I. Consider potential keywords/phrases for your search. Here are a few to get started:

- severity of illness systems management
- severity of illness indices
- outcome assessment – methods
- hospital information systems
- Acute Physiological and Chronic Health Evaluation
- MediQual Systems
- information systems – trends
- outcomes (health care) – trends

II. Select a database to begin your search. Several options are posted in the Library’s MR 105 course guide including:

- *CINAHL Plus with Full Text
- *MEDLINE with Full Text
- *Nursing and Allied Health Collection
- *Health Source: Nursing/Academic Edition
- *Science Direct
- PubMed
- PLOS
- *MVCC Library subscription database

Using the advanced search option in the library’s subscription databases will enable you to limit your search results. Options include limiting to full text documents by checking the full text box (your result list will include only those articles which can be read in their entirety), to peer-reviewed (scholarly journal articles), and by publication date. For assistance in searching the databases, see the database video tutorials posted in the guide.
If your full text search does not return any results, you may remove that limiter. This may retrieve citations to articles which are not full text in the database. Interlibrary loan requests can be processed for articles not available in full text. See the interlibrary loan link in the course guide for information about registering for interlibrary loan and requesting materials.

III. Citation

The Libraries provide access to EasyBib, a citation builder, and citation guides for MLA, APA and Chicago Manual of Style. See the citation resources box in the course guide. To register for EasyBib, please use the instructions included in the course guide. See also the link to the Libraries' "How-To Cite Sources" for links to the MLA, APA and Chicago Manual of Style guides.