NR101 Transitions in Nursing

Library Seminar
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Agenda

• What is meant by Scholarly/Peer Reviewed?
• Evaluating Information
• Search Basics
• Top 3 Databases
• Practice Searching
Scholarly/Peer Reviewed?

Peer Review Process
TAAPS for Evaluation

Timeliness
Authority
Accuracy
Perspective
Scope
Timeliness

You must decide:

• Is it relevant and applicable?
• Is it timeless and stand on their own.

Ultimately it is up to the researcher to determine the importance of timeliness.
Authority

• Authority includes the author’s credentials, and those of the sponsoring site or publisher (in the case of periodicals and books).

• An author’s authority is reflected in her/his credentials: her/his education, experience, expertise, position, reputation etc.
Accuracy

Here are some questions to ask in examining the accuracy of any source:

• Is this true?
• What makes this true?
• Why should I believe this author?
• Why is it being said?
• What evidence is stated that makes it true?
• Has the claim been tested sufficiently to make it true?
Perspective

What is the point of view of the source?
Determine what that bias or perspective is, and how important that is to his or her research.
Scope

Ten Website Categories

• Advocacy-Business/Marketing—Allstate Insurance http://www.allstate.com/
• Government—State of Illinois, http://www2.illinois.gov/Pages/default.aspx
• Non-governmental organizations—The UN, http://www.un.org/
• Educational—DeVry, http://www.devry.edu/
• Personal and social media—Facebook, http://www.facebook.com/
• Hoax—DHMO.org http://www.dhmo.org/
Search Basics

- Boolean Searching

![Venn Diagrams]

AND

NOT

OR & NOT
Search Basics

• Compile relevant terms and phrases
• Break the terms and phrases into specific elements
• Explore database subject headings
Chamberlain Library Website

library.chamberlain.edu