What is information literacy?

1. Knows when information needed
2. Accesses information effectively and efficiently
3. Evaluates information and its sources critically
4. Uses information effectively to accomplish a specific purpose
5. Understands many of the economic, legal, and social issues surrounding the use of information

Determining a resource’s quality

• Authority
• Accuracy
• Currency
• Objectivity
• Coverage

(Rager, 2003)
How do I determine a resource’s quality?

**Credibility**

- Scholar = educated person
- Peer-reviewed = reviewed by other scholars
- Example scholar credentials:
  - Dr., MD, PHD, EdD
  - MS, MA, MSE
  - BS, BA, BSE

- Professional Journals
- Databases that indicate scholarly/peer-reviewed
- Evaluation of author’s credibility
How do I determine a resource’s quality?

1. Who wrote it?
2. Do they have any credentials?
3. Did they cite where they got their information from?
4. Who produced the resource and what are their credentials?
5. Are the producers of the information biased? (Or are they trying to sell something?)
6. When was it produced? How old is it?
Professional Journals

What are journals or professional journals?

• Usually peer-reviewed by professionals for their accuracy, adherence to ethical guidelines, and other professional standards and intended to by used by other professionals in the same field

• Provide updates in professional standards and laws governing those practicing in a profession, they provide recent discoveries and other findings that may help other professions working within the field of study, and often provide advertisements of collaboration or networking opportunities with other members of the same profession
Selecting search terms

Example:

• Research and explain how nurses may provide better care for coccyx decubitus ulcers for elderly patients with limited mobility in long-term care facilities.
Selecting search terms

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Selecting Search Terms

Less search terms gives more results

More search terms gives less results

Care - Treatment - Interventions

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Digital Libraries/ Databases

• Digital libraries *usually* contain the ENTIRE RESOURCES like e-books (NOT ARTICLES) ... *sometimes full videos*

• Databases *usually* contain PARTS of RESOURCES like individual articles from newspapers, magazines, and journals (NOT BOOKS) ... *sometimes video clips and images*

• Usually have search tools to help you select scholarly / peer-reviewed resources

• Usually have search tools to help you select the full text resource
When accessing Magale’s Electronic Resources

• You must access Magale’s electronic resources from the Magale Library webpage

• If you are off-campus, you will be asked for your username and password which is usually the same as your Blackboard login
  • Username: ABStudent1234
  • Password: (last 6 digits of SSN or SAU ID)

• Please be sure to log-out of resources you are no longer using
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Nursing Library Guide

Need help?
Looking for a particular journal, newspaper, or magazine in electronic format? Check our A to Z Full Text Finder, try using Magale's...

SEARCH TOOLS

Search...
Magale Library User Guide Fall 2016 (pdf requires Adobe Reader https://get.adobe.com/reader/) (Magale Library User Guides are also available in paper format at Magale's Checkout Desk)

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Resources for Persuasive Speeches or Papers

How to Find Plays and Monologues

Psychology Journals (with primary source Journal articles)

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Nursing Resources

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Hints for Reviewing and Interpreting Research Articles

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