RESOURCES FOR THE PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT STUDIES PROGRAM

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Although some of the print and online resources listed below are below graduate-level coursework, they provide basic overviews and historical background, as well as patient-oriented information. The print titles are located in the Reference Collection in Kelly Library (not the Marion campus) and are listed in call number order, and the online reference databases can be found on the library’s A–Z Databases page.

**Credo Reference**
**Gale Virtual Reference Library**
**Oxford Reference Online**
**Salem Health** (Under Salem Online Reference EBooks)
**Handy Anatomy Answer Book** REF QM 23.2 .B62 2008
A copy of the AMA Manual of Style is available in the Library Resource Room on the Marion campus.

Various medical dictionaries (Dorland’s, Mosby, Stedman’s, Taber’s, etc.) REF R 121 (also in Credo). A copy of Taber’s is available in the Library Resource Room on the Marion campus.

**Encyclopedia of Health and Behavior** REF R 726.5 .E53 2004
**Gale Encyclopedia of Alternative Medicine** REF R 733 .G34 2009 (also in Gale Virtual Reference Library)
**Health, United States, 2015** REF RA 407.3 .J57 [year] (also at the CDC site)
**Adolescent Health & Wellness** REF RA 777 .A36 2015 (also in Salem Health)
**Encyclopedia of Health and Aging** REF RA 777.6 .E534 2007 (also in Gale Virtual Reference Library)
**Gale Encyclopedia of Fitness** REF RA 781.15 .G35 2012 (also in Gale Virtual Reference Library)
**Nutrition** REF 784 .N88 2016 (also in Salem Health)
**Gale Encyclopedia of Medicine** REF RC 41 .G35 2011 (also in Gale Virtual Reference Library)
**Magill’s Medical Guide** REF RC 41 .M34 2011 (also in Salem Health)
**NORD Guide to Rare Disorders** REF RC 48.8 .N385 2003
**Merck Manual of Diagnosis and Therapy** REF RC 55 .M 2011
**ACEP First Aid Manual** REF RC 86.8 .A 2014
**Infectious Diseases in Context** REF RC 111 .I516 2008
**Gale Encyclopedia of Senior Health** REF RC 952.5 .G3485 2009
**Gale Encyclopedia of Surgery and Medical Tests** REF RD 17 .G342 2009
**Merck Index: An Encyclopedia of Chemicals, Drugs, and Biologicals** REF RS 51 .M4 2013
**Physicians’ Desk Reference: PDR** REF RS 75 .P5 2018

FINDING MATERIAL IN THE CATALOG

The School of Health Sciences has a small, easily browsable collection in the Library Resource Center on the Marion campus. In addition to this collection, you might find some useful materials that are housed in Kelly Library on the Emory campus that support the biology department and athletic training program. Please note that the catalog contains the holdings of three other libraries (King University, Washington County (VA) Public Library and Tazewell County Public Library, collectively known as Holston Associated Libraries and frequently referred to as HAL. With your student ID card, you may check out materials from all of these libraries. You can also request materials from the other three HAL libraries through the catalog and have the items delivered to the Marion campus.
The catalog is searchable by author, title, subject or keyword, and has some useful limiting features such as location and date. It is accessible by going to the library web page (www.library.ehc.edu).

Below is a screen shot of a subject search on human anatomy.

The second title in the results list is Clinically Oriented Anatomy, and is on the Marion campus. When you open the record by clicking on it, you will see fuller information about the item, such as a description and contents of book, as well as some additional subject headings that might be useful.

FINDING MATERIAL BY USING DATABASES

Kelly Library subscribes to several online full-text and partially full-text databases that would be helpful in locating physical therapy and allied health sciences material for your research assignments in your coursework and for professional reading. You may access them from the college web page (www.library.ehc.edu) by clicking on A – Z Databases.
**Access Medicine**
A database of medical textbooks, videos, interactive modules, cases, patient education information and study tools.

**CINAHL with Full Text**
Covers a wide range of nursing and allied health sciences topics, including physician assistants. Below is a search on “physician assistant” AND “patient education.” You can refine your search results by applying the limiters on the left: full-text, date ranges, academic journals, etc.

**Cochrane Library**
A database of several healthcare subject-related groups that collect high-quality information to make...
health decisions based on evidence of efficacy. The following screen shot shows a search on “pain management” AND (NSAIDs OR OTC OR over-the-counter OR non-prescription) AND arthritis.

