

# Library Academic Support

Helping you get the best from the Library, its collections, resources and services

## Finding academic literature

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- Coming up with search terms / Making a research question from a topic
- Using CINAHL Plus and MEDLINE
- Inter-library loan and Help.



## Coming up with search terms / Making a research question from a topic

<b>What is the <b>staff</b> and <b>patient experience</b> of the <b>12 step road to addiction recovery</b> ?</b>		
<b>Staff</b>	<b>Patient experience</b>	<b>12 step road / addiction recovery</b>
Health personnel  More specific roles.	patient(s) / client(s)  attitude(s) / satisfaction  Compliance Dropout(s)	12 / twelve-step(s) program(me(s)) / model(s) Narcotics / Alcoholics anonymous, NA, AA  self help / support Group(s) Group therap(y)  substance / alcohol abuse / addiction treatment centres(s) / center(s)

Reminders on the Literature searching advice page on the Library’s Nursing subject guide:  
<https://edinburgh-uk.libguides.com/nursing/literaturesearching>



# Database demonstrations...

MyEd > Studies

- Subject heading searches by default – more subject terms.
- Keyword searching – “take the tick off”.
- Search History – build a search organically.
- Saving steps / methodologies / results.
- Title searching – find a review / check a search.

Search and access library resources

Find eournals, databases, ebooks, exam papers, theses and subject specific resources for your study and research.

Search DiscoverEd

Use DiscoverEd to find books, ebooks, ejournal articles and more

Search for books, journals, articles and more... Search

Library databases

The Library subscribes to a large number of online databases and resources. Browse them via the A-Z list, or organised by subject area.

- [Databases A-Z](#)
- [Databases by subject](#)
- [Help using Library databases](#)

Subject guides

Subject guides provide information on using the library resources, services and facilities for a particular subject.

An Academic Support Librarian is assigned to each subject, and can help with literature searching, getting hold of reading material you know you want, library-related aspects of systematic reviews or on referencing.

- [Subject guides](#)

Getting to the databases:

[Nursing databases](#)

[Nursing - clinical decision tools or "point of care" resources](#)

[Grey Literature](#)



# Database demonstrations...

Point of Care resources for overview of a subject and references used to put together the guidance (and patient leaflets), eg

[\*BMJ Best Practice\*](#)

Similarly books, eg

[\*Oxford Textbook of Medicine\*](#)

For information about the different ways and practices in carrying out research

[\*SAGE Research Methods Online\*](#)

[Abstracting & Indexing databases](#) tell you about research published in thousands of journals, often in journals publishing in particular fields, but not just those to which one institution subscribes. You will have been expected to use CINAHL and MEDLINE.

[Library's Nursing guide for short recordings of searching CINAHL and MEDLINE](#)

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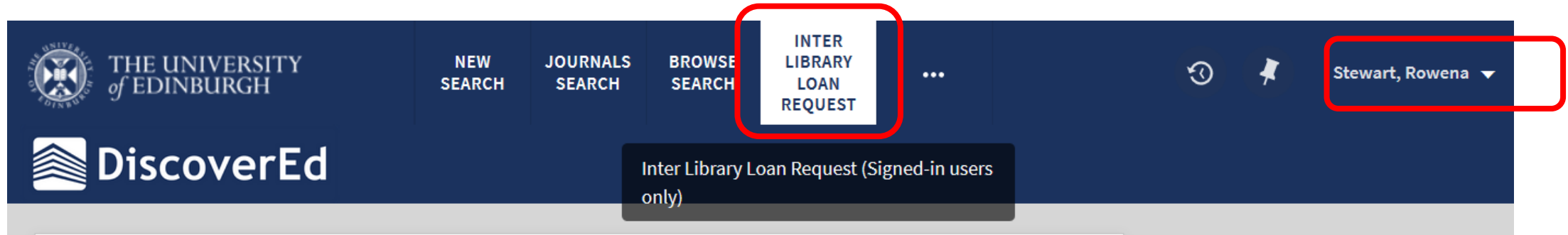
[Subject Heading searches in CINAHL Plus, MEDLINE and psycINFO](#)

[Using the Search History to build a search](#)

[Saving your search methodology and result numbers](#)



## Inter-Library Loan (I.L.L.) Service



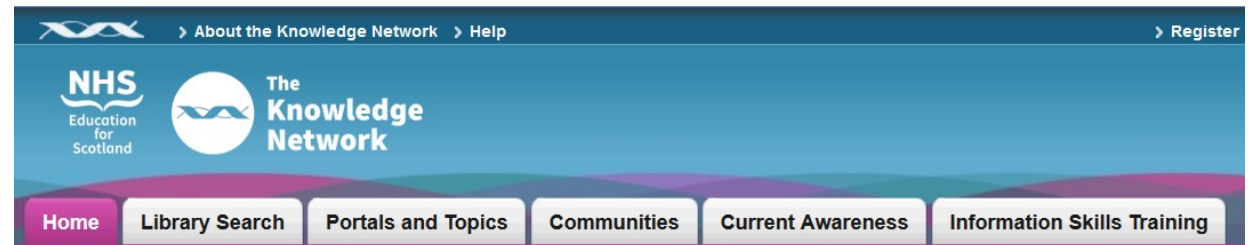
Scans of articles will be delivered electronically.

Your first 5 I.L.L. requests in a year will be free [30 for postgraduates].

After that, each successfully supplied request will cost you a (subsidised) £5. Payment is via the University's e-pay system ([www.epay.ed.ac.uk](http://www.epay.ed.ac.uk)).

- ILLs usually take 2-3 working days to arrive
- More information from: [www.ed.ac.uk/is/inter-library](http://www.ed.ac.uk/is/inter-library)

The Knowledge Network  
<http://www.knowledge.scot.nhs.uk>





# Help

Please get in touch if you, or a small group of you, would like to talk through your own search strategy. We will arrange a MS Teams meeting.

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