Searching CINAHL using Subject Headings:

- Start in your FLO topic page
- Click on *Readings and Library Resources* link
- Select the *Search Smart Subject Guide* link ...
  ... then *Health Sciences*
From this page you can select the **CINAHL** database.

**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

Ensure **Suggest Subject Terms** box is ticked and then click **Search**.

Search CINAHL **one** concept at a time.
You will see a selected choice of subject headings. Click on the **Scope** note to read a description of each heading.

Click on the heading’s hyperlink to see a broader choice of headings.

This is the view after clicking on the heading of **Nurse Attitude**. It shows you a wider selection of headings laid out in a hierarchy; with broad terms at the top and narrower terms underneath.

You can see that there are no narrow terms sitting underneath **Nurse Attitude**.

Tick in the box to select **Nurse Attitude** and then click **Search Database**.
• You can now see one search that is only for **Nurse Attitudes**
• Now you need to repeat this process for your other two concepts:
  • Repeat these stages searching for **technology**
  • Then repeat the process again searching for **nursing role**

** Always check in the search hierarchy – there may narrower terms you would like to also select

** Watch out for the **Explode** button, this tells the database to select the term that you have ticked - as well as all of its narrower terms ie: Technology as well as all forms of technology
• When you have completed this process you should see 3 lines of search results that look like this:

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<td>View Results (37,750)</td>
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<td>(MH &quot;Technology+&quot;)</td>
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• Tick the box next to each search to select them, and then click on the **And** button to combine them into one complete search.

• 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!
You can add further limits to your search by clicking on the **Edit** button.

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
• And here it is …
• Click on the PDF option to print or save

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