Let’s look at the sixth item, a report titled “Non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs for Low Back Pain.”

Note icons on the side: you can view the figures, tables, references, or whole report.
**Dynamed Plus**
A database that provides access to evidence-based information that is updated daily. Goal is to provide healthcare professionals with unbiased medical information and best practices.

**Kanopy**
A streaming video database that includes medical, public health, and mental health information, as well as documentaries and independent films.

**MEDLINE COMPLETE**
Based on the U.S. National Library of Medicine, and contains medical and life sciences periodicals. Below is a screen shot of a search on **“physician assistant”** AND (teens OR teenagers OR adolescents) AND health.
Note: The user interface of CINAHL and MEDLINE COMPLETE, is the same.

**ProQuest Dissertations & Theses Global**
A database of dissertations and theses on all subjects, including medicine and allied health.

**PubMed** and **PubMed Central**
Also from the U.S. National Library of Medicine, PM contains 24+ million biomedical citations, some of which are full-text in PMC. The following search on "physician assistants" AND "rural health" is from PMC.
Note: There are other databases that may provide useful information related to physician assistants and other allied health fields, depending on your topic. Some include: Business Source Complete (health care business), Lexis Nexis (legal aspects), Military and Government Collection (public policy), PsycINFO / PsycARTICLES, Psychology and Behavioral Sciences Collection (all three good for psychological aspects), and Sociological Abstracts (social behavior).

What If an Article is NOT Full-Text in a Database?

Although the databases above have a lot of full-text content, most of them are not completely full-text, and you will encounter articles that sound good, but are not full-text in the database you are using. What do you do in a situation like this?

You can do a journal title search in our E-Journals by Title list. For example, let’s say you found a citation in CINAHL for “Assessing and Treating Pediatric Obesity…” in the June 2015 issue of Clinical Advisor. A search in the E-Journals by Title list tells you that the issue this article from is available in the General OneFile database. Click on the link that the E-Journals list provides, and you can easily navigate to the article in General OneFile.

What if the article is not available in any of the databases Kelly Library subscribes to? In this case, you may need to use the library’s interlibrary loan service, which will be discussed below.
Can I Use these Databases from Off-Campus?

Yes, you can, and it’s very easy to do. Simply go to the library’s home page (www.library.ehc.edu), click on the A-Z Databases link, and then select a database. When you click on that first database, you will be asked to enter your user name and password, just as if you were using a computer in one of the campus labs. Or, click on the Off-Campus Connection link, the first link under the Research column. If you are still having trouble, please speak with a librarian.

INTERLIBRARY LOAN

Although Kelly Library has a large collection of periodicals, books and full-text databases, you will find citations to materials this library does not own. The library staff will try to borrow these items for you through the interlibrary loan process. Please carefully choose items to request and double-check the E-Journals by Title list and the online catalog to be sure that Kelly Library does not already own the material. Also, the library staff asks that you do not submit more than 10 requests for returnable material (books) at one time. You should allow around 5-7 days for your requests to arrive.

To request items through interlibrary loan, you will need to register (one time only) on ILLiad, our online ordering system. The interlibrary loan link is under the Services column on the library main page. If you need help registering or ordering, please ask a library staff member for assistance.

DOCUMENTATION

Whenever you quote an author’s exact words or use his or her unique ideas, you must credit that source to avoid plagiarism. Academic fields have various documentation systems to credit authors, and you will use the AMA (American Medical Association) style in the D.P.T. program. Kelly Library has a copy of the AMA Manual of Style (as well as other well-known style guides such as the MLA Handbook, Manual for Writers of Term Papers, Theses and Dissertations (Turabian), Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association, and The Chicago Manual of Style) on permanent reserve at our Circulation Desk. An additional copy of the AMA Manual of Style is in the Library Resource Center on the Marion campus. James Madison University has a good website on AMA citation style – (http://www.lib.jmu.edu/citation/amaguide.pdf). Kelly Library also supports Zotero, a free open-source citation management program. If you need assistance downloading or using Zotero, please contact a librarian.

If you feel you need some support on composition, writing, or study skills, don’t hesitate to contact the E&H Writing Center (McGlothlin-Street 233, phone 944.6723) or the Powell Resource Center (Wiley Hall, 2nd floor, phone 944.6145). The staff members in these two offices are happy to assist both undergraduate and graduate students.

Remember: If you need help using or locating any of the materials mentioned in this guide, please ask a reference librarian or circulation staff member for assistance.

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