

School of Nursing Collection Development Policy

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I. Academic Programs Served

A. The library collection supports present and anticipated teaching and research needs in the field of nursing and other health science areas.

B. The School of Nursing offers the B.S. degree with a major in nursing as well as an R. N. degree – completion program and also a Master of Science in Nursing. In addition, there is also a degree offered jointly with the School of Allied Health Professions – M. S. in Nursing and Masters in Public Health (MPH) and a Certificate of Graduate Study for Family Nurse Practitioners.

II. Clientele Served

The primary users of the collection are the undergraduate and graduate students and faculty of the School of Nursing. A broad educational base is required for students in nursing in a wide variety of subject areas, such as physiology, psychology, sociology, nutrition, etc. A portion of the collection encompasses general health science and medical works that are of interest to the general public.

III. General Collection Policy Considerations

A. Language

English is the language of the collection. Works written in other languages will be purchased only in rare instances and only if translated into English.

B. Chronological Emphasis

Emphasis will be on current materials with some exceptions dealing with nursing and/or medical history.

C. Geographical Limitations

Primary emphasis is on nursing materials published in the U.S. and in England. There is also some interest in international nursing.

D. Formats of Materials

Materials acquired will be in printed as well as in electronic format. There is a great emphasis in nursing as well as in other health areas on the electronic databases, such as CINAHL, Medline and others. And the emphasis is changing from bibliographic access to full text articles available online.

E. Special Considerations

IV. Other Resources

NIU is a member of the Fox Valley Health Science Librarians Consortium. Most of the membership comes from hospital libraries which make available more esoteric medical materials that are out of scope of our collection development collecting levels.

Materials not available at NIU Libraries can be obtained through the Document Delivery System which uses modern methods of online delivery as well as traditional interlibrary loan.

V. Nursing Collecting Levels

- Subject: Medical Terminology and Dictionaries
LC Class: R121
R123
Desired Strength: 2b
- Subject: Epidemiology
LC Class: RA 650.5
Desired Strength:
- General Pathology
LC Class: RB 127 - 214
Desired Strength: 2b
- Subject: Clinical Physiology
LC Class: RB 113
Desired Strength: 3a
- Subject: Preventive Medicine
LC Class: RA 445 - 448
Desired Strength: 3b
- Subject: Infectious Diseases and Public Health
LC Class: RA 643.5 - .6 (1)
RA 644.A
Desired Strength: 3c
- Subject: Chronic and Noninfectious Disease
LC Class: RA 644.5 - .7
RA 645.C - .R
Desired Strength: 3c
- Subject: Nurses' Drug Manual
LC Class: RM 125
Desired Strength: 3c
- Subject: Medical Ethics
LC Class: R 724 - 726
Desired Strength: 3b
- Subject: Diet Therapy (Cancer, Duodenum, Heart, Pediatrics, Stomach, Tuberculosis and Methods of Feeding)
LC Class: RC 271.D52
RC 819.D5
RC 684.D5

RC 311.D5
RC 816.D5
RJ 53.D53
RM 223 - 225
Desired Strength: 3b

- Subject: Alcoholism
LC Class: HV 5001 - 5720
Desired Strength: 2a
- Subject: Tobacco and Drugs
LC Class: HV 5725 - 5840
Desired Strength: 2a
- Subject: Clinical Psychology
LC Class: RC 455 - 473
RC 480 - 499
RC 512 - 571
Desired Strength: 2a
- Subject: Gynecology and Obstetrics
LC Class: RG
Desired Strength: 2a
- Subject: Pediatrics
LC Class: RJ
Desired Strength: 2a
- Subject: Obstetric Nursing
LC Class: RG 951
Desired Strength: 3a
- Subject: Gynecological Nursing
LC Class: RG 105
Desired Strength: 3a
- Subject: Geriatric Nursing
LC Class: RC 954
Desired Strength: 3a
- Subject: Cancer Nursing
LC Class: RC 266
Desired Strength: 3c
- Subject: Dermatological Nursing
LC Class: RL 125
Desired Strength: 3a

- Subject: Disaster Nursing
LC Class: RT 108
Desired Strength: 3b
- Subject: Eye, Ear, Nose, Throat Nursing
LC Class: RE 88, 91
Desired Strength: 3a
- Subject: Neurological Nursing
LC Class: RC 350.5
Desired Strength: 3a
- Subject: Orthopedic Nursing
LC Class: RD 753
Desired Strength: 3a
- Subject: Psychiatric Nursing
LC Class: RC 440
Desired Strength: 3a
- Subject: Respiratory Disease Nursing
LC Class: RC 735.5
Desired Strength: 3a
- Subject: Surgical Nursing
LC Class: RD 99
Desired Strength: 3a
- Subject: Tuberculosis Nursing
LC Class: RC 311.8
Desired Strength: 3a
- Subject: Cardiovascular Disease Nursing
LC Class: RC 674
Desired Strength: 3a
- Subject: Communicable Disease Nursing
LC Class: RT 95
Desired Strength: 3a
- Subject: Home Nursing
LC Class: RT 61
Desired Strength: 3a
- Subject: Public Health Nursing
LC Class: RT 97
Desired Strength: 3b

- Subject: School Nurses
LC Class: LB 3407
Desired Strength: 3b
- Subject: Visiting Nurses
LC Class: RT 98
Desired Strength: 3a
- Subject: Industrial Nursing
LC Class: RC 966
Desired Strength: 3a
- Subject: Other Nursing Specialties
LC Class: RT 102 - 120
Desired Strength: 3a
- Subject: Nursing (general)
LC Class: RT 1 -29
RT 41 - 42
RT 48 - 55
RT 88 (x)
Desired Strength: 3c
- Subject: Nursing History
LC Class: RT 31 - 37
Desired Strength: 2a
- Subject: Study and Teaching of Nursing
LC Class: RT 71 -89, 90
Desired Strength: 3c
- Subject: Nursing Research
LC Class: RT 81.5
Desired Strength: 3c
- Subject: Nursing as a Profession
LC Class: RT 82
RT 82.8
(x) RT 83 - 83.5
Desired Strength: 3c
- Subject: Nursing Ethics
LC Class: RT 85
Desired Strength: 3c
- Subject: Nursing Psychology
LC Class: RT 86
Desired Strength: 3c

- Subject: Health
LC Class: RA 773 - 790
Desired Strength: 3c