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Collection Development Policy, Nursing

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Collection Development Statement

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Purpose of the Collection

The primary focus of the library's nursing collection is to support the nursing curriculum and the research endeavors of students and faculty at the undergraduate and graduate levels. Users are primarily the College of Nursing faculty members and the undergraduate and graduate students.

Programs offered include:

Undergraduate Programs

Basic B.S.N.
Dual Enrollment Concurrent A.S.N to B.S.N.
Registered Nurse (RN) to B.S.N. (both campus and web-based programs)
Accelerated second degree - B.S.N.

Graduate Programs

Ph.D. in Nursing
M.S.in Nursing
Registered Nurse (RN) to M.S.N.
D.N.P.: Doctor of Nursing Practice

Graduate Certificate Programs

Family Nurse Practitioner Post-Graduate Certificate
Adult/Gerontology Primary Care Nurse Practitioner Post-Graduate Certificate
Nurse Educator Post-Graduate Certificate

Collection Description:

The nursing collection consists mainly of books, eBooks, and periodicals (print and electronic) housed in the main library on the UCF campus. A small video collection of nursing related materials is available in both VHS and DVD formats, which is complemented by over 300 streaming videos available through the Nursing Education in Video database. The library provides access to approximately 49 medicine and nursing related databases, including CINAHL (Cumulative Index to Nursing and Allied Health Literature), the major nursing database, and Medline. The library also provides access to 8 electronic book collections, 9 online journal packages that directly support nursing, and over 2000 online nursing and medicine related journal titles.

Collection Guidelines:

Chronology: Emphasis/restriction

Emphasis is on current research. While attempts will be made to fill in gaps of retrospective material when funding permits, the primary focus of the collection is on current research materials.

Languages: Emphasis/restriction

Although there are no limitations to the languages the library collects, the emphasis is on English works and English translations.

Geography: Emphasis/restriction

No limit is placed on the geographical scope of the collection.

Subject Treatment

All materials related to medicine and nursing will be considered for addition to the collection, especially those that directly support the curriculum and research needs of the students and faculty of the College of Nursing.

Material Formats: Emphasis/restriction

Journals and monographs are the primary formats, with strong emphasis on the journal collection as medicine and nursing rely strongly on current research. Electronic access to journals is a high priority considering the web-based nature of the undergraduate and graduate programs in nursing and the need for the most current nursing literature.

Publication Dates

Emphasis is on materials published within the last five years. The acquisition of retrospective materials depends on the availability of the resource, its content, and budgetary constraints.

Subjects Collected and Collection Levels:

Key: 0=Libraries do not collect; 1=Minimal level; 2=Basic information level; 3=Instructional support level; 4=Research level; 5=Comprehensive

Subject	Range	Existing Level	Desired Level
Nursing	RT (All)	3	4

Subjects Excluded:

All subject matter is acceptable for the collection with an emphasis on those areas in which the students and faculty are actively engaged in research. Works intended for consumers or patients (consumer health) are collected minimally.

Cooperative Arrangements and Related Collections

The University of Central Florida's main library is the only library on campus with nursing-related materials. Regional campus libraries support UCF nursing classes offered on their campuses. Materials for these regional libraries are selected whenever funds are available.

Collection Management Issues:

Replacement

Attempts are made to replace items that are lost, stolen, or damaged. Exceptions include outdated or superseded editions unless there is a specific need or historical significance.

Retention/Deselection

Generally material is not deselected unless its condition has deteriorated past the point of usability. Attempts are made to repair and retain damaged or deteriorating items. Outdated, unused, or no longer reliable materials may be removed from the collection in some cases.

Periodicals or electronic resources may be weeded when they are no longer subscribed to and related programs within the School of Nursing have been discontinued, or when replaced by another format.

Out of Print Acquisition

Internet access to out-of-print dealers often makes acquisition of these items more convenient than in the past. As with other materials, out-of-print titles will be acquired if there is a clear need and the price is reasonable.

Preservation

Every attempt should be made to keep materials in serviceable condition. When deterioration occurs, attempts will be made to prevent further decay and preserve the usability of the item.