EXERCISE #4
SEARCH CINAHL BY MAYOR CONCEPTS (KEYWORDS)
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Search Topic: Find current peer review articles on patient education and adults with diabetes

Major Concepts: patient educat*/ adult*/ diabetes

1. Go to the library home page: http://library.usm.maine.edu
2. Click on Find Articles
3. In the left column under Research, Click Indexes and Databases
4. Click C
5. Click CINAHL
6. Go to top right of screen, Click Preferences, Click [50 results], Click Apply
7. Click in 1st Find box and type patient educat*
8. Click in 2nd Find box and type adult*
9. Click in 2nd Find box and type diabetes
10. Click Search
11. How many records did you locate? _______

Your search results numbered over 300 records. This way too many to plod through.

Why so many results? Because a keyword search finds your terms anywhere they appear in a record, including the abstract, you obtained a large number of results. Since your terms were searched literally, even when they were not the major focus of an article, many of these titles will not be relevant to your topic.

In the next tutorial you’ll see how to obtain more relevant results by searching Subject (CINAHL) Headings.

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