School of Nursing Collection Development Policy
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I. Academic Programs Served

A. The library collection supports present and anticipated teaching and research needs in the field of nursing and other health science areas.

B. The School of Nursing offers the B.S. degree with a major in nursing as well as an R. N. degree – completion program and also a Master of Science in Nursing. In addition, there is also a degree offered jointly with the School of Allied Health Professions – M. S. in Nursing and Masters in Public Health (MPH) and a Certificate of Graduate Study for Family Nurse Practitioners.

II. Clientele Served

The primary users of the collection are the undergraduate and graduate students and faculty of the School of Nursing. A broad educational base is required for students in nursing in a wide variety of subject areas, such as physiology, psychology, sociology, nutrition, etc. A portion of the collection encompasses general health science and medical works that are of interest to the general public.

III. General Collection Policy Considerations

A. Language

English is the language of the collection. Works written in other languages will be purchased only in rare instances and only if translated into English.

B. Chronological Emphasis

Emphasis will be on current materials with some exceptions dealing with nursing and/or medical history.

C. Geographical Limitations

Primary emphasis is on nursing materials published in the U.S. and in England. There is also some interest in international nursing.

D. Formats of Materials

Materials acquired will be in printed as well as in electronic format. There is a great emphasis in nursing as well as in other health areas on the electronic databases, such as CINAHL, Medline and others. And the emphasis is changing from bibliographic access to full text articles available online.

E. Special Considerations

IV. Other Resources

NIU is a member of the Fox Valley Health Science Librarians Consortium. Most of the membership comes from hospital libraries which make available more esoteric medical materials that are out of scope of our collection development collecting levels.
Materials not available at NIU Libraries can be obtained through the Document Delivery System which uses modern methods of online delivery as well as traditional interlibrary loan.

V. Nursing Collecting Levels

- Subject: Medical Terminology and Dictionaries  
  LC Class: R121  R123  
  Desired Strength: 2b

- Subject: Epidemiology  
  LC Class: RA 650.5  
  Desired Strength:

- General Pathology  
  LC Class: RB 127 - 214  
  Desired Strength: 2b

- Subject: Clinical Physiology  
  LC Class: RB 113  
  Desired Strength: 3a

- Subject: Preventive Medicine  
  LC Class: RA 445 - 448  
  Desired Strength: 3b

- Subject: Infectious Diseases and Public Health  
  LC Class: RA 643.5 - .6 (1)  RA 644.A  
  Desired Strength: 3c

- Subject: Chronic and Noninfectious Disease  
  LC Class: RA 644.5 - .7  RA 645.C - .R  
  Desired Strength: 3c

- Subject: Nurses' Drug Manual  
  LC Class: RM 125  
  Desired Strength: 3c

- Subject: Medical Ethics  
  LC Class: R 724 - 726  
  Desired Strength: 3b

- Subject: Diet Therapy (Cancer, Duodenum, Heart, Pediatrics, Stomach, Tuberculosis and Methods of Feeding)  
- Subject: Alcoholism
  LC Class: HV 5001 - 5720
  Desired Strength: 2a

- Subject: Tobacco and Drugs
  LC Class: HV 5725 - 5840
  Desired Strength: 2a

- Subject: Clinical Psychology
  LC Class: RC 455 - 473
  RC 480 - 499
  RC 512 - 571
  Desired Strength: 2a

- Subject: Gynecology and Obstetrics
  LC Class: RG
  Desired Strength: 2a

- Subject: Pediatrics
  LC Class: RJ
  Desired Strength: 2a

- Subject: Obstetric Nursing
  LC Class: RG 951
  Desired Strength: 3a

- Subject: Gynecological Nursing
  LC Class: RG 105
  Desired Strength: 3a

- Subject: Geriatric Nursing
  LC Class: RC 954
  Desired Strength: 3a

- Subject: Cancer Nursing
  LC Class: RC 266
  Desired Strength: 3c

- Subject: Dermatological Nursing
  LC Class: RL 125
  Desired Strength: 3a
- Subject: Disaster Nursing  
  LC Class: RT 108  
  Desired Strength: 3b

- Subject: Eye, Ear, Nose, Throat Nursing  
  LC Class: RE 88, 91  
  Desired Strength: 3a

- Subject: Neurological Nursing  
  LC Class: RC 350.5  
  Desired Strength: 3a

- Subject: Orthopedic Nursing  
  LC Class: RD 753  
  Desired Strength: 3a

- Subject: Psychiatric Nursing  
  LC Class: RC 440  
  Desired Strength: 3a

- Subject: Respiratory Disease Nursing  
  LC Class: RC 735.5  
  Desired Strength: 3a

- Subject: Surgical Nursing  
  LC Class: RD 99  
  Desired Strength: 3a

- Subject: Tuberculosis Nursing  
  LC Class: RC 311.8  
  Desired Strength: 3a

- Subject: Cardiovascular Disease Nursing  
  LC Class: RC 674  
  Desired Strength: 3a

- Subject: Communicable Disease Nursing  
  LC Class: RT 95  
  Desired Strength: 3a

- Subject: Home Nursing  
  LC Class: RT 61  
  Desired Strength: 3a

- Subject: Public Health Nursing  
  LC Class: RT 97  
  Desired Strength: 3b
• Subject: School Nurses  
   LC Class: LB 3407  
   Desired Strength: 3b

• Subject: Visiting Nurses  
   LC Class: RT 98  
   Desired Strength: 3a

• Subject: Industrial Nursing  
   LC Class: RC 966  
   Desired Strength: 3a

• Subject: Other Nursing Specialties  
   LC Class: RT 102 - 120  
   Desired Strength: 3a

• Subject: Nursing (general)  
   LC Class: RT 1 - 29, RT 41 - 42, RT 48 - 55, RT 88 (x)  
   Desired Strength: 3c

• Subject: Nursing History  
   LC Class: RT 31 - 37  
   Desired Strength: 2a

• Subject: Study and Teaching of Nursing  
   LC Class: RT 71 - 89, 90  
   Desired Strength: 3c

• Subject: Nursing Research  
   LC Class: RT 81.5  
   Desired Strength: 3c

• Subject: Nursing as a Profession  
   LC Class: RT 82, RT 82.8 (x) RT 83 - 83.5  
   Desired Strength: 3c

• Subject: Nursing Ethics  
   LC Class: RT 85  
   Desired Strength: 3c

• Subject: Nursing Psychology  
   LC Class: RT 86  
   Desired Strength: 3c
- Subject: Health
  LC Class: RA 773 - 790
  Desired Strength: 3c