

NURSING

COLLECTION DEVELOPMENT POLICY STATEMENT

I. PURPOSE AND PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

A. Library Collection Development Objective

Odum Library seeks to support the curricular, life-long learning, and research needs in all areas of nursing. “Regional Leaders for Nursing Excellence and Student-centered Education” encapsulates the mission of VSU's College of Nursing. From entry into practice, the College of Nursing has responded to the nursing shortage by creating curricula and learning opportunities that facilitate access to higher education. The curricula adhere to a systemic approach which emphasizes the connections between the concepts of Holism, Caring, Competence, Health, and Teaching/Learning. Stressing an importance of critical thinking skills, an appreciation for diverse cultural perspectives, and the application of knowledge to address policy disputes and social problems related to health care is core to the focus of VSU's College of Nursing. Graduates of the VSU College of Nursing are leaders in healthcare who anticipate and respond to the ever-changing needs of a global community.

B. Description of User Groups Supported

The collection supports the needs of undergraduate and graduate students and the faculty.

C. New and Expanding Areas of Interest

New and upcoming is the Doctor of Nursing Practice degree.

D. Areas of Established Specialization

Areas of established specialization include Holism, Caring, Competence, Health, and Teaching/Learning.

II. TREATMENT OF SUBJECT DEPTH

A. Treatment of Subject Depth

The library will collect materials to support the Nursing Program in the following subject areas at the Instructional Support Level (3) or Research Level (4).

SUBJECT SUBDIVISIONS	COLLECTING LEVEL
Community health nursing	3
Evidence-based nursing	4
Geriatric nursing	3
Gerontology	3
Gynecologic & Maternity nursing	4
Health promotion	3
Medical informatics	3
Medical policy—United States	3
Nurse and patient	3
Nursing	
—History	2
—Philosophy (i.e., Nursing Theory)	4
—Research	4
Nursing ethics	3
Nursing services—Administration	4
Palliative treatment	3
Pediatric nursing	4
Pharmacology	4
Physical diagnosis/Medical history taking	4
Physiology, Pathological	4
Psychiatric nursing	4
Terminal care	3
Transcultural nursing	3

B. Specific Delimitations

Formats collected: Annuals, monographs, yearbooks, proceedings and transactions of associations, periodicals, reference tools, and scholarly annuals and serials extensively; Electronic resources extensively with a focus on electronic full-text; Dissertations, audiovisuals, and textbooks selectively; Microforms and maps excluded.

Imprint dates collected: Current publications and 20th century extensively.

Chronological focus: Current topics are collected extensively; Earlier materials are collected selectively.

Languages collected: English: extensively. Other: selectively.

Places of publication: American, British, and Canadian materials are collected extensively. Other countries of publication are collected selectively.