

Answers to Exercise #3 Connect Concepts and Truncate Terms

Example

Search Topic

I need current peer review articles on patient education and adults with diabetes

Key Terms: patient education / adults / diabetes

- Using *and/or/not*, write in the appropriate connector between each major concept

patient education **AND** adults **AND** diabetes

- List those term(s) you would truncate below. Use truncation symbol

patient educat* (for educate, educating, education) / adult*(for adult(s) / diabet* (for diabetes, diabetic)

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Search Topic

I need current articles in peer reviewed journals on recent trends in midwifery nursing, but not in Great Britain

- Using *and/or/not*, write in the appropriate connector between each major concept

trends **AND** midwifery nursing **NOT** Great Britain

- List those term(s) you would truncate below. Use truncation symbol

trend* (for trend(s)

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Search Topic

I need current articles in peer reviewed journals on nursing care of the patient with failure of the renal or kidney system

- Using *and/or/not*, write in the appropriate connector between each major concept

nursing care **AND** renal **OR** kidney **AND** failure

- List the term(s) you would truncate below. Use truncation symbol

fail* (for fail, failing, failure, failures)

Now that you've had some experience, *write out* your own search topic, *identify* your major concepts and truncated terms, and *determine* what connectors you would use to specify how these are to be searched.

When you are finished, please go to the Blackboard course page and click Library Tutorial #4.

