Searching CINAHL using Keywords:

There are times when you may want to search CINAHL using keywords:
- When there isn’t an appropriate Subject Heading
- When you want a very specific aspect of a topic
- The Subject heading search is not finding the papers you want

- Start in your FLO topic page
- Click on Readings and Library Resources link

- Select the Search Smart Subject Guide link ...
  ... then Health Sciences
Example question:
What are nurses’ attitude towards the changes that new technologies bring to their role?

Break apart your question into its key concepts

1. Nurses attitude
2. New technologies
3. Nursing role

Search CINAHL one concept at a time

Ensure Suggest Subject Terms box is unticked and then click Search
You can now see one search that is only for Nurse Attitudes.
Now you need to repeat this process for your other two concepts (remembering to untick the ‘Suggest Subject Terms’ box each time:
Repeat these stages searching for technology
Then repeat the process again searching for nursing role

Tick the box next to each search result to select them, and then click on the Search with And button to combine them into one complete search.
You can add further limits to your search by clicking on the **Edit** button. You will now see a 4th line (that looks like the image below) that shows the results of your combined search. These are your final results! (compare them to the results found with a Subject Heading search)

Make your choices and then click **Save**

These limits include Gender, Age Group, Publication Type and Date Published.
• Scroll down the page to view your articles
• CINAHL is a citation database so does not contain the full-text of articles
• To find the full-text click on the FindIt@Flinders button

This will take you back into the Library and find you a copy of the full-text article
• Click on one of the brown hyperlinks to discover your paper
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