navigation on search and results pages straightforward. Standard sorting features and filters such as by journal and publication year are available. Pages are responsive on mobile and tablet interfaces when tested by previewer. However, pages are at times slow to load, most notable between the search and results pages. No citation tool is included.

A review of the Ovid interface was included in the Comparison Study of Five Health and Nursing Databases by CCL-EAR in 2014, One of the major complaints was the confusion caused by the inclusion of non-subscribed content. This had been addressed in that subscribing institutions

can contact Ovid to have the search interface automatically defaulted to search only subscribed material.

Another area of concern touched upon in the 2014 review was accessibility, and there does seem to be some improvement here. The reviewer ran several sample pages through the WAVE accessibility checker. While there were a few errors that appeared in the filtering section on results page, appropriate alt tags seemed to present and no other red flags jumped out on other pages. However, an accessibility statement was difficult to locate on the vendor web site. A search of the Knowledge Community did finally pull up a query on whether Ovid offered an ADA compliant interface from August 2018. The response was “Although not tested as an ADA compliant interface, Ovid has been known to work with some 3rd party software. Please contact Technical Support <support@ovid.com> for further assistance.” Ovid should prioritize compliance with accessibility guidelines such as WCAG 2.0 AA.

Conclusion

The Nursing Community College Basic Journal Collection is an affordable option for full-text access to key practitioner journals to support community college nursing programs. However, more clarity is needed from Ovid as to their commitment to accessibility in order to recommend a trial to this collection or other products from this vendor.

Relevant Links

Vendor Description: <http://www.ovid.com/site/catalog/collections/8401.jsp#horizontalTab1>

Previous Comparison Study of Five Health and Nursing Databases (including Ovid) by CCL-EAR, 2014: <https://cclibrarians.org/review/healthcare-nursing-comparison>