How to do an Advanced Search in CINAHL

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CINAHL stands for the Cumulative Index of Nursing and Allied Health Literature and is one of the largest and most in-depth research databases for nursing and allied health professionals. This tutorial will show you how to do an advanced search in CINAHL.

1. Access CINAHL from the library website (https://library.mghihp.edu) and click “Advanced Search.”

2. Enter your keywords and select your limiters, then click “Search.”
3. The search can be further modified by using the limiters available in the left column under “Limit To.”

4. To create a new search (that will be combined with the current search through the search history), click “New Search.” Repeat steps 1-3.

5. Click “Search History.” Combine this search statement (S2) with the first search statement (S1) by checking the box to the left of each search. Click “Search with AND” for results which contain both search terms. If your search box has not been cleared automatically, delete your previous search terms prior to “Search with AND.”
6. The result list is refreshed to reflect the combined search and the new search is added to your search history. This search can be further refined by selecting limiters from the “Limit To” section on the left. The “Show More” link provides additional limiters which can refine your search.

7. The search history reflects all search statements, and each search statement provides the terms and limiters applied, as well as the number of results retrieved. Click the “Edit” link on any line of your search history to modify the search terms, limiters, and expanders.

For a step-by-step tutorial on how to do an advanced search in CINAHL, check out this video on YouTube: https://youtu.be/OTvSwEZ1pP4

For more help visit https://library.mghihp.edu